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Man Charged with Murder in Fentanyl Overdose



Andrew Duncanson

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A St. Mary's County Grand Jury has indicted a California man with second-degree depraved heart murder after a person he allegedly sold fentanyl to died of an overdose in May of last year.

Andrew Duncanson, 25, also faces drug possession and distribution charges stemming

from his recent indictment.

Duncanson was arrested and charged with drug possession around the same time last year as the death of Christian Scott Ellis but served just 30 days in jail after a one-year sentence was suspended in county District Court, on-line court records show.

Sources close to the investigation told The County Times that a lengthy investigation had

determined that Duncanson had provided the fentanyl Ellis used that resulted in his overdose and death; the fentanyl was illicitly manufactured on the street, according to sources.

The depraved heart murder charge means that the prosecution will attempt to prove that Duncanson knew of the potentially lethal effects that fentanyl can have and still sold the substance to Ellis.

Last year the State's Attorney's office proceeded with eight indictments of murder and other related charges against individuals they alleged had sold opioids that resulted in fatal overdoses.

Juries did not return any murder convictions against defendants but did convict on several other serious charges including manslaughter and reckless endangerment.

State's Attorney Richard Fritz's office regarded the convictions as significant, despite no murder verdicts, because such cases were often not prosecuted; rather they were treated as tragic fatalities.

Sources close to the investigation said more indictments could be coming in subsequent months as the State's Attorney's office is seeking to continue its attack on the opioid epidemic.

Duncanson's trial is set for December in St. Mary's County Circuit Court.

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Man Seriously Injured in Head On Bridge Crash



On September 27, 2019 at approximately 7:50 p.m., deputies from the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported head-on collision involving three vehicles at the top of the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 1989 Volvo operated by Raymond Jones Sr., 51 of Lexington Park was traveling South on Rt. 4 and reportedly driving all over the roadway. As the Volvo entered the Thomas Johnson Bridge, it crossed the center line, striking a Ford truck head on operated by Charles McConnell, 41 of California and his two passengers. The Volvo continued southbound on the bridge, striking a Dodge truck operated by James Herbert, 36 of Mechanicsville, and four juvenile passengers. Jones was transported to Prince Georges Hospital Center via Maryland State Police helicopter where he is listed in critical but stable condition. All other victims involved in the crash were treated on

scene and signed refusals for medical treatment.

Calvert Sheriff's Mike Evans said Monday that charges against Jones were likely pending.

"It looks that way," Evans said.

At this time driver error and alcohol appear to be contributing factors in this crash. The crash remains under investigation.

Additional resources to include the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the State Highway Administration were summoned to the scene. Numerous witness accounts corroborated the evidence found on scene, police said.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or events leading to the crash are asked to contact Sgt. T. Phelps with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at (410) 535-2800.

County Officials Warn of Fire Hazards in Dry Conditions

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Unusually dry conditions in Southern Maryland have contributed to numerous brush fires and public safety officials are urging residents to use caution when they engage in burning activities or dispose of smoking materials.

St. Mary's County Emergency Services Director Steve Walker encouraged residents to use caution in burning rubbish or lawn debris.

"We are getting them [brush fires]," Walker said. "It's very dangerous to do any burning."

Last week, on Sept. 23, Leonardtown, Hollywood, Valley Lee and Bay District volunteer fire firefighters extinguished a three-acre brush fire on Connelly Drive in Leonardtown that engulfed both an open field and woods.

Just three days later volunteer firefighters from Bay District and Hollywood companies responded to Cross Bow Lane in California.

Walker said there was no burn ban in effect in St. Mary's; any burn ban would come from the Department of Natural Resources, he said.

Calvert County emergency management officials are considering asking

state officials to impose a burn ban until dry conditions have passed.

Calvert Director of Public Safety Jacqueline Vaughn said Monday that the county may ask the state to impose such a ban.

"We've had a couple of brush fires but so far nothing we couldn't handle," Vaughn told The County Times. "But there are dry conditions out there and we're encouraging Calvert citizens not to burn right now."

In the past month there have been seven reported brush fires in Calvert, she said, in locations such as Lusby, St. Leonard, Dunkirk and Port Republic.

September has been relatively dry compared to last year, Vaughn said, when both Calvert and St. Mary's counties were deluged with heavy rains.

The U.S. Drought Monitor web site shows that of both Calvert and St. Mary's counties are in either a state of moderate drought or abnormally dry conditions.

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Local Leaders Spar over Debt, Bonding Bills

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Del. Matt Morgan (Dist. 29 A) and County Commissioner Todd Morgan began Tuesday night's joint meeting between county and state elected leaders with a testy exchange over support for a proposed law that would decouple the Metropolitan Commission's debt from the county's debt.

County commissioners want the decoupling, as was the case in state law before state leaders hitched the two together, so that the county can pursue its own capital construction projects without fear of reaching their debt limit.

Matt Morgan argued against the measure.

The county's debt is underwritten by taxpayer money and the county also underwrites MetCom's debt.

"Why is it good to decouple that from the calculation of overall debt?" the delegate asked. "Why is that fiscally responsible?"

Commissioner Morgan argued that as the county grew larger and the government had to undertake more public projects, having both debts coupled would artificially push the county towards its debt limit of 2.15 percent of the assessable tax base.

The proposed law would also increase the county's debt cap versus the assess-

able tax base to five percent.

If the new law passed, the county would still be responsible for MetCom's debt if that agency defaulted.

"The county has done a good job of managing its' finances effectively," Todd Morgan said, who chided state leaders for pushing for the coupling in the first place.

"You guys should run for county commissioner so you can sit in our seats," Todd Morgan said, referring to Matt Morgan and former senator Steve Waugh.

Other state leaders in attendance were Sen. Jack Bailey, Del. Brian Crosby (Dist. 29B) and Del. Jerry Clark (D-Dist.29C)

Matt Morgan said concerns raised by his counterpart didn't come into effect until after 2025, according to county documents submitted to the delegation.

The delegate continued by saying the commissioner board had final say over MetCom's capital construction budget.

"The check on MetCom is the county commissioners," Matt Morgan said, adding that he would take the measure before the full delegation for Southern Maryland.

Earlier in the day, at their regular meeting, commissioners agreed to change what had been a \$37.2 million bonding authority bill into one with a figure to



Sen. Jack Bailey, right, speaks with Alcohol Beverage Coordinator Tamara Hildebrand and Alcohol Beverage Board member Mark Denietolis before a joint meeting with county commissioners and the legislative delegation.

be determined to get the authority to pay for other construction projects.

Matt Morgan said that if the commissioners' request stayed under the debt cap, they would get the bill passed but said he was concerned from a tax payer's perspective.

He said that from 2000 to 2016 com-

missioners had requested four bonding authority bills but had requested the same number in just the past several years.

"That's the reason why the cap needs to stay in place," Matt Morgan said.

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Friends Raising Funds for Songwriter's Cancer Battle

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A group of county residents who have been friends since the first grade have banded together to help a friend, who moved to St. Mary's county decades ago, who continues her battle with cancer.

Pam Greenwell told The County Times that a benefit for her friend Maura Sullivan will be held Oct. 5 at Cryer's Back Road Inn in Compton.

"You don't have to be born in the county to be county...we take care of our own," said Greenwell of her friend Sullivan.

The two first met when Sullivan moved to the county in the late 1960's with her Navy family.

"We adopted her as a friend in freshman year in high school," Greenwell said. "It's basically the core group of us putting this on."

The cancer treatments have been costly for Sullivan, her friend said.

"As a realtor she doesn't have health insurance," Greenwell said. "She had to put her car up for sale to get treatment."

"She had a mountain of medical bills so when we heard about that we decided we needed to do more for her than just pray."

Sullivan is well known for her involvement in many St. Mary's County organizations and charities when she lived here.



Maura Sullivan, well known for her musical talent, writing, and performance of "Christmas Even in Washington."

But she is also famous in the region for her musical talent, even recording a hit Christmas song that is played on local radio every year.

"Maura played music in many local venues around St. Mary's County and eventually word of her talents spread. She was offered gigs in the DC and Baltimore areas and she eventually opened shows for the likes of John Denver, George Jones, Peter Paul and Mary to name a few," her friend Greenwell said. "In 1982 Maura, together with Jim London of radio station WMZQ, wrote the music and lyrics for the now very

familiar 'Christmas Eve in Washington' which Maura recorded in Nashville in 1985."

The gathering at Cryer's Back Road Inn starts at 8:30a.m.; music and games will be available for attendees, according to Greenwell.

Events include a scavenger hunt, corn hole tournament, raffles and a silent auction.

Cryer's Back Road Inn is located on 22094 Newtowne Neck Road.

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Leonardtwn Woman Wins \$50,000 In Lottery



The winner of the \$50,000 from Leonardtown and her husband.

Her tears started to flow when a grateful Leonardtown player entered the Maryland Lottery Winner's Circle on Thursday when she heard the welcoming applause and cheers of Lottery employees. The 53-year-old was still floating on clouds after scratching off a \$50,000 win on the DEAL OR NO DEAL™ game the day before.

The St. Mary's County resident had just left work at a local winery when Lottery luck crossed her path. She decided to stop at Southern Liquor in Solomons to play a few scratch-off games. "Cat Crazy," as she called herself for Lottery publicity because she loves her furry pets, is a fan of higher-priced scratch-offs. She chose three of the \$5 DEAL OR NO DEAL instant tickets in part because she had won with the game in the past. This day was no different. "Cat Crazy" actually won prizes on all three scratch-offs!

"The very first one I scratched was the \$50,000 winner," said the lucky player. "I literally could not breathe."

"Cat Crazy" didn't even play the actual game. Instead, she scanned the scratch-off prize check area. The message on the ticket checker told her she won \$50,000 and to come to Lottery headquarters. "I looked at the cashier and said, 'OMG! I won big,'" she said.

The loyal player immediately called her husband, who didn't answer his phone. "Cat Crazy" had left her phone in her car and was calling from the store's phone. He ignored the call because he did not recognize the number!

"I called her back after I listened to the message she left," said the winner's husband, who accompanied her to Lottery headquarters to claim her prize. "I had to go and get her because she was too excited to drive. We left her car at the store."

"Cat Crazy" admits she had a sleepless night, thinking about her big win. The next morning, she called the Lottery for directions and claimed her \$50,000 top prize. She and her husband do not have children but they do have four cats that they love dearly. "I plan to buy them a new scratching post," she said. "Cat Crazy" also plans to pay off some bills with her winnings and take a vacation.

Sharing in the celebration is the retailer that sold the lucky instant ticket. Southern Liquor located at 13318 H G Trueman Road in Solomons will receive a \$500 bonus from the Lottery for selling a top-prize winning scratch-off.

Plenty of prizes remain in this game, which went on sale statewide in August. Players can hunt for six more unclaimed \$50,000 top prizes as well as thousands of prizes ranging from \$5 to \$2,000.

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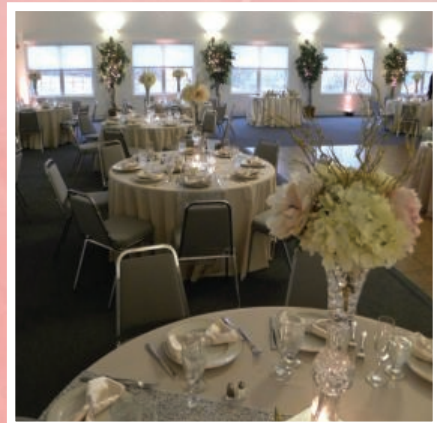
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Community Hears from Kirwan Commission Chairman

Southern Maryland Town Hall Meeting Held in Lusby



Kirwan Commission Chairman William "Brit" Kirwan (right) and former state school superintendent David Hornbeck at the Sept. 29 Town Hall Meeting in Lusby.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland's Schools: A Blueprint for the Future" was the topic of a Southern Maryland Town Hall Meeting held Sept. 29 at Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish Hall in Lusby. The meeting was an offshoot of the continuing series of Big Conversations held in recent years at the church that have explored issues such as racism and equity in the schools.

The town hall meeting had two high powered speakers who drew more than 100 participants. The findings of the Kirwan Commission to improve education in Maryland were released earlier this year and have become politically charged, with Republican Governor Larry Hogan promising to fight them over the costs for implementing them and the legislature's Democratic leadership vowing to press for the changes. Some of the proposals to supplement teacher salaries have already been implemented.

So, the appearance of the commission's chairman William "Brit" Kirwan was a big draw. He was accompanied by former state school superintendent (for 12 years) David Hornbeck. He now heads a group called Strong Schools Maryland, which is holding a series of 30 town hall meetings around the state, of which the Lusby meeting was one.

