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Opioid Deaths Closing in on Prior Years

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The latest figures from both the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the Leonardtown barrack of the Maryland State Police show there have been 26 opioid related deaths so far this year as of the beginning of November.

The most recent number is just one fatality away from 2018's final tally and closing in on the all-time high of 33 in 2017.

There were just 13 opioid related deaths in 2016 in St. Mary's County.

Of all of the opioid-related deaths in 2018 and 2017, the vast majority, about three-quarters, were due to fentanyl overdoses.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opiate used to treat pain for seriously ill patients, is 50 to 100 times more powerful than heroin.

Worse, public health officials have said, is that illicitly manufactured fentanyl is often cut with other drugs or contains impurities that can make it even more deadly.

Public health officials were encouraged by the small drop in opioid deaths from 2017 to 2018 and had hoped the trend would continue for this year.

Dr. Meena Brewster, head of the coun-

ty's health department, said the number her office has is slightly less than that from law enforcement, 24 deaths, but the number is still high.

"These numbers can change," Brewster said, noting that the exact cause of death can turn out to be something other than originally thought upon further review.

"The trend is still high," Brewster said.

Several years ago, when fentanyl began to rise as a powerful street drug, there were warnings that other common drugs were laced with it, making dangerous drugs even more potentially lethal.

Those warnings are now coming to fruition, Brewster said, particularly finding cocaine laced with fentanyl.

"Now it's the dominant trend," Brewster said. "Some people don't realize their cocaine is laced with fentanyl and it's killing them."

The county's chief health officer said her agency is now focusing on reaching out to those using cocaine to warn them of the dangers of continuing their addiction.

She feared that more drugs commonly found on the street would be laced with fentanyl.



The county health officer wants to proliferate Naloxone in the community to continue the fight against deadly opioid overdoses.

"All of these street drugs are getting laced with fentanyl," Brewster said. "You can pretty much assume fentanyl is in the cocaine supply. "That's scary."

Part of the outreach to combat the latest trend involving fentanyl and cocaine is providing training for Naloxone as well as kits of the anti-overdose medica-

tion to an many people as possible.

"We need to get Naloxone to everyone," Brewster said. "Everyone who uses drugs or those who are connected to someone using drugs."

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Commissioners Compromise on Library Security Funding



Commissioner Michael Hewitt



Commissioner John O'Connor

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After a closed-door executive session Tuesday, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to move \$4,000 from their reserve funds into the budget for the county library system for safety and security purposes.

The move comes months after the commissioners moved about \$2,400 from the library budget to pay for sher-

iff's deputies who provided security at a Drag Queen Story Hour at the Lexington Park Library June 23.

The event was controversial with both supporters and detractors demonstrating; the removal of the \$2,400 was seen by groups supporting the event as an attempt to chill free speech.

A recent letter from a senior attorney working for the State Attorney General's Office gave

the opinion that the removal of money from the library budget was constitutionally dubious and ran afoul of First Amendment protections.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who opposed the July decision by commissioners to move the money, did not support Tuesday's motion either.

"This doesn't stop us from being sued by American Atheists [Legal Center]," Hewitt said, adding the commissioners were "doing an about face" from their previous actions.

"I can't support giving them [the library] more money than what we essentially fined them."

Commissioner John O'Connor, who supported removing the \$2,400 removed from the library budget said he "did not care" about opinions from the attorney general on the issue but was focused on ensuring the

library had a safety and security plan they could actually implement.

"The library was not taking safety and security seriously," O'Connor said. "They now have a plan in place."

The budget amendment for the \$4,000 means the library now has money to implement security

at an event if needed, O'Connor said.

"This is a middle ground," O'Connor said. "If it weren't for this I wasn't going to do anything."

"I wasn't just going to give the \$2,400 back."

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the county should not open itself to a

lawsuit that it was likely to lose.

"We have been threatened to be sued... in many cases [in other jurisdictions] they have been successful," Morgan said. "It would not be a prudent use of your tax dollars."