Both touted the economic benefits to the state from implementing the recommendations of the commission. Kirwan said, "It would have long-term benefits to the economy of the state."

Kirwan insisted that the changes won't occur overnight. He said the secret to the success of similar reforms in Massachusetts was that "they stuck with the plan."

Hornbeck said the projections about the costs of implementing the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission

are false and "highly speculative." He said they also don't take into consideration the Return on Investment of improving the state's education system.

Hornbeck said the naysayers fail to incorporate revenue from other funding sources such as gambling and savings from closing tax loopholes. He said they also don't consider that those who have a high school diploma generate more income taxes, sales taxes and property taxes because they are "people who are earning a lot more and having better jobs."

There was considerable concern raised during the question and answer sessions that followed the two presentations about what could be done to improve the chances for underprivileged children. Kirwan said, "What we do know is that in schools serving a higher concentration of poverty, a longer school and summer enrichment programs are very important. And that's built into our recommendation."

Kirwan said the bottom-line for his commission's several years of study was the reality that "fewer than 49 percent of the students who graduate each year are 'College and Career Ready.'"

Kirwan said the commission learned many things along the way, including:

Although Maryland has some excellent schools and outstanding teachers, they do not have nearly enough of them. Overall, Maryland students underperform on learning outcomes;

Maryland is in the middle of the pack in NAEP 2015 scores;

Maryland education funding (state and local funds) is among the more regressive in the United States;

High performing systems invest significantly more in schools serving high concentrations of poverty;

Maryland has large achievement gaps based on income, race and disability;

Fifty-two percent of African American students attend school in districts at 85 percent or below Thornton Bridge to Excellence adequate levels (2015);

Only 8 percent of white students attend such schools;

Average salaries for teachers in Maryland are 25 percent below those of professions with comparable education requirements (i.e., accountants, nurses, architects);

Maryland faces significant teacher shortages, especially in STEM areas; and

Nearly half (47 percent) of teachers in their second year of teaching will not return for a third year.

Kirwan said, "We can and must do better because Maryland's economic future is dependent on a highly- skilled,

well-educated, globally-competitive workforce."

He added, "In today's world -- and even more so in the future -- high quality education and skills training is the only path out of poverty."

Kirwan said his commission has been asked to make a report to the legislature by December 1 of this year on the division of costs between the state and local jurisdictions, funding formulas to support their recommendations and implementation schedule for the recommendations.

That report is expected to be perhaps the hottest button issue of the 2020 Maryland General Assembly.

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Kirwan Commission Chided on Transparency

School Board, Superintendent Air Criticisms

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Kirwan Commission work group which is coming up with a proposed funding formula for public schools in Maryland has come under fire from several members of the St. Mary's County Board of Education and the system's school superintendent.

At the Sept. 25 school board meeting, Chairman Karin Bailey blasted the work group for deliberating in closed session. She said, "Everyone had been talking about the Kirwan Commission and what was going to happen with school funding and how our school funding formula was going to be reevaluated. The Kirwan work group met for the first-time last week and the members of the work group voted to take it into closed session. So therefore, none of us knew what they talked about, what the funding formulas might be for any of the public-school systems in the state of Maryland or what they are even thinking."

Bailey said she is going to take her concerns to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) when they meet this week. "I intend to bring this up because if MABE is our advocate for the county schools and the boards of education, then I think they need to step into the fray because I think that personally, it is very unfair that we have a group of people that were selected to sit on the work group and their meetings are not open to the public as to how they are going



St. Mary's County Board of Education Chairwoman Karin Bailey

to determine how your tax dollars are being spent on education in the state of Maryland."

Bailey added, "So the saga continues. We still have no answers and we might not until they come out of their work group and present something to the legislature for funding during the upcoming legislative session."

Board member Cathy Allen agreed, noting that the work group only consisted of representatives from the state's five largest counties. Of their deliberations she said, "It is not transparent at all."

School Superintendent Dr. J. Scoot Smith said the organization of Maryland school system superintendents is equally concerned. He said of the key issues the work group is tackling: "That's when you need to be the most transparent."

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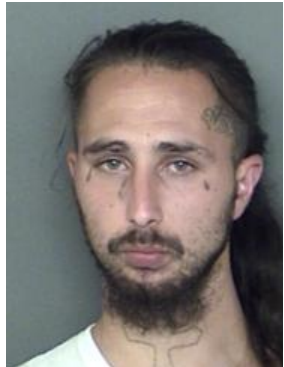
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icsville, began to argue with the victims. During the argument, Bodiford threw a bottle at one victim and removed a knife from his pocket and began to threaten the victims. Bodiford while in very close proximity to the victims made threats to cut the victims while holding the knife. Bodiford was located and charged with Assault First Degree and Assault 2nd Degree.

Drug/Assault Arrest- On September 28, 2019, DFC. D. Smith responded to the 26800 block of Valley Circle in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Matthew Thomas McGrane, 42** of Mechanicsville, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the head numerous times. McGrane also pulled the victim by the victim's hair across the ground, causing a laceration to the victim's abdomen. McGrane was taken into custody, and a cigarette pack which contained a suspected strip of Suboxone was located. McGrane was charged with Assault and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana. CASE# 55783-19 (No Photograph Available)

Newburg Man Charged in Sexual Assault

On September 30 detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division responded to the 22500 block of Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported sex offense. The investigation determined **Ezekiel Jedidiah Thomas, 22** of Newburg, as-



saulted the victim, 19, in a supply closet. Thomas observed the victim enter the supply closet and close the door. Thomas proceeded to follow the victim and was able to enter the closet as the victim was attempting to exit. Thomas prevented the victim from leaving the closet and ordered the victim to perform a sexual act. The victim refused, and Thomas assaulted the victim and attempted to force the victim to perform the sexual act. A witness was able to open the door and stop the assault. Thomas was arrested and charged with the following crimes:

- Second Degree Rape (Attempted)
- Assault Second Degree
- Sex Offense Third Degree
- False Imprisonment

At the time of Thomas' arrest, it was discovered he had an open warrant from Salisbury, Maryland for the following crimes:

- Assault Second Degree
- False Imprisonment
- School: Molest ETC-Other Location
- School: Disturb Operation

Thomas was transported to the St. Mary's

County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and served his outstanding warrant. Thomas is currently incarcerated at the detention center on a no bond status.

Crash in Ridge Under Investigation

A Ridge man was injured in a single-vehicle collision early Friday morning.

On Sept. 27, 2019 at approximately 12:19 a.m., deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 13000 block of Point Lookout Road in Ridge for the report of a single motor vehicle collision.

The operator of the vehicle was located at the scene trapped inside with possible incapacitating injuries and was transported by Maryland State Police helicopter to an area trauma center for treatment. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 2003 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck, operated by Adam Patrick Norris, 22 of Ridge, was traveling south on Point Lookout Road in the area of Clark Hilltop Lane when the vehicle left the roadway and travelled down an embankment, striking a telephone pole. The crash caused the operator (the sole occupant) to become trapped in the vehicle. The operator received medical treatment at an area trauma center and is in stable condition.

At this time, speed and alcohol appear to be contributing factors in the crash.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or events leading to the crash that have not already provided a statement are asked to contact Cpl. Vincent Pontorno at 301-475-4200, ext. *2337 or email vincent.pontorno@st-marysmd.com.

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County Fair Horse Show Results Announced

The St. Mary's County Fair Horse Show is organized by the St. Mary's Riding Club, the show featured classes for riders of all ages and abilities.

Thirty eight classes, from lead line to working hunter, filled the day which drew 64 riders. Championship awards went to the following:

- Beginner Rider: Champion Rylee Goddard on Patches, Reserve Paige Lynham on Minnie Mae
- Novice Rider Pony: Champion Addison Keen on Maybelline, Reserve Alyson Kershaw on Gamble with the Wind
- Evergreen Pony: Victoria Edinger on Ashland Welsh Poppy, Reserve Caitlyn George on Midnight
- Short Stirrup: Champion Ellie Beck on Mickey, Reserve Cali Harclerode on Discreetly Mine
- Pony Hunter: Champion Sasha Edinger on Ashland Princess Ffiona, Reserve Addison Keen on Maybelline
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- Evergreen Horse: Champion Megan Owen on Paddy, Madelyn Engel on Freida
- Novice Horse: Champion Marina Krula on Dottie
- Horse Hunter: Champion Kalista Hawkins on Ziggy, Reserve Jenna Howell on Private Notice
- Horse Equitation: Champion Sarah Rupert on Gabriel's Grand, Reserve Leslie Farrell on Edson's Ridge
- Horse Pleasure: Champion Alexis Kinney on Flying Punch, Reserve Judy Muller on Carlton

The St. Mary's Riding Club also awards four memorial trophies at the fair show. Two of these trophies are judged anonymously on the horsemanship of riders on and off their mounts, including the rider's equitation, sportsmanship, courtesy and horsemanship. The Agnes T. Duncan Memorial Trophy sponsored by Jill and Julie Duncan for the best pony rider went to Elizabeth Konecny. The Lynn Cline and Elbert Willey Memorial Trophy for the best



High Point Pony at the county fair horse show award went to Ashland Princess Ffiona ridden by Sasha Edinger. The award is sponsored by the Fritz and Willenborg families in memory of J.L. "Mac" McNey and Betty Guyther. Pictured is Betsy Fritz.

horse rider sponsored by Ron and Kathy Glockner was awarded to Judy Muller.

The J. L. McNey and Betty Guyther Memorial Trophy sponsored by the Willenborg and Fritz families, for the pony and rider accumulating the most points

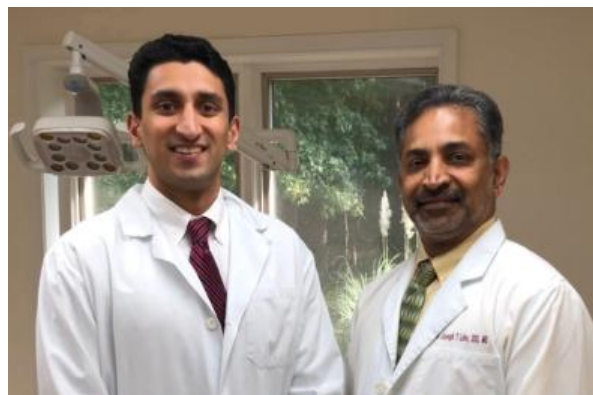
went to Sasha Edinger on Ashland Princess Ffiona.

Sarah Rupert on Gabriel's Grand won the high point horse award which is sponsored by the Wilkerson family in memory of Frank Latham.

Dentist Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Practice Welcomes Son to Southern Maryland Practice

Southern Maryland-based dentist Joseph T. Luke, D.D.S., M.S. is proud to announce that his son Jonathan T. Luke, D.D.S. has joined his practice.

Jonathan T. Luke received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry where he was a member of the Gamma Pi Delta Prosthodontic Honor Society Member. He recently completed his General Practice Residency at New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.



Dr. Joseph T. Luke, and his son Jonathan

"I'm honored to be able to follow in my father's footsteps and to join him in providing dental care in our local community," said Jonathan T. Luke, who was born and raised in Leonardtown and attended St. Mary's Ryken High School.

Joseph T. Luke is also celebrating his 30th anniversary of practice in Southern Maryland. He has been practicing dentistry in Leonardtown since 1989 and in Lusby since 1995. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy with a Doctor of Dental Surgery and of the University of Michigan with a Master of Science in Prosthodontics. As a prosthodontist, Joseph T. Luke is one of the most highly trained dentists in the United States and specializes in replacing missing teeth as

well as general dentistry.

"Having my son join my practice is one of my proudest moments in my 30 years of providing dental care in Southern Maryland," said Joseph T. Luke. "He has a strong focus on general dentistry, and I know he will add a lot of quality and value to the practice and to the care of patients."

With the addition of Jonathan T. Luke, the practice will expand its availability for same-day emergency appointments. Additional information on the practice's hours, locations, and services is available at www.drjosephluke.com.

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Museums Offer Membership Levels to Benefit Major Developments

Since their founding, The Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums have supported historic sites in the care of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. Recently, because of the backing of membership, the organization has helped preserve the Charlotte Hall and Drayden School houses, worked to build and expand the permanent exhibits at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, and helped fund many free programs for all ages at St. Clement's Island Museum, including St. Clement's Island Heritage Day, Children's Day and Maryland Day.

As in previous years, 2020 will be a year of change and expansion for the Museum Division. A brand-new building with modern exhibits will be built for St. Clement's Island Museum, new permanent exhibits will be going in on both floors of the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, and much more. The organization's goal is to help the Museum Division provide first-rate programming and museums to St. Mary's County and its visitors - and they need the public's continued help to do it.

If you'd like to be part of these developments, join the Friends now to support this mission. Each membership level offer patrons a variety of benefits depending on level type. Every membership offers free admission to the museums, a commemorative membership pin, 10% discount at each of the Museum Stores, discounted member rates to special events, the quarterly "Finer Points" newsletter and enrollment in the e-newsletter where members are kept up to date of all the happening and events at the museums.

All memberships include the benefits already mentioned, plus any benefits of the lower tiers. The "Individual" membership level (\$40 per year) includes all the benefits mentioned above; the "Family" membership level (\$60 per year) includes the benefits mentioned above, plus admission for two adults and all children and grand-

children under the age of 21 and two membership pins; the "Heritage" membership level (\$125 per year) includes all the benefits mentioned above, plus two water taxi passes and four guest passes; the "Patron" membership level (\$250 per year) includes all the benefits mentioned above, plus four water taxi passes and four guest passes. The "Benefactor" membership level (\$500 per year) includes all the benefits mentioned above, plus two tickets to the Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival.

All membership fees help to support the Friends' mission to raise funds in order to support historical interpretation, education programs and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks. The Friends organization is a 501(c) 3 organization sponsoring events, assisting with acquisitions and supporting efforts to broaden the understanding of our culture and community's heritage. For more information, please visit www.Facebook.com/FriendsSCI

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information regarding hours of operation, programs, events, admission prices and more, visit the St. Mary's County Museum Division's social media pages on Facebook at Facebook.com/SCIMuseum or Facebook.com/1836Light, or on Twitter at [@StClemIsMuseum](https://twitter.com/StClemIsMuseum) or [@PineyPtLHMuseum](https://twitter.com/PineyPtLHMuseum), or at Museums.StMarysMD.com.

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State House Roof Being Renovated

More Accurate Materials Being Used



The reconstructed State House of 1676 in Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) has been undergoing renovations and repair to its original 1934 roof. The roof has been replaced with a curved Dutch-style pantile tile in order to give further historical accuracy to the structure.

The reconstructed State House of 1676 in Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) has been undergoing renovations and repair to its original roof. Built in 1934 in honor of Maryland's tercentennial, the State House was constructed with a flat tile, which was the best estimate as to the type of roof the original building had. Eighty-five years later, with the approval of neighboring Trinity Church, HSMC archaeologists have monitored grave excavations and done very limited testing over the original 1676 Statehouse foundations in Trinity cemetery. That work recovered numerous fragments of imported Dutch tiles, and no flat or slate tiles. This strong physical evidence led researchers to believe that the original structure was in fact covered with imported curved tiles called pantile.

With the 1934 roof in need of repair, Historic St. Mary's City saw an opportunity to make the reconstruction more accurate. The museum decided in the roof renovation to cover the State House of 1676 with pantiles that match the color and general form of the 1676 specimens, making it more accurate to what the colonists built here. This decision was made in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust. Historic St. Mary's City is indeed a living history museum, where new discoveries are made that clarify how our present was shaped by the past.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's colonial capital. Costumed interpreters and recreated 17th-century structures bring visitors face to face with the past. For more information about this event or the museum, call 1-800-SMC-1634 or 240-895-4990 or visit our website at www.hsmcdigshistory.org.

Press Release from HSMC

Ultimate Vacation in Cancun

Cancun is best known for its white-sand beaches with bright blue waters and near-perfect weather. Cancun also offers excellent opportunities to socialize at the different bars by the beach or enjoy water activities like scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking, jet-skiing, swimming and fishing.

With the Caribbean trade winds, you can expect a mild and gentle breeze at Cancun nearly all-year-round. It's not surprising that so many people are drawn there. Cancun also remains one of the most affordable vacation destinations in the Western Hemisphere, even during the self-indulgent spring break season. With Cancun's sunny weather, powdery white sand beaches and crystal-clear turquoise Caribbean waters, Cancun and the Riviera Maya is gorgeous and inviting for tourists. Cancun is also well known for its friendly people and warm Mexican hospitality, and a vacation there is sure to be amazing.

In 2018, it was reported that Mexico was the #1 destination for tourists from the U.S. Mexico is expected to attract 40 million tourists by the end of 2020. Cancun is one of the most affordable destinations in the Caribbean. There are over 32,000 Cancun hotel rooms. Cancun and Riviera Maya offer over 125 beach resorts with 111 being all-inclusive and 31 of those resorts are adults-only. Montego Bay, Jamaica would be second with offering 21 beach resorts with 21 being all-inclusive and 7 adults-only resorts.

It's one of the most developed areas in Mexico, if not the world, boasting hundreds of accommodations to choose from and one of the safest tourist zones in the whole country.

Cancun is located on Mexico's southern portion, which is just a few hours from the United States. Many airlines fly nonstop to this breathtaking tropical beach, so

some tourists just fly into this beautiful paradise to spend their weekend.

Sand, perfect weather, nightclubs, all-inclusive resorts, and inexpensive flights from the U.S. make Cancun a go-to spot for vacationers seeking a tranquil beach getaway. The city also sits close to lush jungles, making it an excellent option for nature lovers. Here, visitors can discover a kaleidoscope of tropical sea species, ranging from the long and majestic lemon shark to rare and endangered sea turtles.

The best time to visit Cancun is during peak season from December to April. The crowds are larger, but you will experience near-perfect weather and find some of the cheapest flights and room rates for a winter getaway at the beach. You might want to avoid traveling from mid-March to early April because that's when spring breakers descend on the Yucatán's shores. The cheapest time to visit is from May to November. Cancun is the perfect place to experience nature, explore the city, or enjoy the nightlife, and enjoy Mouth-watering culinary creations at reasonable prices.

Another attraction is "Retail Therapy – Mexican Style." Between the sprawling modern shopping center of Kukulcan Plaza in the heart of the city's Hotel Zone and the super chic fashion stores of nearby Playa del Carmen, shopaholics coming to Cancun can rest assured that a little retail therapy is never too far away. The city also boasts an array of local crafts, arts and food markets, where visitors are invited to come and hone their haggling skills. Other sellers can even be spotted roaming between clusters of sunbathers on the sands from morning to evening.

In addition to its famous nightlife, this destination also boasts plenty of culture and history. There are few destinations in the world where you can tan yourself at the beach and be so close to ancient ruins.

Of all the ancient archaeological sites near to Cancun, it's the sprawling complex of Chichen Itza – with its towering, terraced monoliths – and the smaller ruins at Tulum that form the historical exemplars. They are both popular day trips from the city and are well served by tour operators in town. Both locals offer the most fascinating and complete glimpses of ancient Mayan architecture on the continent.

Cancun is an intriguing city with three distinct faces, making it the ultimate vacation destination. It is a world-renowned vacation resort, an action-packed adventure for exploring lagoons and caves and also an open-air museum showcasing the ruined temples of the Mayans. It's time you experienced relaxing Cancun so you can enjoy its beaches, entertainment, culture and more!

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New Tobacco Law In Full Force



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Starting on Oct. 1 no one in Maryland under the age of 21 could legally buy any tobacco products and health officials say the new law is geared towards reducing not only the availability of nicotine products to minors but to reduce their risk of becoming addicted and become life long tobacco users.

Laura Hale, with the American Heart Association, told attendees at a Tobacco 21 town hall meeting in Leonardtown last week that young people who start to use tobacco products after 21 are less likely to use it for the rest of their lives.

“What we’ve found is that 95 percent of smokers started before 21,” Hale said.

The new law also restricts the sale of electronic smoking devices as well as vaping products; even non-nicotine products such as vapes or other liquids that use the same introduction system to the body are restricted under the new law.

Dr. Meena Brewster, county health officer and head of the St. Mary’s County Health Department, said the law should have a significant impact on young people using tobacco products, since, in many cases, they were able to get the products from users from 18-to-20 year old once-legal purchasers.

“Changing access for 18-to-20-year olds will have an impact on younger users as well,” Brewster said. “People in that age range get addicted harder, faster, stronger.

“It’s harder for them to quit.”

Using tobacco products at such a young age can have deleterious effects on mental development, Brewster said.

Aside from the soot and tar that goes into the human body from the use of smoking tobacco, nicotine itself is an addictive and harmful substance, Brewster said.

But tobacco use has long been an accepted vice despite its health effects.

“We’ve had generations of cultural acceptance,” Brewster said. “When there’s so much of it they tend to not focus as much on the harm it causes.”

Vaping products and electronic cigarettes, what Brewster refers to as electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), have been the subject of a health department campaign in recent weeks encouraging residents to avoid using them.

Rapidly forming illnesses and even deaths have resulted from the use of vaping products and health of-

officials are still trying to ascertain the cause of such illnesses.

“We don’t know a common element yet...to what truly is the cause of that sudden immediate illness,” Brewster said.

What health officials do know is that vaping products often have an incredibly high nicotine content.

“It’s incredibly concentrated with nicotine,” Brewster said. “The amount they’re getting is incredibly high.”

One vaping cartridge can equal several packages of cigarettes for nicotine content, she said.

“It varies, there’s no constant amount,” Brewster said. “So called nicotine free liquid has been found to have nicotine in them.

“That’s scary.”



Nicotine’s addictive qualities mean those who use it exposes themselves to harm of their cardiorespiratory system.

ENDS have been used to some success to allow smokers to quit smoking, Brewster said, but many of them only replaced one addiction for another.

“They may stop tar and tobacco exposure but their still addicted to nicotine,” Brewster said. “They’re not stopping.

“They didn’t quit smoking, they just changed what they were smoking.”

The use of vaping products introduces not only nicotine into the body but also many chemicals, some unknown depending on the manufacturer, that can have unknown effects on health.

Kathleen Hoke, a professor at University of Maryland’s Carey School of Law and public health law specialist, said the use of vaping products though widespread was nowhere near as regulated.

“We know vaping isn’t favorable to youth,” Hoke said at last week’s Tobacco 21 town hall meeting. “It’s the wild, wild west for these people [vaping products manufacturers].

“There is zero federal regulation on these products.”

Hale said the dangers of vaping and electronic cigarettes among youth had received national attention.

“The Surgeon General [Jerome Adams] has called this an epidemic,” Hale said.

Hoke said that one out of five students in the country are vaping.

The enforcement piece of the new law will be challenging to police, said Sgt. Stephen Myers, who currently serves as the enforcement officer for the county’s Alcohol Beverage Board. Tobacco enforcement is part of the beverage board’s regulatory mandate.

The law will remove a large portion of young people from being able to legally buy tobacco products who might try to obtain them through other means.

“We have 20,000 to 25,000 more kids who we will have to observe their actions,” Myers said.

Brewster said the health department was waiting to help anyone who wanted to quit smoking or other tobacco products.

“There are resources readily available for those trying to quit their nicotine addictions,” Brewster said.

Included in the efforts are free smoking cessation classes as well as a state-run tobacco cessation hotline that is open 24 hours a day.

The 1-800-Quit-Now hotline is open to youth and adults, Brewster explained.

There are also medications available that, when administered under a doctor’s care, were able to help ween smokers and tobacco users off their addiction.

Brewster said tobacco users who have tried multiple times to quit should reexamine their efforts and try to quit again with the proper help.

“They have to ask themselves have they truly tried what’s effective to help them quit their addiction,” Brewster said.

The latest data from the state regarding youth risk behavior in St. Mary’s County showed that 11.7 percent of high school students surveyed admitted to using cigarettes; 4.2 percent of high school students admitted to smoking cigarettes at least 20 times a month, according to the study.

Even more, a full 42 percent admitted to trying at least one of a variety of electronic smoking devices; 19 percent admitted to using such devices at least once during a month’s time.

It was imperative, Brewster said, to divert as many young people from tobacco products, especially vaping products, which can be just as harmful as smoking implements.

“We could have a whole new generation of [tobacco] customers,” Brewster said. “That’s what we’re concerned about.”

“The ColorCaster” Captures First Place at Art Walk!

Many a parent may have given but a fleeting thought or brief glance to a box of colored pencils as yet another item to be checked off the Back to School list. Tossed into the cart and aimlessly landing among a heaped pile of other random necessities, their presence may be relatively invisible until they are unpacked in a new classroom, destined for a steely desk. Not quite as “cool” as a brand-new set of vibrant markers or boldly bright set of neon gel pens, colored pencils still seem to find a somewhat meaningful spot in the pecking order of required “school stuff”.