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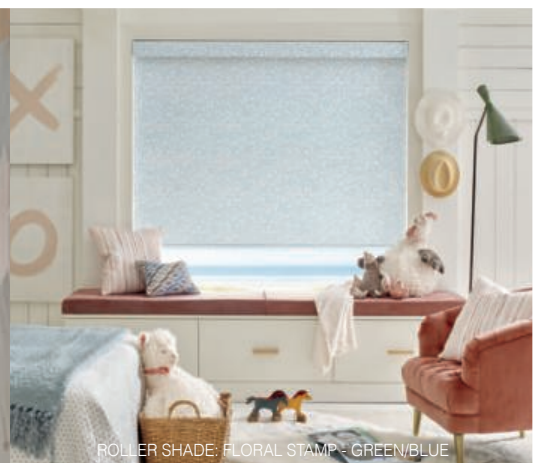
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County Can Do Little To Oppose Solar Projects



By Guy Leonard
 Staff Writer

Legislation passed earlier this year in the Maryland General Assembly requires the state have 50 percent of its energy come from renewable resources by 2030, which places more emphasis on solar power fields to help meet those goals.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County received a briefing from state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Tuesday on how applications to build solar panel fields are handled and approved, and while the state must take into account any concerns the county may have about the project, the county cannot veto it.

"They [the state's Public Service Commission] do have preemption authority," said Shawn Seaman, with the Power Plant Research Program section of DNR.

Seaman explained that since the state is deregulated with regards to power plants, DNR no longer sites the plants but does work in the licensing of power plants that are of utility scale, which are defined as producing more than two megawatts or greater than 69 kilovolts in a transmission line.

The state's Public Service Commission (PSC) is the regulatory body which ultimately must approve such a project; the state takes environmental, fiscal, transportation and cultural and historical impacts into account before making its decision.

Commissioner Todd Morgan had raised the concern about what the county could do to intervene if they disap-

proved of a project due to local impacts such as reduction in rural open space.

"It seems the requirements for these large solar fields are going to be pushed to the rural areas where you have more open space," Morgan said.

Seaman said that, even though the state can preempt the county on a power plant project, it must still give due consideration to the county's comprehensive land use plan and zoning code as well as try to resolve any issues a county government presented regarding the project.

Seaman said the PSC also considered issues the military might have with such an endeavor; Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy said the Navy was wary of projects that might interfere with its operations.

A developer has already applied to build a solar power generation farm in St. Mary's, to be located on a plot of land south of the intersection of Hermanville Road and Route 235.

Known as the Whitetail Solar Project, it would be built on 81 acres with accompanying facilities, according to county information.

The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public comment hearing on a request by the developer, Lightsource Renewable Energy Development, LLC to build the 20 megawatt solar generating facility here. The hearing will be held Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn at Lexington Park, 22211 Three Notch Road in Lexington Park.

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Veterans Clinic To Serve Southern Maryland Veterans

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, along with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs officials and state Secretary of Veterans Affairs George Owings cut the ribbon on a new satellite community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) for veterans Nov. 15 in Lexington Park.

The new CBOC will occupy the third floor of the MedStar building on East Run Drive just off of Great Mills Road and is expected to open Dec. 2 to see patients.

The CBOC will serve veterans in St. Mary's and Calvert counties.

"Location is critically important," said Cardin of bringing health care services much closer to veterans.

He admitted that it took far too many years to bring such care to Southern Maryland, which has among the highest population of veterans, who had to use either an inadequate CBOC at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home or go to Baltimore or Washington, D.C. for care.

"It was an embarrassment," Cardin said.

Van Hollen said the satellite CBOC was a statement of the government's commitment to veterans' health.

"It has to be a commitment to care for those who've borne the battle and served their country," Van Hollen said. "We have a promise to our veterans that we will provide them with a top quality of care."

The satellite CBOC will compliment a much larger facility now being constructed in Charlotte Hall on Route 5; that project is expected to be completed by either the spring or summer of next year and serve the vast majority of veterans in Southern Maryland.



Michael Heimall, VA Medical Director, U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs George Owings cut the ribbon on the new veterans clinic in Lexington Park Nov. 15.

The satellite CBOC will provide veterans primary care, mental health, comprehensive women's health care, social work services, telehealth and a supporting pharmacy.

"It's a long way from here to Washington, D.C.," said Owings. "We couldn't be more happy to see what's go-

ing on for our veterans down here."

Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist.29B), a former U.S. Army Ranger and combat veteran of the War on Terror, said: "I know how important this facility is."

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Rep. Hoyer Hosts Annual Family Fall Festival

Congressman Defends Impeachment Process

By Dick Myers
Editor

As he prepares to run for his 21st term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Steny Hoyer is busy like his colleagues deciding whether there is enough evidence against President Donald Trump to send Articles of Impeachment to the U.S. Senate.

Hoyer, who represents Maryland's 5th Congressional District and lives in St. Mary's County, hosted his 8th Annual Southern Maryland Family Fall Festival on Nov. 16 at Serenity Farm in Benedict overlooking the Patuxent River.

With the Democrats back in control of the House, Hoyer is back in a leadership position as House Majority Leader. He told those assembled in the meeting barn on a cold Autumn day, "This is a serious time. I didn't go to Congress to consider impeaching a president of the United States but went to Congress and raised our hand and said we would defend the Constitution and laws of the United States. And that was a very important undertaking. And one of the responsibilities is to ensure that the laws are faithfully carried out and to ensure that there is not an abuse of power."

Hoyer said when the Republicans shout foul at what is going on, they apparently don't understand the impeachment process outlined in that Constitution. He said what the House is going through now is determining "probable cause," similar to what a grand jury does



Rep. Steny Hoyer talks to an attendee at his 8th annual Southern Maryland Family Fall Festival.

before a trial.

"When the evidence is in, we're going to make up our minds," he said. He added, "It will be based upon the facts. Not about politics, not about polls, not about any of that."

But make no mistake about it, Hoyer is 180 degrees politically from the president. "This president has brought our democracy to a lower state. This president is not speaking about representing the values that we feel are important."

Hoyer denied the allegation that the impeachment process was taking away from other important busi-

ness. He said he responded to a lady who yelled at him about that by telling her the House this session has passed 400 bills, "96 percent meaningful legislation and almost all of it sits on (Senate Majority Leader) Mitch McConnell's desk."

The issues on his agenda include fixing the Voting Rights Act and addressing global warming, he said.

Hoyer observed, "I think this election is about the soul and character of America, who we are as a people, what we believe in, the image that we want to create of what America is for in the rest of the world. Are we for America first? Of course, we're for America first, but we also understand that you cannot be from America if you don't understand you'd have to be for those who are allies around the world. Why? Because we are not an island. This is a small world. We are connected to one another and we need to make sure that they know that we respect them and their views as we want them to respect us and ours."

At the event Hoyer was introduced by Maryland Delegate Michael Jackson, who represents parts of Calvert and Prince George's counties. He said he brought greetings from Sen. Mike Miller, who just stepped down as senate president.

Of Hoyer, Jackson said, "He's a partner. He is our federal partner. It is vital for us to ensure that he gets reelected."

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Clements Cuties Raise Record Funds to Fight Child Cancer

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For the past five years, the Clements Cuties, men who dress in outrageous women's attire, have raised funds to donate to the families of local children fighting cancer; this year's drive was the biggest yet.

Ricky Ryce, spokesman for the Clements Cuties, who end their drive with an exhibition softball game against the local Over 30 Women's All Stars at Cryer's Back Road Inn in Compton, said the team spent months going to sponsors and raised just over \$68,000 to support to local families.

Peyton Greer, 14 and Max Long, 5 both received checks for \$28,175 Nov. 16.

"Most of our donations come from businesses, family and friends," Ryce said. "Each of the Cuties has to raise at least \$500 in sponsorships for the cause." From February until August, when the Cuties play their softball game, 28 Cuties worked to raise the money, Ryce said.

At the softball game, they raised more than \$24,000 to reach the \$68,000 figure; Rice said the group has raised \$190,000 in total over the last five years.

The Cuties have always tried to make themselves noticed, they came out for



The family of 5-year-old Max Long received more than \$28,000 raised by the Clements Cuties to fight child cancer.

the Fox 5 News cast that came to Leonardtown earlier this summer and received that station's Hometown Heroes award.

They even received money from Christ Church in Chaptico from that

churches Strawberry Festival, Ryce said.

"We're just trying to raise awareness about who we are and what we do," Rycesaid.

Aside from helping local children with cancer, the Clements Cuties also

give scholarships to local high school students to help with costs for college.

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Accountant in 'Utter Shock' over Big Powerball Win

Claims \$50,000 prize on quick-pick ticket in Nov. 9 drawing



A lucky accountant from Charlotte Hall never figured a \$10 quick-pick Powerball ticket would bring her a shocking surprise. Playing "Lottery is my excitement," said the happy woman, who won a \$50,000 prize in the Nov. 9 drawing.

The 74-year-old stops by New Market Service Center, located at 29233 Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville, every week to purchase Lottery tickets to pass the time. Following her routine, the lucky player bought her tickets one week and the following week learned she won \$50,000.