But what happens when you empty out that dozen, and add another one thousand, five hundred and sixty three MORE to the mix (for those without your phone calculator handy, that means 1,575 pencils in total)! As an accomplished musician of over 25 years of experience as both an electric guitar and bass player, Erik Cotton is used to creating and literally thinking “outside of the box”. Countless times he has picked up and played his growing collection of almost any type of instrument available, to weave together tales of triumphs and tribulations, heart-pounding rifts, and soulful ballads. Mr. Cotton frequently found himself pondering the question of “Why stop here?” “What can I do to create something interesting but still functional with a purpose and a beauty all of its own?”

“The ColorCaster” came about after five months of day and night dreaming, an array of visual inspirations, and painstakingly planning details for a unique instrument that would be both beautiful not only to the eye but to the ear as well. After a \$150 investment to make a bulk purchase of pencils, the fun (and intense) labor began! Firstly, all pieces were lined up and cut to equal length. Strategically positioned in a custom mold, the fate of a



Erik Cotton 1st Place

small army of colorful sticks was sealed together during a multi-part epoxy process. Strategic milling here, there, and everywhere made both sides flat and as parallel as possible. A body template was then placed on top of the joined pencils which were marked and routed to shape, with the next stage resulting in the body cavity and neck pocket routed out. The core essence of the guitar was done!

Down to the “Finishing” room the project-in-the-making was sent. Sanding was another quite intensive phase and was completed to the best of Erik’s ability with a few unforeseen challenges arising. Despite the colors wanting to take off running uncontrollably at this point, a two-part urethane treatment quickly quashed any unruliness, preventing them from seeping into a maddening mess. The whole body was enveloped, sealed, and prepped for the next phase. The subsequent wet sanding process finetuned any ridges and uneven spots, followed by a com-

plete waxing and polish to create the shiny finish present today! ColorCaster’s neck was handcrafted at Erik’s studio from hard maple with a rosewood fretboard measuring at a 9 ½ inch radius. Every musical instrument must of course have a voice to sing with, thus the last and final step was completed by installing the electronics. According to Erik, these were hand-wound in house with a slight over-winding to create a “hotter” sound.

“The ColorCaster” captured First Place by popular vote at the 2019 Art Walk contest in Leonardtown, as part of the Arts & Entertainment First Friday celebration event. This spectacular piece will be displayed downtown at Fenwick St. Used Books & Music through September 30th. A long-term plan will be announced by the Cotton family in the future with possibilities for it to be generously donated to a non-profit organization near and dear to their hearts.

Follow the travels and adventures of The ColorCaster at www.maraliticustoms.com or better yet go see it in person! All other entries are also on display through this month, visit the St. Mary’s County Arts Council Facebook page for locations and photos of the 35 different pieces featured in the contest. Congratulations also to Toni Wolf, 2nd Place Winner, for “Golden Petals” - located at the North End Gallery and to Jody Brouwer, 3rd Place Winner, for “Sparkle Visions - also hosted at Fenwick St. Used Books & Music. “The making of” photos provided by Erik Cotton, close-up of guitar by Jenn Dorsey. Visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com to learn more about Art Walk. A special thank you to The County Times for the generous offer of featuring this article about our winner!

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MPT Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Special lineup on October 5



On Saturday, October 5, exactly 50 years to the day since Maryland's public TV network aired its first program, *Nightmare's Child*, Maryland Public Television (MPT) will present a special lineup of programming to mark the occasion. In addition to broadcasting MPT's 50th anniversary documentary without interruption, the MPT: From the Vault program lineup that evening will feature some favorite programs from the statewide network's first 50 years.

The special Saturday evening schedule begins at 5:30 pm with the first episode of *MotorWeek*, MPT's popular national series, which aired back in 1981. Television's original and longest-running automotive magazine, hosted since its inception by series creator John Davis, is now in its 39th season.

At 6 p.m. MPT airs the 1994 documentary *Gone But Not Forgotten*, a one-hour tribute to Baltimore's long-gone institutions of fun and amusement. Eateries such as the White Tower Restaurant and recreational venues such as Carlin's Park and Gwynn Oak Park are recalled through interviews with Baltimoreans who were once there and cherish the memories of these places.

Following at 7 p.m. is the 2009 documentary *Citizen Schaefer*, an hour-long biography that explores Governor William Donald Schaefer's roots, his rise to power through the ranks of Baltimore politics of the '50s and '60s, his service on the City Council, and his time as mayor of Baltimore. The film also examines Schaefer's two terms as governor and, finally, his move out of political life following his time as state comptroller.

Made Possible By Viewers Like You: 50 Years of Maryland Public Television is featured at 8 p.m. The MPT-produced film includes more than 30 interviews with iconic on-air hosts, show producers, crew members, and network leaders, along with rare behind-the-scenes video footage and photos from the MPT archives. The program chronicles the birth of Maryland's statewide public TV network, its growth and evolution in the digital age, and award-winning series including *ArtWorks This Week*, *Chesapeake Collectibles*, *Consumer Survival Kit*, *Hodgepodge Lodge*, *MotorWeek*, *Outdoors Maryland*, *State Circle*, and *Wall Street Week With Louis Rukeyser*, among other series, documentaries, and special presentations.

The MPT: From the Vault lineup continues at 11 p.m. with a 1984 episode of the popular series *Crabs*. Re-

corded at MPT in front of a live audience, the popular sketch comedy show aired through 1991 and was a frequent regional Emmy® Award winner. The series was honored in 2014 by becoming one of the first programs selected for inclusion in the American Archive of Public Broadcasting.

The evening of special programs wraps up at 11:30 p.m. with the very first episode of MPT's award-winning series *Maryland Farm & Harvest*. The premiere episode of the half-hour program, now preparing for its seventh season, first aired in November 2013. The series, hosted by Joanne Clendenning, takes viewers on journeys across the state, telling stories about the farms, people, and technology that sustain and grow

Maryland's number one industry, agriculture.

A summary of the evening's 50th anniversary program lineup:

- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - *MotorWeek* premiere episode (1981)
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - *Gone But Not Forgotten* (1994)
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - *Citizen Schaefer* (2009)
- 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - *Made Possible By Viewers Like You: 50 Years of Maryland Public Television* (2019)
- 11:00 - 11:30 p.m. - *Crabs* (1984)
- 11:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - *Maryland Farm & Harvest* premiere episode (2013)

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"Macbeth," William Shakespeare's tale of terrors and of unbridled ambition—of witches, ghosts, and deadly violence both actual and imaginary—opens on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. and performs through Friday, Nov. 1 in Historic St. Mary's City, adjacent to the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus.

College students, "Macbeth" is Shakespeare's shortest tragedy, written for King James I of England, who preferred short plays and whose interests leaned to the mystical.

Audiences for each performance will be limited to approximately 40 people. Since this is a traveling production of Shakespeare's play, it will require walking from location to location. Pathways from HSMC's Town Center to the old State House and the State House, itself, will accommodate wheelchairs and walkers.

"Macbeth" performs at 8 p.m. on each of the following dates: Oct. 23-27, 30, 31, and Nov. 1. Patrons may pick up their tickets in advance at the box office in Montgomery Hall on the St. Mary's College campus or at the on-site box office near Farthing's Ordinary in Historic St. Mary's City on the evening of the performance they attend.

Produced by the St. Mary's College Department of Theater, Film, and Media Studies in collaboration with Historic St. Mary's City, with direction by faculty member Amy Steiger and with a performing ensemble of 21 St. Mary's

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



“All I need is right here”

Tonight, will be a special night for me and for others from several Southern Maryland Episcopal churches. We will be commissioned as Lay Pastoral Caregivers through Community of Hope International (COHI); a group that teaches and guides those who want to aid their parish priests in their parish caregiving duties. It is a great privilege to have been in this amazing group and get to know people who feel the need to be a part of someone else’s life when they are in need.



COHI spirituality is based on the rule of Benedict of Nursia, according to Joan Chittister in her book “The Monastery of the Heart: An Invitation to a Meaningful Life, “...the spiritual life lay in simply living this life, our daily life, well. All of it. Every simple, single action of it.” Chittister adds, that the Rule of Benedict – is meant to be a new way to live a meaningful spiritual life in the center of the world today, rather than withdraw from it.” I like that it revolves around “daily human contact and support for the sake of the intimacy and bonding that a sense of real human community demands.”

If I am honest, it is also a bit fear-inducing wondering if I can give any comfort, but really, I think that COHI believes that listening is the best comfort of all. Will my words of prayer be the right words for them and their family members? No one is ever sure until they are in that moment anyway. I am hoping that these months of classes have made a permanent imprint in my heart.

My work life has changed too. As many of you know, Keepin’ It Local is closing. The last regular day open was September 30th, and then the owners will be open on some weekends to finish selling whatever is left. The weekends will be published on their Facebook page. I have really enjoyed my years working there – Deb and Mike are such lovely people and owners. Everyone I worked with became a dear friend. I imagine the reason I have lost 8 pounds is directly related to eating no more Keye’s Creamery ice cream when I worked. The ice cream sold out a few weeks ago thank goodness.

I am now working for Charlene at The Apple Basket which is wonderful since I have shopped in there since it opened. I had training with Annie Sloan and her fantastic chalk paints many years ago, and have chalk painted many an item since then, so looking forward to helping in that area too. I can’t think of a more perfect place to work – The Apple Basket sells local wines, chocolate, and everything I collect (OH NO). All my paintings and prints are now down at the newly restored Old Mill in the Great Mills historic district. It is now called Herring Creek Furniture at The Old Mill. If you haven’t seen Rob Seltzers hand-made furniture creations, you may want to take a ride down there from Thursday to Sundays. All the artwork and artisan work is juried in to make it a creative, stunning destination.

Now, I hope I can keep those few pounds off, since my 40th Surrattsville High School reunion is October 12th at The Holiday Inn in Solomon’s. We have combined with a few earlier classes, so this should be lots of fun. I will most likely gain all my weight back in that one night. The class coordinators found that there was enough money to add in appetizers besides the buffet. WooHoo! I love appetizers.

My job is decorating the tables again which I love. The other classes had seen my photos of our 35th reunion (which seems like yesterday) and liked the tableau of 45’s from the 70s in these special free-standing, various sized clips I found along with glitter and green Mardi Gras type beads around them. Easy, but nice. Except for the glittery things, clean-up is easy too. I hope the Holiday Inn doesn’t charge extra for glitter clean-up.

Also looking forward to all the fall events coming up in St. Mary’s County, especially the Sotterley Wine Festival this weekend and The Oyster Festival. Who would want to live anywhere else??? Not me – everything I need or want, or love is here in St. Mary’s.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby
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A View From The BLEACHERS

Like A Rolling Stone

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Gotham, June 1965

Bob Dylan, equipped with song lyrics from a short story he had written, walked into a New York City studio and recorded "Like a Rolling Stone". Forty-six years later, Rolling Stone magazine, partially named after the song (along with influences from The Rolling Stones and Muddy Waters's song "Rollin' Stone") named Dylan's masterpiece the greatest rock and roll song - ever. Take umbrage with that ranking if you like, but "Like a Rolling Stone" must at least be on anyone's short list of greatest tunes - this is undebatable.

The metaphor-drenched song (classic Dylan) is about a woman of insulated, high society falling from her fragile perch and being forced to confront the real world and those of lesser means - people she once mocked and pacified with her loose change. As things go awry, the profound loss of privilege is dramatically captured in Dylan's iconic chorus where he, presumably a man of modest lineage, takes a hint of pleasure in asking, "How does it feel? To be without a home? Like a complete unknown? Like a rolling stone?"

That's a theory, anyway. No Dylan song can be completely understood, nor is there ever a singular meaning. Nevertheless, it appears to be a timeless lesson on the thin line between the haves and have nots and that karma will have its day with those not remaining mindful of how quickly the order can change.

Gotham, May 2019

Fifty-four years after Dylan recorded his classic in New York City, the Washington Nationals left the Big Apple on May 23rd with an abysmal 19-31 record. They had just been swept by the struggling Mets and were in fourth place in the NL East.

The offseason and spring training - more insulated worlds - in no way predicted such a disaster. The Nationals did lose Bryce Harper, but they added stud pitcher Patrick Corbin to an elite starting rotation, upgraded at catcher and compiled a versatile roster mixed with veterans and rising stars. The bullpen was the apparent weakness, but there seemed to be adequate arms to

bridge from the starters to proven closer Sean Doolittle.

When the regular season - the judge and jury - arrived, the verdict was clear: the Nats stunk. The team was plagued by cold bats, a leaky defense, injuries and bad luck. And then there was the bullpen. Other than Doolittle, it was jaw-dropping bad. Chuck the remote bad. The eighth inning, the frame where the pen was consistently grotesque, became a thing - first a trending hashtag, then a bad word, and finally, like Fight Club, something you didn't speak of.