"I was in utter shock," the winner said after she checked the Lottery website and saw her numbers matched many of the winning numbers. Her husband of 51 years, who also loves playing scratch-offs and Keno, was asleep at the time and she didn't want to wake him. Instead,

she got a family member to confirm her big win. When her husband woke up and learned of her \$50,000 prize, "he almost had a heart attack," the winner said. The lucky lady does not plan to share news of her win with anyone other than her husband and a few chosen family members.

The happy couple loves playing Lottery and casino games. When asked of their plans for their winnings, they said they might go on vacation at a spot with casinos.

The St. Mary's County native has worked as an accountant for more than 40 years. Before that, she was a social worker at her father's construction company. She thoroughly enjoys her career and doesn't plan to stop anytime soon.

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Fire Destroys California Home



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An adult male was injured in a house fire on Abell Drive Nov. 17 that ultimately destroyed the structure.

A pair of vehicles were also destroyed in the fire, fire marshal investigators reported.

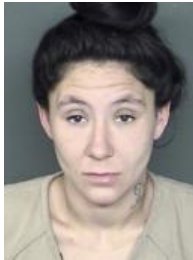
It took 45 firefighters from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department 30 minutes to finally control the blaze.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The estimated damage was tallied at \$250,000.

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

Drug Arrest/Fraud- On November 6 Dep. Burgess responded to the 21700 block of Saratoga Drive in Lexington Park for a reported disturbance. Contact was made with **Amber Lorraine Salgado, 29** of no fixed address. Salgado provided deputies on scene with a false name and it was later determined Salgado had an outstanding warrant through Prince Georges County. Salgado was arrested and served the outstanding warrant and also charged with Fraud-Person/Identity to Avoid Prosecution. While at the detention center a suspected CDS glass smoking device with suspected cocaine residue was located hidden on Salgado's person. Salgado was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Possess Contraband at Place of Confinement.



Motor Vehicle Theft- On November 7 Dep. Forinash was conducting a premise check in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in

Lexington Park, and observed an occupied vehicle. The vehicle fit the description of a vehicle reported stolen. Contact was made with **Aaron Jacob Windsor, 24** of no fixed address. Windsor was seated in the driver's seat of the vehicle that was determined to be the stolen vehicle. Windsor was arrested and charged with Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking and Theft.



Property Destruction- On November 7, Cpl. LeFave responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center located in Leonardtown, for the reported property destruction. Investigation determined **Leonard William Morehead, 49** of Lexington Park, broke a sprinkler in the cell, causing the cell to become flood-



ed. Morehead was charged with Malicious Destruction of Property.

Assault/Fraud- On November 10 Dep. Wynnyk responded to the 47400 block of Lincoln Avenue in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Zeolaunte Monticello Hilliard, 29** of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face multiple times, causing visible injury. Hilliard fled the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement and was located walking nearby. Hilliard initially provided deputies with a false name to avoid apprehension. Hilliard was positively identified and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Fraud-Person/Identity to Avoid Prosecution.



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Hospice Receives NARFE Donation



Hospice of St. Mary's Board of Directors member John Scheffler (left) accepted a donation of \$8,000 from National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 969 (St. Mary's County) President Boyd Lofflin at their Nov. 15 meeting. The monies were raised as part of NARFE's annual drive for Hospice and Alzheimer's research. Volunteers collect donations at county businesses.

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- Clerks perform various administrative and clerical tasks to support various functional areas, including payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.

- Census field supervisors conduct fieldwork to support and conduct on-the-job training for census takers and/or to follow up in situations where census takers have confronted issues, such as not gaining entry to restricted areas.

- Census takers work in the field. Some field positions require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings. Other field positions require interviewing the public, so employees must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

Applicants will be placed in an applicant pool for 2020 Census field positions for positions they qualify for and will be contacted as work becomes available in their area. For more information, contact 1-855-JOB-2020. Applicants may also contact the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-8778339.

For more information, please visit the 2020 Census Jobs page or the Census Bureau's Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages.

*Press Release from
St. Mary's County Government*

Panel Discussion Set on Community Health Includes Transportation, Trails & Design Policy



The St. Mary's County Health Department, in partnership with the environmental studies department at St. Mary's College of Maryland, is hosting an open panel discussion on how community design and policy can improve public health and wellness.

This event will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in the Cole Cinema, Campus Center, on the St. Mary's College campus. To register, please visit: <https://trailspanel.eventbrite.com>.

Discussion will focus on how trails and walkable communities can be instrumental for improving public health, how policy can impact community wellness, and local action on the built environment. Panelists for this event include:

- Fred Shaffer, Planning Coordinator, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- Sue Veith, Urban and Environmental Planner, St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development
- Kwasi Bosompem, Senior Planner, St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management

This event is open to all students, faculty and staff, public health professionals, and community members who would like to learn more on this public health issue.

*Press Release from
St. Mary's County Health Department*

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Leadership Class Visits Pax River

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2020 participated Nov. 7 in the third of nine educational sessions for the 2019-2020 LSM Executive Program - Defense. Class members spent the day onboard Naval Air Station Patuxent River learning from the workforce and exploring the processes and partnerships that make up the research, development, test and evaluation cycle. The group started the morning with a brief by CAPT Christopher Cox LSM'19, the base commanding officer. They also received an overview of the Naval Air Systems Command by CAPT Craig E Lee, vice commander of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). NAWCAD provides full life-cycle support of naval aviation aircraft, weapons, and systems operated by Sailors and Marines. Then John Hungerford LSM '18 presented on the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD). NSWC IHEODTD, located in Charles County, is the Department of Defense (DoD) Energetics Center and serves as the DoD Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Program lead.

Next on the agenda was a presentation and tour at the United States Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS). CDR Glenn Rioux, USNTPS commanding officer, explained the selection process and curriculum at "the schoolhouse" and led the class on a tour of the facility and the hangars. The class also toured the Atlantic Test Range with Robert Vargo LSM'10, the range director, giving them the opportunity to see testing in action.

Lunch included presentations from community supporters who champion both the base and members of the military. Roger Cordell LSM'18 from the Navy League, MaryKay Myers LSM'10 of The Patuxent Partnership, RADM Tim Heely, USN (Ret.) with Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, and Larry Butts, NAWCAD deputy director of the Office of Small Business Programs were on-hand to share their organizations' missions and efforts to promote community connections with the local military presence.

After lunch, several class members took a hands-on approach at the Manned Flight Simulator where they "flew" an F/A-18 Hornet and a rotary wing aircraft. A visit to the Auditory Performance Lab showed the class what goes on during the development phase of products like customized ear plugs and improved cranial gear for use on the flight deck. Finally, the group got a birds' eye view of the air station from the top of the tower where air traffic control monitors and directs aircraft with a focus on safety and efficiency.

The class wrapped up the day with a networking event hosted by the LSM Alumni Association at Pax River Ale House in Lexington Park, Maryland. Class participants were able to gather and reflect on the day's

experiences and lessons learned.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month tuition-based program that educates and inspires a diverse group of current and emerging leaders. The program creates opportunities for collaborations and partnerships impacting the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties ensuring a cross-section of the region including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender.

For more information, please contact Denise Foster, executive director, Leadership Southern Maryland,

301-862-7663, via email denise@leadershipsomd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

Leadership Southern Maryland is an independent, educational leadership development organization designed to broaden the knowledge base of mid- to senior-level public and private sector executives about the critical issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the region. Leadership Southern Maryland is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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Sheriff, State Police Warn of Holiday Theft Schemes

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving and moving into Christmas, is a time for joy and bringing families together.

It's also a time when thieves will target the mass of shoppers who will flood local businesses to buy gifts for their loved ones.

Both the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the Leonardtown barrack of the Maryland State Police will be out in force on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving that marks the start of the shopping season, at local commercial centers to deter thefts and other crimes but local law enforcement leaders say there is no substitute for personal awareness and common sense to avoid being a victim.

"Thefts increase because the opportunities increase," said Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron. "Most shoppers, they go from store to store and put their purchases back in their car.

"They leave a target rich environment."

The sheriff's office has placed a digital sign at the Hickory Hills Shopping Center along Route 235 warning residents to keep their cars locked and remove any valuables from their vehicles to not provide an easy mark for a thief.



Local law enforcement are urging residents to avoid becoming victims of theft this holiday season.

Cameron said this consideration goes for vehicles parked at homes as well as at shopping center parking lots.

"I think they have a feeling of security at home," Cameron said. "But cars parked in driveways are no safer than being parked in the streets.

"There's an alarming number of people who don't lock their doors."

Since the explosion of on-line shopping, there has also been a rise in concern over package thieves simply purloining items left at front doors, Cameron said.

It was one more way holiday shoppers could be victimized.

"There's so much on-line shopping people need to keep track of their packages," Cameron said. "Talk to your neighbors so that you can look out for each other's packages."

Surveillance systems homeowners can buy at an affordable price are helpful in tracking down thieves,



Cameron said, and sometimes surveillance systems on neighbors' homes can help solve crimes committed at a nearby location.