At 19-31, with no ability to hold late-game leads, the season looked lost. Embattled manager Dave Martinez would surely be fired. But more than that, an organizational reboot felt imminent. Could Mike Rizzo, president of baseball operations, be out? There was even talk of trading Anthony Rendon. Do what???

But instead of franchise-altering firings and blockbuster trades, the Nats just started to win...and win...and win some more. The bats got hot. The lineup got healthy. The defense tightened. Rizzo made subtle, discount rack moves to cobble together a serviceable bullpen. The result: the Nats recorded a post-23 May record of 74-38 to finish 93-69 and secure the top wildcard playoff position.

We never found out if Dylan's subject found her way. Did she find a home? Did she again become known? Did she establish herself, gather some moss and cease to be a rolling stone? We will soon know the outcome for the 2019 Nationals - perhaps by the time this story goes to press. Will they win the wildcard game and move on to the NLDS? The NLCS? The World Series. They say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one (some John Lennon to accompany all this Bob Dylan). Regardless, we know this left-for-dead baseball redemption project re-established itself and will play games in October, a preposterous thought in late-May. It is an encouraging story for anyone struggling to find their way or who has had their fate left hanging in the balance by a Dylan song...metaphorically speaking, I hope.

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The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Eric Packard with bluefish from Monday

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The summertime fishing continues into this early fall as rockfish and bluefish are schooled up chasing bait all up and down the ship's channel. There are hungry gulls chasing the bait making the feeding fish easy to find.

The breakers can be caught by trollers on the edge of the the schools using spoons or bucktails. If you troll deep there are much bigger rockfish under the surface frenzy. Tamden rigs with 20 ounce weights on a drop is the key to the big strippers.

There were many spanish mackerel on Sunday off the gas docks. The Monday folks were happy with blues and rock; the spanish did not like the windy overcast.

For just a lot of fun you can chase the schools and cast lures to them and get fat bluefish and plenty of rock, mostly in the 15 to 16 inch range. There are keepers to be had if you have enough patience.

Jigging with big metal jigs under the breakers can result in bigger fish up to 30

inches.

There are still spot and perch in the rivers for bottom fishermen. pretty much all you want.

Perch are in the creeks along with lots of speckled trout in the 9 to 12 inch range. The St. Mary's River off the Potomac has a huge run of tiny trout mixed with big perch.

Cobia season ended with September's passing. It was perhaps the best cobia run in memory with the majority of them caught trolling on red or orange surgical eel lures. Chummers and sight fishermen using big colorful jigs or live eels did well too.

Stripers are caught up the Patuxent and Potomac at daybreak by shallow water trollers using white bucktails. These are hefty fish. Lure casters are getting them too surface lures, swimming plugs, bucktails and spoons.

The drought seems to have made all fresh water fish very hungry,

Crabs are very plentiful. There is a solid month left to catch big crabs in the pots for folks with waterfront property.

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET GLEN

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CSM Launches Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Jr. Center for Leadership

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Saluting a legacy of Maryland leadership and decades of strong support of higher education, the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation raised nearly \$300,000 to establish the Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Jr. Center for Leadership at CSM during a festive and celebratory evening of music, great food and accolades for Miller at the Running Hare Vineyard in Calvert County Sept. 26.

Miller is the nation's longest serving state senate president, having been a member of the Maryland Senate since 1975 and serving as the president of the Maryland Senate since 1987.

"Imagine being a young person today, trying to find your footing and make sense of the world amid chaotic public discourse and polarized news sources," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy while kicking off the evening's remarks. "Imagine being a college whose charge is to support young people as they learn to reconcile contradictory ideas in a culture that gives as much credence in opinion as in fact. In our current environment, helping students grapple with complexity and learn that there can be multiple valid perspectives on issues is becoming increasingly difficult."

With Miller and his family, friends and colleagues looking on, Murphy shared that the Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Center for Leadership has never been more needed than it is now.

"Tonight, we celebrate the legacy of Maryland Senate President Mike Miller, America's longest serving Senate President, whose example has long been a model for College

of Southern Maryland students."

Viewed as a strong supporter of higher education, Miller has described community colleges as "the first line of defense for our educational system" during his meetings with CSM's student leaders and their peers who attend the annual Maryland Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Recently, Miller encouraged CSM's representatives to participate in community activities not only to give back to their community but also as a resume-builder for their future. "We are a peninsula—Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's County—and one of our most precious resources is you, and the most precious thing we can do for you is to provide you with a quality education."

"We celebrate this legacy by creating the Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Center for Leadership, which will be a catalyst for leadership development for years to come," added Murphy, further explaining to the more than 300 people in attendance that along with launching the center, CSM is also proud to announce the Miller Family endowed scholarship.

"Because of your generosity," she shared with the crowd. "We will have an endowed scholarship fund, a dedicated seminar room, initiate the process for the appointment of a Distinguished Miller Professor for Leadership, and launch a lecture series for both our students and the general public." The Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Center will be located in the John E. Harms Academic Building on CSM's Prince Frederick Campus.

The CSM Foundation is including the new Miller Center for Leadership as

a feature in its upcoming Pride of Southern Maryland fundraising campaign which will launch during the spring of 2020, supporting this initiative to raise \$500,000 for the center.

"Thank all of you for supporting this initiative, but mostly we thank President Mike Miller for his legacy of supporting opportunity for all Marylanders through access to community college education, as well as the ability to transfer to our four year partners across the state," said Murphy.

A longtime supporter of CSM and the senator, Marianne Harms of Calvert County along with CSM Foundation Director Dixie Miller are among the founders of this project. Harms, in recalling the support of the senator for many organizations in the state and "our corner of the world," described Miller as "such a loyal



Hundreds gathered to salute Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Jr. for his strong commitment to higher education and to help the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation raise nearly \$300,000 to establish the Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Jr. Center for Leadership. Senator Miller and his wife Patty were lauded for their service to Marylanders and CSM students during a Sept. 26 celebration at Running Hare Vineyard in Calvert County.

friend to Southern Maryland and a leader for our state. Mike and his family are just wonderful, extraordinary people, and I can't think of a better legacy than a leadership center at the college named for my friend."

"Senator Mike Miller

has spent his entire career leading efforts and advocating for education," said Dixie Miller. "Because he genuinely believes in education, he has always kept education for ALL as a top priority in the state of Maryland. There is no better advocate for social

and economic mobility in this country than Senator Miller."

For photos of the event, please visit <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/millercelabration>

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NAVAIR Delivers First Redesigned MH-60s Gunner Seats to Fleet

The Aircrew Systems Program Office delivered, installed and demonstrated the first two redesigned MH-60S Seahawk gunner seats on Sept. 24 and 25 to Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific (HSCWP) at Naval Air Station North Island.

This delivery is the culmination of innovative, strategic planning across multiple organizations working together to complete the mission with urgency.

“From the Air Boss and NAVAIR’s advocacy, the Office of Chief of Naval Operations Air Warfare Division rapid funding, program office customer service, HSCWP and Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic (HSCWA) operator feedback; this was a team effort to make possible an urgent fleet request,” said Capt. Ryan T. Carron, Commodore, Commander HSCWP.

The original MH-60S Gunner Seat was notoriously uncomfortable for aircrew to sit in for any length of time, and became detrimental to aircrew long-term health. Fielding a replacement is naval aviation’s No. 2 safety priority.

“The MH-60S Gunner Seat is proof that the fleet and NAVAIR listen to one of our most precious assets—the naval aircrewmen. Its redesign focused on the health of the aircrew, providing better crash protection and improving endurance,” Carron said.

The program office used an innovative approach and formed a Gunner Seat Task Force (GSTF) to allow the fleet to provide real-time input during each step of the prototype’s development. The integrated product team responsible for the Gunner Seat redesign, led by Philip Behrman, whom Carron personally thanked for “his personal drive and leadership,” used the GSTF as a resource to



AWSCM Darren Hauptmann, aircrew community lead, Commander Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, buckles himself into the redesigned MH-60S gunner seat Sept. 24 at Naval Air Station North Island.

vet ideas, support fit checks and provide a conduit into the aircrew community.

“The gunner seat redesign is a great example of how taking measured risks for an urgent fleet need and incorporating direct Fleet input allowed us to deliver capability with far greater speed. The result will be increased aircrew endurance and mission performance, said Vice Adm. Dean Peters, commander, NAVAIR.

As lead systems integrator, the government team used model based systems engineering to expedite the Inter-

im Flight Clearance decision, and support faster design decisions.

Additive manufacturing was employed to assess quickly the component fit/functionality prior to cutting complex metallic components, saving the program months of schedule and cost.

The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division AIRWorks office provided rapid prototyping to bring the redesign to life in six months. This collaboration across organizations using innovative techniques saved both time and money.

“The success of the gunner seat redesign comes down to the power of relationships, using the direct input and collaboration with the fleet, coupled with a tailored approach using AIRWorks and organic prototyping allowed the team to go fast and deliver this capability with speed,” said Gary Kurtz, director, Common Systems and Commercial Services.

The MH-60S gunner seat redesign has adjustable lumbar support, height adjustments, as well as energy absorbers with selectable weight profile integrated into the seat. All of these redesigned features provide a seat that is not only crashworthy but also comfortable for aircrew to sit in for many hours at a time—and has the fleet stamp of approval prior to delivery.

“The gunner seat serves as a model for how innovative capability can be developed in the future,” Carron said.

The Aircrew Systems Program Office (PMA-202) includes all systems that directly support the aircrew and troops or passengers in the performance of their missions, and consist of the functional components, internal and external interfaces, and the environment to optimize human performance, protection and sustainment in aviation operations. It serves as the premiere organization for human performance optimization and enables the Navy and Marine Corps to be combat effective by providing and sustaining aircrew systems that work the first time, every time. PMA-202 analyzes, develops, and executes innovative solutions that ensure warfighters are equipped with aircrew systems that are “Ready to Fight Tonight”, through all phases of naval aviation, with the capability and capacity to “Win the Future”.

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In Remembrance

Charles William "Bill" Knott



Charles William "Bill" Knott, Sr., 70, of Hollywood, MD was born on December 27, 1948 to parents, John Richard Knott, Sr. and late mother Virginia Pilkerton Knott

(d. 2010). Bill passed away on September 24, 2019 in Hollywood, MD in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donna Marie Knott (Hall) whom he married on November 16, 1973 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Morganza, MD in which he enjoyed 45 years of marriage together at their home in Hollywood, MD. He is survived by siblings Linda Swarey, "Johnny" John Richard Knott, Jr. (Donna), Darlene Knott Ridgell, and "Terry" Terrence Wayne Knott (Donna). Bill took incredible pride in his children, Shawn Knott (Susan) Hollywood, MD, Kimberly Knott-Barham (William) of California, MD, Charles William "Billy" Knott, Jr. (Gina) of Hollywood, MD and Crystal Knott-Gorman (Dee) of Great Mills, MD, 11 grandchildren (Bridget, Daniel, Derrick, Wyatt, Makenzie, Makylah, Alexia, Damaree, Jordan, Dezmond and Calyssa) and 3 great grandchildren (Addison, Dayton and Landon). He was preceded in death by first wife, Nancy Davis Knott (mother of Shawn) and brother, Leonard David Knott (d. 2018).

As a young boy Bill worked with his siblings on their father's farm in Hollywood, MD where they grew tobacco. Bill attended St. John's Catholic School and Chopticon High School, graduating in 1968, where he participated in track and field and was a record setting shot putter. Bill was employed by the United States Government by the Architect of the Capitol in Washington D.C., where he was a painter and supervisor. He was well known for his keen eye for detail and meticulous quality of work when it came to painting. He retired after 30 years of service (1975-2005) and devoted much of his time to helping others, working on the family farm, spending time maintaining the grounds and up keep of Sotterley Plantation and dedicating himself to Faith Bible Church in Mechanicsville, MD, where he was always known for his tireless work ethic, unrelenting commitment to his family, and his incredible faith in God. Bill took great pride in being a member of the congregation and an active member of the Celebrate Recovery Program.

Bill was known as a skilled dart, cornhole and horseshoe player. He took pride in spending time with and being a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Faith Bible Church P.O. Box 579 Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Judith Gray Bowling

Judith Gray Bowling, 73, of St. Mary's City, MD formerly from Bryantown, MD passed away on September 22, 2019 at her home. Born on January 11, 1946 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Elsie Mae McDonagh Harrison and Thomas Edwin Harrison, Sr.



Judith was the loving wife Patrick Marsham Bowling whom she married on November 17, 1963 in St. Mary's Catholic Church Bryantown, MD, and who preceded

her in death on May 30, 2012.

Judith is survived by her children Kim Bowling of Baltimore, MD, Mark Bowling of St. Mary's City, MD., 6 grandchildren Whitney Albelo, Rebecca Worcester Lynk, Kennedy Worcester, Alexis Dean, Tommy Dean, and David Dean, great grandchildren Annie Bryant Lynk, Bentley Dean, and Adalynn Dean. Siblings Barbara Francis Middleton (Ron), Tommy Harrison, Phil Harrison (Sandy), Susan Harrison Sovelius, and Mary Pat Waltman (Mike). She was preceded in death by her daughter Wendi Bowling and her brother John Harrison.

She was a head teller and later retired from County First Bank. Judy loved family, boating, gardening, the mountains, skiing, Army-Navy football games and hosting parties at her home. She was a supporter of Patuxent River Naval Air Base and a member of the Navy League for Many years.

Interment will be private.

In Lieu of flowers donation may be to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

William Clarence "Bill" Morgan



William Clarence "Bill" Morgan aka "Pa", 101, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 22, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center.

Bill was born on June 14, 1918 in NC to the late William Kater Morgan and Sara Bethany (Carpenter) Morgan.

Bill resided in St. Mary's County for the last 25 years; prior to that he lived in Virginia Beach, VA. He joined the U.S. Army at age 16 and again served from February 2, 1943 until his honorable discharge on November 11, 1943. For most of his life he worked as an upholsterer repairing cars and boats.

He married Claudia Morgan in 1953. They spent 39 years together before her passing in 1992. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanelle Tuttle (Alan), of Lexington Park, MD; three grandchildren, Sheila Griese (Steve), of Cheltenham, MD, Keith Tuttle II (Elizabeth), of Bel Air, MD, and Sherry White, of Snellville, GA; five great grandchildren, DeAnna Orwig, Keith Tuttle III, Tyler Tuttle, Jordan Tuttle, Taylor White, and Kailey White, and one great-great granddaughter, Rory White. In addition to his parents and spouses, he was preceded in death by six siblings, Stuart, Wesley, Johnny, Ruth, Kater and Inez, as well as his daughter, Jeannette Eddins.

He married Barbara Jane Morgan on January 18, 2008 in Leonardtown, MD. They were married 11 years before her passing

on February 1, 2019. Bill was also close to Barbara's family including her children: Cynthia "Cindy" Burch (Robert) of Compton, Frances Lilley (Lachelle) of Compton, Barbara Bates (Shaun) of Charlotte Hall, and Frederick Lilley (Debbie) of Mannington, WV; her grandchildren: Lisa Carroll, Heather Brock, Bobby Burch, Michelle Harding, Wendy Burch, Jennifer Bates, Kevin Bates and Brandon Bates and her 21 great-grandchildren.

Bill/Pa was sharp and played cards 2x a week - up to one week before his passing. He was kind, loving and made people smile. He was fun to be around and will be missed very much.

A Graveside Service will be held at MD Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD at a date to be determined.

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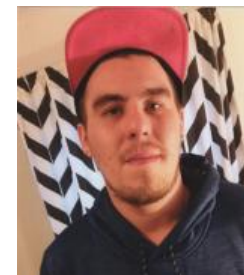
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Jason Ray Balch

Jason Ray Balch, 26, of Lexington Park, MD passed away suddenly on September 26, 2019 at his home.

He was born on November 26, 1992 to Donald Wade Balch of Lexington Park, MD and Kelly Marie Goldsborough Balch of Lexington Park, MD.

He attended Great Mills High School. He enjoyed working with his father in construction and painting. He was close to



his family and friends, and enjoyed spending time with them, especially his mother. He was an avid gamer, but particularly enjoyed playing Halo and Call of Duty. He also

enjoyed watching movies, especially Star Wars. He loved spending time on the water with family, fishing and crabbing. He found pleasure in the simple things in life, a simple coffee and good hamburger to just spending time with his friends and family, is what was most important. He also loved animals, especially his dog Chico.

In addition to his parents, Jason is also survived by his siblings: Crystal Dawn Balch of Ridge, MD, Donald Wade "DJ" Balch, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD and Joseph Charles "Joey" Balch of Lexington Park, MD; his grandfather, Charles Goldsborough of Hollywood, MD; his grandmother, Shirley Spears of Lexington Park, MD; his aunts, Amy Lagana of Hollywood, MD and Nancy Cumberland of Lexington Park, MD; his nieces, Danielle Balch, Emily Balch and Gabrielle Balch; his cousins: Steven Lagana, Bobby Lagana, Anthony Lagana, Lindsay Lagana, Sabrina Jameson, Mark Jameson; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Linda Goldsborough, his grandfather, Donald



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Francis Balch, and his aunt, Crystal Marie Balch.

Interment will be private.

The family appreciates any donations to help with the funeral costs be made to Brinsfield Funeral Home.

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Joseph "Pappy Joe" Everett Oliver, Sr.



Joseph "Pappy Joe" Everett Oliver, Sr., 88, of Avenue, MD passed away on September 26, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born on March 12, 1931 in Avenue, MD to the late James Berlin Oliver and Julia (Bailey) Oliver.

Joseph served in the U.S. Army from March 1, 1950 to March 9, 1953 where he earned the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal. Joseph attended General Motors Training Center and received his certification as an Auto Body Technician and was employed at Ourisman Chevrolet for most of his career, along with working at other Auto Body Shop through Clinton and Marlo Heights area. After retiring Pappy Joe helped at his son's body shop. He married the love of his life Edna Marie Burroughs on July 4, 1953 at Immaculate Conception Church. They spent 66 wonderful years together. In his spare time, he enjoyed being on the water fishing, crabbing and he loved cutting grass. Along River Springs Road you could hear Pappy saying, "See you later Ole Buddy". He would always give children money, even neighborhood children. One of his favorite foods was chocolate ice cream, he was happiest when he heard the ice cream truck coming down River Springs Road, he would happily buy each little child whatever they wanted from the Ice cream truck. Sweets were always his favorite and were never turned down. Pappy Joe was a great family man, he loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, brothers and sister (in-laws). Pappy was full of life and always had countless jokes, he drove the boat for Jefferson Island Club at only 12 years old.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Joseph Oliver (Margie), of Hollywood, MD, Randy Oliver (Bonnie), of Leonardtown, MD, and Patrick Oliver (Kathie), of Hollywood, MD; brother, Bobby Oliver, of Avenue, MD; seven grandchildren, Heather Pechatsko (Joe), Nicky Oliver, Brittany Buzzeo (Jonathan), Chad Oliver, Michelle Boothe (Kenny), Amanda Davis (John), and Dale Williams (Kayla); seven great grandchildren, Paige Oliver, Nick Buzzeo, Andrew Buzzeo, Everett Oliver, Lexi Boothe, Abby Boothe, and Emmalyn Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Jimmy, Jack, and Bernard Oliver.

Family received friends on Monday, September 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Reverend Sam Plummer at 12:00

p.m., at Holy Angels Catholic Church, 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609. Interment followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618.

Pallbearers were Chad Oliver, Nicky Oliver, Brittany Buzzeo, Michelle Boothe, Heather Pechatsko, and Amanda Davis. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kell Davis and Georgie Burroughs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seventh District Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 or Alzheimer's Association of MD, 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, MD 20695.

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

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Patricia "Pat" Ann Vallandingham



Patricia "Pat" Ann Vallandingham, 64 of Avenue, MD passed away on September 28, 2019 at her residence. Born April 20, 1955 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of John Stephen Lacey of Avenue, MD and the late Estelle Louise Farrell Lacey.

Pat is survived by her loving husband Francis P. "Frankie" Vallandingham whom she married on June 29, 1973 in Leonardtown, MD.

She was the devoted mother of Chris (Kristi) Nelson of Hughesville, MD, Cindy (J.F.) Williams of Avenue, MD, and Lynn (Mikey) Jenkins of Hollywood, MD, brother Wayne (Jackie) Lacey of Mechanicsville, MD, grandchildren, Tiffani (Zach) O'Sullivan, D.J. (Brooke) Williams, Destiny Russell, Emily Nelson, Anthony Russell, Jace Williams, K.J. Rhodes, great-grandchildren, McKenna Grace O'Sullivan and Charlotte Ann O'Sullivan (due February 2020).

Pat graduated from Chopticon High School in 1973, she went to work for the United Association/International Training Fund retiring on January 1, 2018 after 26 years of employment. She enjoyed word searches, working in her yard, spending time with her grandkids, and spending time with her partner in crime Linda Vallandingham.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM with prayers recited at 7:00PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 10:00AM in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Avenue, MD with Father Samuel Plummer officiating.

Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bushwood, MD.

Pallbearers will be: Mike Lacey, Johnny Vallandingham, Anthony Russell, Chris Nelson, D.J. Williams, and Clyde Farrell. Honorary pallbearers will be: Tiffani O'Sullivan, Destiny Russell, Emily Nelson, Jace Williams, K.J. Rhodes and McKenna O'Sullivan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad and/or Hospice of St. Mary's.

Russell Wilbur Mears, Jr.



Russell Wilbur Mears, Jr., 79 of Mechanicsville, MD formerly of Rock Point, MD passed away at his home on September 28, 2019.

Russell was the son of the

late Helen Gertrude Mears and Russell Wilbur Mears.

He was the loving husband of Esther Mears, devoted father of Vivian Azopardi of Leonardtown, MD, Diana Allen of Leonardtown, MD and Robert (MaryAnn) Hill of Warsaw, IN. Also survived by his niece's Darla (Mike) Ingram of Chambersburg, PA and Liz (Mike) Castro of Chambersburg, PA.

Russell was a 50's car enthusiast, he spent several years doing car restorations. He was a cross country truck driver.

Interment will be private.

Raymond Kenneth Wible



Ken was born in St. Mary's Hospital on March 11, 1944, to Raymond Spencer Wible and Margaret Virginia Magill Wible. He was the youngest of three children, Veronica, Ellen (Deceased), and then Ken. After graduation from the original Leonardtown High School, he chose to enlist in the United States Air Force. He served his country for over 21 years. While home on leave in 1966, he and his Dad drove to the local bowling alley to roll a few games. While there, Ken met his future wife, Linda Marie Aud. They were married on December 2, 1967. From this wonderful union two beautiful children were born, Brian Kenneth and Tammy Lynne (TL).

Upon military retirement, the family returned to the County to try to make the lives of our Senior Family Members easier. Ken lived to help older citizens with their yard needs.

He was an avid bowler, carried a decent average, and respected every member of every team he was on. In his later years, he and his golfing buds chased that little white ball around never missing the chance to "explore" the entire golf course. Just one other little note, he was the first leftie to roll a perfect 300 game at Esperanza. Sadly, Ken passed away on Saturday, September 28, 2019. He is survived by his loving family; wife Linda, son Brian, Daughter TL(Gus), granddaughter Madeline Elisabeth, sister Veronica (Fran), sister-in-law Debbie, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

All Funeral Services will be private. A Mass of Remembrance will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Second District Fire and Rescue P.O. Box 1 Valley Lee, MD 20692 and St. George Catholic Church 19212 St. George Church Road Valley Lee, MD 20692.

Leonard Price



Leonard Price, 59, of Piney Point, MD, passed away on September 22, 2019, at Med-Star Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Len was born on January 24, 1960, in Conway, Arkansas to Mary L. (Haynes) Price and the late James D. Price.

Len served his nation for over 41 years, first as an active-duty sailor, then as a contracted technician, and later, as a dedicated NAVAIR civil servant at NAS Patuxent River, MD. While in the Navy, he served as a Crew Chief and Rescue Swimmer aboard HH-46A and as an Airborne Electronic Supervisor aboard EP-3E aircraft from 1978 through 1991. Upon leaving active duty, Len supported multiple programs as an electronic warfare analyst and avionics expert, moving to Civil Service in 2004 where he led various teams with PMA 209, 213, 299, 280, 242 and finishing his career with the Joint Strike Fighter program. His friends and co-workers will remember him as a passionate, dedicated leader who built strong, personal, and professional relationships with those he led. He was consistently focused upon providing the best possible support for his Sailors and Marines. Len was incredibly successful at each position he assumed and has left a positive impact upon his coworkers and friends both professionally and personally. Len was a "Stand Up Guy" who could be counted on when you needed anything. His friendship, comradery, and humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He married his loving, loyal wife, Karen Nash, on October 9, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Len was a skilled handyman and could fix nearly anything. He was a proud Terrapin having graduated from the University of Maryland in 1996. He enjoyed running and actually completed the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C. in 2016. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed Redskins football, sailing, reading, and most of all, he loved spending time with his children and was so very proud of each of them.