"They work great," Cameron told The County Times. "They provide great video, which makes great evidence."

Lt. Krystle Rossignol, commander of the Maryland State Police barracks in Leonardtown, said the risk of theft doesn't stop once gifts have been given on Christmas Day.

Residents should be careful not to leave boxes and other detritus left over after gift exchanges out in front of their homes; it only serves to inform would-be burglars what new, valuable items might be inside.

"If you can remove them, then remove them," Rossignol said. "Break them down or now everybody knows you have a new computer or TV."

Shoppers who must leave valuables or newly purchased gifts in their vehicles should take precautions to hide them, Rossignol said.

Blankets or other coverings could be used, she said.

Rossignol said the majority of vehicle burglaries her troopers investigate had unlocked doors.

It's a problem that only continues into the holiday season; why residents leave car doors unlocked is a mystery.

"It's a pretty high number from what I read every day," Rossignol said. "We cannot understand it."

Sometimes, despite best efforts, items are stolen, she said, and the best way to retrieve them is to have some kind of identification on them.

"Keep a record of serial numbers on items like electronics," Rossignol said. "Whatever gift it is, keeping a record helps us to track it down."

Thefts from homes, resulting from burglaries, can be just as much of a risk as thefts from vehicles.

It was important for homeowners to remain vigilant, she said.

"People can be complacent and not think about it," Rossignol said.

Cameron warned shoppers, especially women who carry purses, to be watchful of where they place them while they're shopping.

They should avoid keeping them in shopping carts when they might turn their back on them; it's an opportune time for a thief to steal it while they are distracted.

"Women should keep a hold on their purses," Cameron said. "They should also be careful about leaving

their wallet in a open purse or in an unattended car."

Unattended purses are a prime target for thieves, Cameron said.

Shoppers should not go to businesses alone, the sheriff said, when they want to buy gifts as there are safety in numbers to guard against strong arm robberies.

Shoppers can be particularly vulnerable when going to and from businesses with gifts or packages.

"Be aware of your surroundings, especially coming back with packages," Cameron said. "If you are not comfortable going back to your vehicle alone you can ask for an escort from the business.

"If not, we [sheriff's deputies] certainly would come and do it."

The sheriff's office will have a public roll call at 2 p.m. on Black Friday at the Wal-Mart parking lot on Miramar Drive in California to begin its maximum deployment of deputies to deter thefts during the shopping season, Cameron said.

Maryland state troopers are also partnering with sheriff's deputies during this time, Rossignol said, for an increased presence on the roads and at shopping centers.

"We will have more high visibility patrols in shopping centers to dissuade thefts," the barrack commander said.

Cameron said deputies will be on patrol and in stores, some in uniform, others in plain clothes on watch for potential thefts.

Aside from outright thefts and burglaries to homes and vehicles, shoppers should also be wary of the numerous scams that spike during the holiday shopping season, Cameron said.

These scams can range from a random person asking for money for gas so they can pick up a certain person to a scammer posing as a representative for a charity.

Cameron warned that all legitimate charities in Maryland are registered with the Maryland Department of State; any one not registered should be avoided.

"There are people out there just waiting to separate you from your money," Cameron said.

Shoppers who see or hear of something suspicious should not hesitate to contact law enforcement, Cameron said.

"If you see something, say something," said Cameron. "Give us a call."

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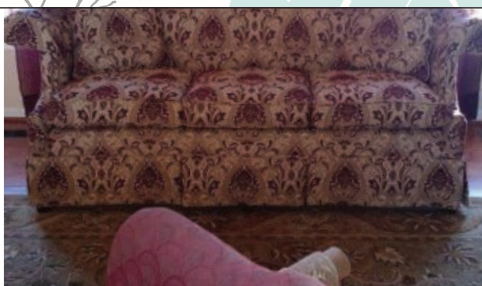
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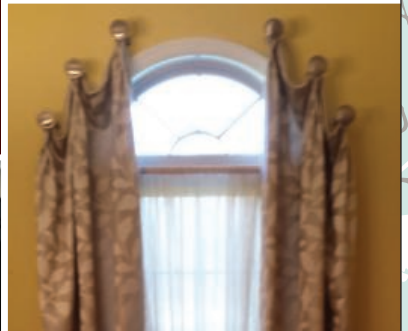
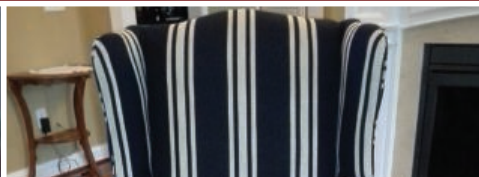
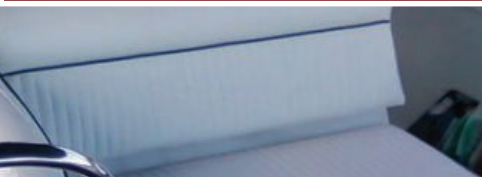
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St. Mary's College Honors High School Students