In addition to his mother, Mary Webb, and his wife, Karen, he is survived by his children, Kristopher and Kevyn Price, of Port Republic, MD, Ryan Palmieri, Luke and Sarah Price, all of Great Mills, MD and his brother, Justin Price (Anna Stavinoha), of Vancouver, WA, and special friends Susan Fagan and Rhiannon Wright of Piney Point, MD. He was preceded in death by his father, James Price and his step-father, Richard Haas.

The family will receive friends for Len's Life Celebration on Friday, October 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Face Catholic Church, 20408 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634. Interment will be performed by the U.S. Navy at sea in a private ceremony. Fair winds and following seas, Len!

Memorial contributions, in tribute to Len's battle with AML, may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, LLS Do-

nation or mailed to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 98018 Washington DC 20090-8018.

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

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Mya Nicole Phillips



Mya Nicole Phillips, 5, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 25, 2019 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

She was born on December 5, 2013 in New York to the Claude Phillips and Karen Stroud.

Mya was a happy go lucky girl who enjoyed playing with her dolls, singing and dancing. She liked to go to school and play with her new friends and her siblings.

In addition to her parents, Mya is also survived by her siblings: Jazmine Knox, Claude Phillips, Jr., Reina Phillips, Tyrik Phillips, Sean Silas Phillips, Shyquan Phillips, Malik Silas Phillips and Nasar Phillips.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

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

Harriet Wilma Bean



Harriet Wilma Bean, 76, of St. Mary's City, MD passed away on September 26, 2019 at her home.

Harriet was born on February 3, 1943 in Washington D.C.

to the late Harry Fleishman and Sara Farrell Fleishman.

On February 6, 1965, Harriet married the love of her life, Richard Bean. Together they spent 54 wonderful years of marriage.

Harriet was a St. Mary's County resident for 22 years, prior to that she lived in Brandywine, MD. She was employed for 32 years by the Federal Government as an Administration Manager for the Census Bureau until her retirement in 1998.

Harriet was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Mary's City. Her passions were boating and gardening. Harriet was an active member, and held Board positions, at the Corinthian Yacht Club, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association, and Mistress Brent Garden Club of St. Mary's City.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Bean of St. Mary's City, MD; her children, Dayna Jacobs of Port Republic, MD and Mary Bean Lawver of Hollywood, MD; as well as her sister, Roberta Gibbs of Cool Springs, TX. She also leaves behind 5 grandchildren.

A Life Celebration Memorial Service will be held at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Rd. Leonardtown, MD 20650, on October 11th from 11:00 a.m. until

2:00 p.m. with prayers recited at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Hospice of St. Mary's.

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Dr. Linda Ann Irwin-DeVitis



Dr. Linda Ann (Haren) Irwin-DeVitis, 71, died on September 15, 2019, at home in Leonardtown, MD.

She had waged a brave three-year battle against compli-

cations from ALS.

Linda was born on January 12, 1948, in Maryville, TN. She was beloved by her family and friends. Her devoted husband of 32 years, Joseph L. DeVitis, shared her quest for education reform and social justice. Linda's daughter Leigh Garrett Irwin, and her wife Catherine Ford Irwin, along with their three children, Harper Lunn Irwin, Dorothy Kai Irwin, and Silas Ford Irwin were a great source of joy and were especially supportive as she battled ALS. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy (Lunn) Haren and Edward Boyd Haren II, long-time residents of Maryville, TN. Linda is dearly missed by her siblings, Edward Boyd Haren III (Houston, TX), Sally (Neaves) Haren (Jacksonville, FL), Martha (Haren) McCampbell (South Bend, IN) and Marilew (Haren) Bartling (Las Vegas, NV), their spouses, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Many of the above were able to be at Linda's bedside, expressing their love and gratitude, as she passed away. Her good friends Patricia (Davis) Lynch (New Orleans, LA) and Amanda (Hall) Massey (Atlanta, GA) were also in attendance.

After graduating from Maryville (TN) High School in 1965, Linda received her B.S. and Ed.D. from the University of Tennessee and her M.Ed. from the University of New Orleans. Throughout her career, she focused on promoting educational opportunity and social justice. She was a dedicated public school teacher in New Orleans and Orange County (FL) and a highly successful college teacher and university administrator for nearly 50 years. Linda taught at the University of Tennessee at Martin, the State University of New York at Oneonta (where she was also Education Department chair), and Binghamton University (SUNY). She was associate dean of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville and dean of the College of Education at Georgia College in Milledgeville and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.

Linda had a distinguished career of academic leadership. At Binghamton, she coordinated its GEAR UP program, which provides services to high-poverty middle and high school classrooms. As dean at Georgia College, her unit was awarded the 2008 Richard Wisniewski Award by the Society of Professors of Education for innovation in teacher education. It was also a finalist for the National Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Teaching Award. Linda was instrumental in the development of the Georgia College Early College for grades 7-12, which pre-

pare students to complete high school and gives them the opportunity to earn college credit as an alternative to more traditional secondary education. At Old Dominion, she saw its College of Education rise to its highest national ranking ever among U.S. schools of education. Linda led the planning for the new ODU Education Building and brought some of the most prominent education scholars in America to Norfolk for university-wide and community events. One of her principal priorities was to forge closer ties between ODU and local area schools.

According to Maurice Berube, Eminent Scholar Emeritus of Educational Leadership at ODU: "Linda was a wonderful dean. She had a vision for what education should be and held high expectations for faculty and students. Linda wanted her students to be critical thinkers and give back to American society. Always an advocate for social change in the nation, she worked on the ground level with groups for a better America." ODU Professor William Owings and his wife, Dr. Leslie Kaplan, remembered Linda as a "wonderful wife to Joe, mother to their daughter, and grandmother of three. As a scholar, she was always reading and staying current with the literature and emerging issues in education. At dinner, we would mention a topic, and she would fill us in with the history, the people, the politics, and the issue's meaning for education. She was also a skilled host who threw the best parties with lively guests and plenty of good food and drink. As a friend, we will miss her dearly."

She was a highly respected scholar. Upon completing her doctorate, she received the Dissertation of the Year award from the College Reading Association. She wrote many scholarly articles and book chapters; and she co-authored two books on graphic organizers for K-8 classrooms, focusing on strategies for authentic learning. Linda co-edited (with her husband Joe) Adolescent Education (2011), which won the Critics Choice Award from the American Educational Studies Association as an outstanding academic book of the year. She grounded her education work in the highest principles of democratic practice--with respect for teachers, students, and parents and a keen sensitivity to constructing humane communities.

Linda was a social activist. In the summers of 2000 and 2001, she led a cadre of Binghamton University (NY) students in a reading program for youth in Sunflower

County, Mississippi, in the Delta area--one of the poorest regions in the country. In retirement in Palm Springs, California, while battling ALS, she and her husband challenged social inequities and injustices by hosting group meetings at their home for the progressive Courageous Resistance movement. On the individual level in California, she was a volunteer for CASA (National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association), assisting a vulnerable teenager in judicial and educational matters.

She enjoyed lively conversation, reading, travel, good food and cinema. Most especially, Linda wanted to be with her immediate family--husband Joe, daughter Leigh, daughter-in-law Catherine, and grandchildren Harper (age 2), Kai (age 2), and Silas (age 3). In her final years, they were her devoted caretakers; she had been the rock in their lives.

Linda's many family members, friends, and colleagues will always cherish her gracious kindness and generosity, her loving warmth, her hearty laughter, and her powerful moral compass. ALS could not take those gifts from her. In the end, Linda judged society by how well it treats its children. She had the courage to engage in their struggles and promise. She fought to break down the walls that divide us. Today's often fractured world is diminished without her, but Linda's example will continue to bring light and hope our way.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to CASA (the gift may be specified for a local or state chapter of one's choice). Please see <https://casaforchildren.org/our-work/programs/> for this information. Linda chose to be cremated. There will be a ceremony in her honor for family members and friends in the spring of 2020 in the Great Smoky Mountains near her hometown of Maryville, TN.



In loving memory of

Rose Johnson-Emory

who passed October 1, 1992



The years may wipe out many things,
But this they wipe out never,
The Memory of Those Happy Days,
When We Were All Together

Love, Tracy, Susan & Dad

Community Calendar

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

Ongoing

Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar
20331 Point Lookout Road
Great Mills

Hosted every and is sponsored by the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School, Ridge. For the following dates the Queen of Hearts will take place.

Friday Oct 4
Friday Oct 11
Friday Oct 25

For Friday Oct. 18 we are hosting the Rhythm and Riches Concert at the Hollywood Firehouse and will hold our Queen of Hearts Drawing there for this one night. For more information call 904-571-7357.

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub,
21540 Joe Hazel Rd, Leonardtown
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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 Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary.

Newtowne Players "Angel Street (Gaslight)"

Three Notch Theatre
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park
8p.m. to 10p.m.

The Newtowne Players present Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller "Angel Street (Gaslight)." Tickets, available at www.newtowne-players.org, are \$15 for adults; \$13 for military, seniors, NTP members and students; and \$10 for children under 12. All tickets for Thursday performances are \$10. Reservations may be made at 301-737-5447.

Friday, Oct. 4, 2019

Fall Fest on First Friday

Town Square, Leonardtown

Bring the whole family for a wonderful community event featuring a free concert by "Cowboy Crossing" at Leonardtown Square and other activities including pumpkin decorating, scarecrow making, face painting, a Scarecrow Stroll, scavenger hunt, selfie stations, a "Mini Pumpkin" Chuckin' Contest" and much more throughout town.

Check the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page for details. For more information call (301) 247-7611.

Day of Pink Bingo

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road
Charlotte Hall
10a.m. to 11a.m.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In honor of our loved ones that have battled this disease, we are asking that members wear pink on this day to show their support. The cost is \$3. To sign up and pay for this program in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Spaghetti Dinner

St. John's Catholic Church
43900 St Johns Rd,
Hollywood
5p.m. to 7p.m.

Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat Italian dinner made by St. John's teachers at the Monsignor Harris Center. This event supports student activities during Catholic Schools Week. Menu: spaghetti (meat/meatless), lasagna, salad, bread. Cost: adults, \$10; ages 6-12, \$5; ages 5 and under, free.

Sat, Oct 5, 2019

Pulled Pork BBQ Carry Out Dinner

2nd District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad
45245 Drayden Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692
4p.m. to 7p.m.

MENU: Pork BBQ, Cole-Slaw, Baked Beans and Roll; Cost: \$12.00 a dinner; Pre-orders Highly Recommended

Contact Robin to Preorder / for more information: at 301-737-4366(H) or 240-577-0270(C)

Blessing of the Fleet

St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Rd
Coltons Point,
Noon to 7p.m.

Blessing of the Fleet commemorates the time-honored tradition of blessing the Southern Maryland watermen's fleet of boats. This celebratory family event live entertainment, free boat excursions, local food and vendors, children's activities, fireworks, and more. Adults \$10. Children 12 and under free! Stay updated at www.facebook.com/BlessingofTheFleetSOMD

Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd Mechanicsville
Noon to 5p.m.

Menu: 1/2 BBQ Chicken Baked Potato Applesauce Green Beans Pickled Beets Roll and snack cake. \$15 per dinner dinners packaged to go but you are invited to dine in the Fellowship Hall and picnic tables. Bake sale by the Girl Scouts. All proceeds benefit UMM ministries. For more information call church office at 301-884-4132

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019

Pastor Roderick W. McClanahan 60th Birthday Celebration

First Missionary Baptist Church
46370 Pegg Lane
Lexington Park

10a.m. to 2p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the 60th birthday of our Pastor, Rev. Roderick W. McClanahan. Our guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Charles W. McNeill, Jr., Pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Washington, DC. For additional information please contact First Missionary Baptist Church at 301-863-8388.

Artisan Market

Summerseat Farm
26655 Three Notch Rd
Mechanicsville
10a.m. to 3p.m.

Summerseat Farm is holding a unique craft fair rain or shine. The market will feature all homemade, homegrown, handcrafted, vintage and baked goods. You won't want to miss this event. See our website at www.summerseat.org.

Blessing of the Fleet

St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Rd
Noon to 7p.m.

This celebratory family event live entertainment, free boat excursions, local food and vendors, children's activities, fireworks, and more. Adults \$10. Children 12 and under free! Stay updated at www.facebook.com/BlessingofTheFleetSOMD

Mon, Oct 7, 2019

Luncheon: Bruce Thomas Performance

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road
Charlotte Hall
11:30a.m. to 1p.m.

Relax and dine with us at the Northern Senior Activity Center as we enjoy the singing stylings of Bruce Lunch will be stuffed shells with tomato sauce, garlic bread, seasoned spinach, apple juice, and a special dessert. The suggested ticket donation is \$6 and is due at sign up. Space is limited.. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Elks Holdem Bounty Tournament

St. Marys County Elks Lodge
45779 Fire Dept Ln.
7p.m. to 11p.m.

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament
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.

Omaha Hi/Lo : \$.50—\$1 no limit (starts at 4pm)

Tuesday, Oct 8, 2019

Kol Nidre Services

Beth Israel Synagogue
21780 Bunker Hill Drive
6:30p.m. to 8p.m.

Services for Kol Nidre with Rabbi Kenneth Cohen at Beth Israel Synagogue. We are an

egalitarian synagogue serving the needs of the Southern Maryland Jewish Community. bethisraelmd.org.

Wed, Oct 9, 2019

DLLR Veteran Assistance

Calvert Library
850 Costley Way
Prince Frederick
9a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Representative from DLLR Disabled Veteran Outreach Program will be available to meet with veterans seeking employment. Registration encouraged, but not required. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. CalvertLibrary.info.

Yom Kippur Services

Beth Israel Synagogue
21780 Bunker Hill Drive
Lexington Park MD
9:30 a.m. to 2p.m.

Services start at 9:30 am with the Torah reading around 11:00 am, Yizkor around 12:00 pm, and Musaf ending around 2:00 pm. The Rabbi will lead a discussion starting at 4:15 pm which leads into mincha at 5:00pm, neliah at 6:15pm, ending with ma-ariv and break-fast at 7:15pm. We are an egalitarian synagogue serving the needs of the Southern Maryland Jewish Community. bethisraelmd.org.

Thu, Oct 10, 2019

CSM Wellness Clinic

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road
Charlotte Hall
9a.m. to 11:30a.m.

The College of Southern Maryland's Nursing Program will provide a free wellness clinic at the Northern Senior Activity Center. Presentations topics will include thyroid and aging, chronic kidney disease, mental health and aging, changing senses, hypertension and effects of stress.

Health checks include blood pressure, height and weight, and heart rate. Drop-ins are welcome; prior sign up is not required.

AFCEA—Former Navy Secretary John Lehman

Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall
46900 S Shangri-La Dr
Lexington Park
11:30a.m. to 2p.m.

The AFCEA Southern Maryland Chapter and The Patuxent Partnership are proud to host the Former Secretary of the Navy, John F. Lehman, Jr. at a luncheon and book signing event for his critically-acclaimed book: Oceans Ventured: Winning the Cold War at Sea.

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Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

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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.

Nutrition Education: Eat to Trim Belly Fat

Each month, Dietitian Donna Taggart 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.

CSM Wellness Clinic

The College of Southern Maryland's Nursing Program will provide a free wellness clinic at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 9-11:30 a.m. Presentations topics include Thyroid and Aging, Chronic Kidney Disease, Mental Health and Aging, Changing Senses, Hypertension and Effects of Stress. Health checks include blood pressure, height and

weight, and heart rate. This event is free! Drop-ins are welcome (no prior signup is needed) and it's a great chance to meet the many nursing students who are providing outreach and on-site services.

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.

AARP Safe Driving Class

An AARP Safe-Driving course will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with an hour lunch break at 11:30). This program includes emphasis on roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seat

belt and turn signal use. Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the registration desk at Loffler. If you wish to order a lunch from the center, the cost is \$6 if you are under 60 and by donation for those 60+ years of age. Lunch can be ordered at the same time you register for the class.

Luncheon with Bruce Thomas

Guest vocalist Bruce Thomas will be here at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 12 p.m. Bruce is a diverse performer who can effortlessly move through the musical categories of inspirational, swing, jazz, pop, and R&B. Please join us for his energetic and interactive performance while dining. The menu for lunch will be lasagna, tossed salad w/dressing, WW dinner roll, spinach, canned plums and orange juice. A donation toward the cost of your meal is appreciated if you are 60 years of age or older. For those under 60 the cost of your meal will be \$6. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Community Health & Wellness Fair - Event to be held Friday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

It's that time of year again! The 2019 Health Fair, sponsored by the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services, will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, lo-

cated at 44219 Airport Road in California, MD.

During this year's Community Health & Wellness Fair, screenings will include body composition, glucose, skin cancer, hearing, vision, and blood pressure.

Licensed Massage Therapist Gwynne Hill with California Total Body Massage will be on site from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. offering free mini-massages. The Pharmacy at PJ Bean will be supplying flu shot. Bring your insurance card to get your flu shot, all insurance agencies are accepted. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and St. Mary's County Health Department will be on-site to collect expired or unwanted medications, including diabetic supplies such as needles and lancets.

Do you want to skip the registration line? Attendees can register online at: www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair.asp. Online registrants will be eligible for a special prize! Online registration closes at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The Department thanks our many sponsors for this event, including ClearCaptions, the Center for Vein Restoration, and St. Mary's County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center!

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, email sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com, visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair.asp, or find us on Facebook, keyword St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

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.

Library Closed

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, October 14 in observance of Columbus Day. All three locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, October 15.

Director's Book Club

Leonardtown Library will hold a Director's Book Club on Wednesday, October 16 from 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. as part of the One Maryland One Book initiative. Bring your bag lunch to the library and join St. Mary's County Library Director Michael Blackwell in reading and discussing the 2019 One Maryland One Book, "What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City" by Mona Hanna-Attisha.

Fossils are Fun!

Leonardtown Library will hold a Fossils are Fun! on Friday, October 18 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. All children love dinosaurs, but few know we had our own pre-historic creatures right here in Southern Maryland! Join educators from Calvert Marine Museum to learn what fossils are, how they are made, and how they give clues to the ancient past. We'll read stories, make art, seeing and touch real fossils, and make our own "fossil" imprints. Each child will receive a fossil to keep. Ages 4-8; Registration required.

American Sign Language for New and Expecting Parents

Leonardtown Library will hold American Sign Language for New and Expecting Parents on Saturday, October 19 from 10 - 11 a.m. More and more we are seeing that the benefits of communicating with your infant using American Sign Language are tremendous. Join us for an hour of learning basic ASL to communicate with your new baby! Geared towards new and expecting parents, but feel free to bring your babies and young toddlers as well. Childcare providers and family members are also welcome.



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
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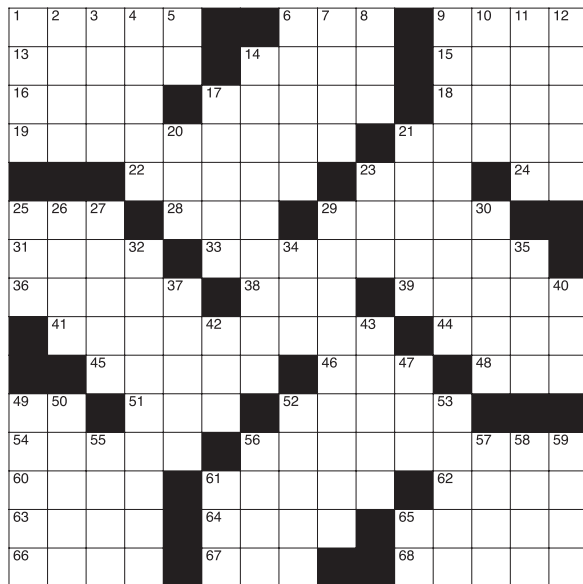
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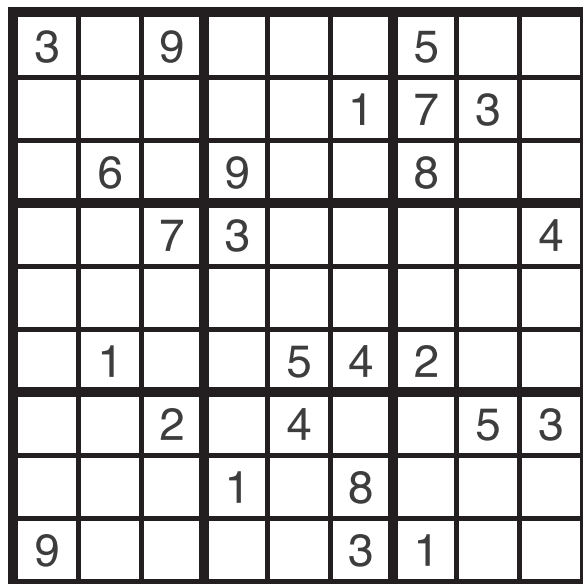
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- 6. Married woman
- 9. Some animals travel in one
- 13. Fear
- 14. Hawaiian island
- 15. Fit to work
- 16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 17. Former Senator Specter
- 18. Cambodian currency
- 19. Dave Matthews Band hit
- 21. Lists ingredients
- 22. Endangered antelope
- 23. Jerry's TV partner
- 24. Blue grass state

- 25. Obstruct
- 28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Oh, heavens!
- 33. Insensitive to changes in price
- 36. Hillsides
- 38. Brew
- 39. Gland secretion
- 41. A typical example
- 44. Get up
- 45. You put it on your pasta
- 46. Expresses surprise
- 48. News organization
- 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)

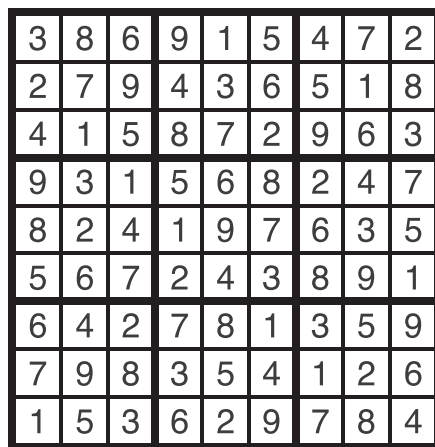
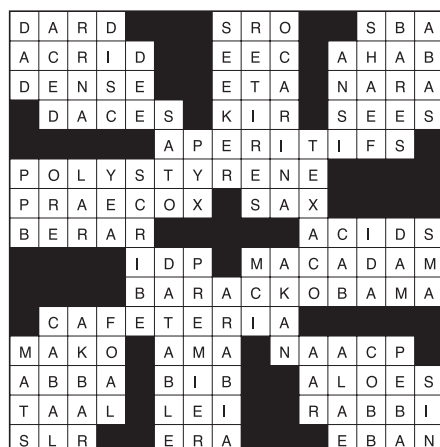
- 51. One millionth of a gram
- 52. Some are of the "suit" variety
- 54. Group of organisms
- 56. Produces
- 60. Passage into a mine
- 61. ___ and cheeses
- 62. Semitic fertility god
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Religious ceremony
- 65. ___ Winger, actress
- 66. German river
- 67. Midway between northeast and east
- 68. Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Lyric poems
- 2. Genus of saltwater clams
- 3. Ingroup
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Memory card
- 6. Archipelago
- 7. Common Korean surname
- 8. It's up there
- 9. Quantity that helps to define
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Metal-headed golf club
- 12. A shade of green
- 14. Begin
- 17. A good thing to have
- 20. Language spoken in Laos
- 21. Loosely compacted sediment
- 23. Naturally occurring protein
- 25. Woman
- 26. Central Indian city
- 27. Volcanic craters
- 29. The largest existing land animals
- 30. Rumanian city
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Historic Nevada city
- 35. A point of transition
- 37. Remove
- 40. Overwatch character
- 42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
- 43. Settles in calmly
- 47. Partner to his
- 49. Banking giant
- 50. Slowly disappeared
- 52. End
- 53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
- 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
- 56. Wild cherry tree
- 57. Traditional Japanese socks
- 58. Make of your hard work
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Woman (French)
- 65. Unit of loudness



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



PLAY 12 ROUNDS

Pitch Tournament High - Low - Jack - Game



Date: Friday, October 25, 2019
Where: Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department
Time: Doors open at 6:00 PM • Tournament starts at 7:30 PM
 Must be on time as all tables have to start at once!

Cost: \$20.00

NOTE: Each bump will cost an additional \$1 per partner at your table. Bid 4 and have a chance to win the Buddha Bump Money Fund - \$100.00

****NEW** Early Bird Pitch Games!**

Play 5 QUICK rounds of cards. Games start at 6:30.
 Cost \$10 a person - Team wins \$60.00, plus bump money.

Nightly Payouts: 1st Place - \$250 • 2nd Place - \$175
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Additional Info: Contact Jenny Russell

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