On Nov. 14, the Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at St. Mary's College of Maryland held its 22nd annual book awards, presenting book prizes to five county high school seniors in recognition of their outstanding academic record. Shown in photo from left to right: Angie Draheim (SMCM Zeta Chapter vice president), Faith Bouch (Chopticon), Heather Mae Gilmore (Leonardtown), Siera Kerley (King's Christian), Christine Shatrowsky (St. Mary's Ryken), Ryan Rex (Great Mills), and Laraine Glidden (SMCM distinguished professor emerita, psychology and human development).

Founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the na-

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(left to right) Angie Draheim (SMCM Zeta Chapter vice president), Faith Bouch (Chopticon), Heather Mae Gilmore (Leonardtown), Siera Kerley (King's Christian), Christine Shatrowsky (St. Mary's Ryken), Ryan Rex (Great Mills), Laraine Glidden (SMCM distinguished professor emerita, psychology and human development).

CSM Students Tour Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant; Explore Career Paths

CSM students Chibueze Amos-Uhegbu, Joshua Riddle, Cory Swaim, Cory Svoboda, Cody Dean, Carson Bistline, Matthew Kenlon, Timothy White and CSM Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Brian Warnecke recently toured Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Leonardtown Campus Engineering Student Club toured Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) to learn about plant operations and career opportunities. The students received a presentation Nov. 8, about nuclear energy in general and on the operations at CCNPP, specifically.

"Plant engineers were able to thoroughly explain the scale that makes Calvert Cliffs the largest source of clean energy in Maryland," said Club President Tim White. "The students took a tour of the control room, turbine deck and intake structures. They concluded the tour with an on-site luncheon with plant engineers for professional engagement and development allowing the students to listen to the varying academic and industrial paths that the Calvert Cliffs employees had taken throughout their varying engineering backgrounds."

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CSM students Chibueze Amos-Uhegbu, Joshua Riddle, Cory Swaim, Cory Svoboda, Cody Dean, Carson Bistline, Matthew Kenlon, Timothy White and CSM Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Brian Warnecke.

land – produce 1,756 megawatts of zero-emissions energy: or enough carbon-free electricity to power more than one million homes, according to Exelon. The Lusby plant joins 95 other nuclear power plants to provide nearly 20 percent of all U.S. electricity. The nuclear energy industry creates lasting, high-paying jobs for people from a wide range of fields and educational backgrounds, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). Each nuclear power plant in the United States employs between 500 and 1,000 workers during normal operations and they earn salaries 20 percent higher on average than those of other electricity generation sources.

CSM students pose in front of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant containment building where power lines connect carbon-free energy to the high-voltage

PJM electricity grid.

NEI also reports that the nuclear energy industry recruits from universities, community colleges, the military and the trades. From nuclear to systems engineering, from mechanical to civil engineering – engineers make up a large part of the nuclear energy workforce. But there are also opportunities for accountants, analysts, information technology experts, occupational safety and other trained specialists in the field. Carpenters and construction trades workers, electricians, welders and equipment operators are also critical to the industry.

CSM students participating in the tour were both electrical and mechanical engineering majors.

Last year, CSM received a \$105,804 grant from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to provide scholar-

ships to 15 students pursuing the college's Energy Systems Technology (EST) associate degree program. CSM was one of six community colleges in the nation and one of two academic institutions in the state of Maryland to receive NRC funding.

Since the EST's program's inception, Exelon has hired 21 students from the EST program. Those 21 CSM alumni have gone on to build careers with Exelon in the fields of electrical, instrument & control and mechanical maintenance, as well as in support of nuclear operations. CCNPP leadership also hosts a 10-week summer program for CSM student interns to rotate through numerous departments at the two-unit plant as part of the EST curriculum.

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Innovation Challenge 5 Teams Innovate Low-Cost Solutions for Fleet

Innovation Challenge (IC) teams once again proved that given six months and a \$25,000 budget they could invent a working prototype that may potentially solve a problem from the fleet.

"It's not only about the technical details, it is also about the logistics," said Ángel Ruiz-Reyes, an engineer with Airborne Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems. "You may know the science behind [your proposal] and the engineering in how to make it real; however, documenting, scheduling, and networking are the key ingredients for success in the challenge. Leadership knows that you are intelligent, what they want to see now is if you are efficient." Ruiz-Reyes was a member of Team So-MAD (Sonar Magnetic Anomaly Detector), one of the two teams selected for IC5.

Now entering its sixth year, the Naval Air War-

fare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Innovation Challenge asks junior scientists and engineers to form four to six person teams, identify a problem that the fleet faces, and then take their solution from proposal to working prototype in just six months. Teams operate as a conventional program would: for example, it is up to them to contact a lab, schedule time for their experiments, and pay for it.

Team So-MAD built a low-cost, low-power magnetic anomaly detector using a 3D-printed array of their own design and commercial off-the-shelf parts. Team members Ruiz-Reyes, Eric Correa-Matos, Alejandro Hernandez, Omar Vega-Manzano, and Rafael Velazquez-Vicente were able to successfully detect the position, velocity, and direction of an unknown target underwater. The team hopes

their device, after more research and testing, can one day help in detecting small, hidden, underwater threats for the Navy.

After learning that Sailors use paper and pencil to not only design storage in a ship's magazine, which is where ammunition is stored, but also to locate and retrieve ordnance, Team AURORA (Augmented Reality Ordnance Retrieval Aid), sought to develop software for use with a tablet and an augmented reality headset; however, after a visit to an aircraft carrier, the team altered their IC project.

"The Sailors aboard, let us know that their time within the magazine can be extremely limited, so that there might not be time to use our proposed product," explained team member David Grulon, an engineer with the Aircraft Launch and Recovery (ALRE) Developmental Projects Branch at

Lakehurst, New Jersey. "Our team worked with them to come up with some ideas that may be useful. Thus, the magazine planning aid tool was born."

Team members Michael Gehrsitz, Fariyah Begum, Stephen Carter, Adam Garcia, Sean Groch, and David Grulon used input from Sailors aboard U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) to develop and refine the 3D planning and retrieval aid program for digital devices.

"I'm so proud of all of our team members," said Antonella Thompson, Innovation Challenge program manager, who mentored both teams, ensuring they had the facilities, materials, and staff support they needed throughout the Challenge. "These young men and women have grown professionally and personally, and they've really come together in a focused way to hopefully benefit our men and women who serve."

To date, more than 70 developmental employees have participated in the five Innovation Challenges and have earned numerous accolades including a Secretary of the Navy award; eight



Omar Vega-Manzano, a member of Team So-MAD (Sonar Magnetic Anomaly Detector), explains the team's prototype -- an eight-sensor circular array that was designed and printed in the NAWCAD Innovation Hub (iHub).

NAVAIR and NAWCAD Commander's Awards; and two national and state awards. In addition to the dozens of articles for technical publication and presentations at conferences, participants have submitted eleven patent disclosure statements, with one U.S. patent awarded thus far and sev-

eral more still undergoing the process. Eleven of the teams have furthered their IC work through follow-on projects funded through the Naval Innovative and Science Engineering (NISE) program.

*Denise Krumenacker
NAWCAD
Communications*

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET OAKLEY

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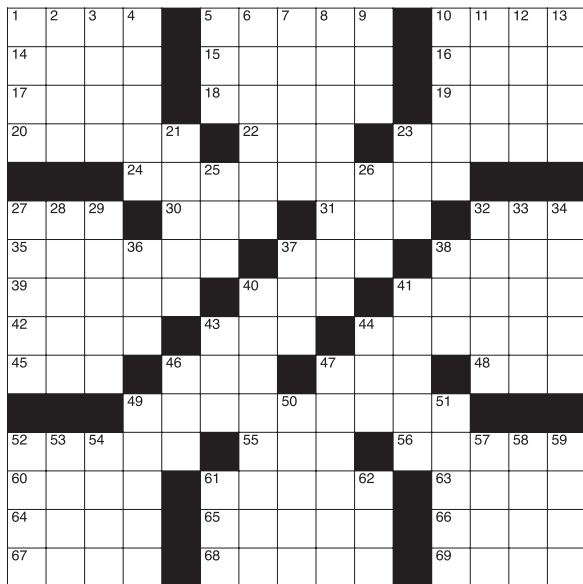
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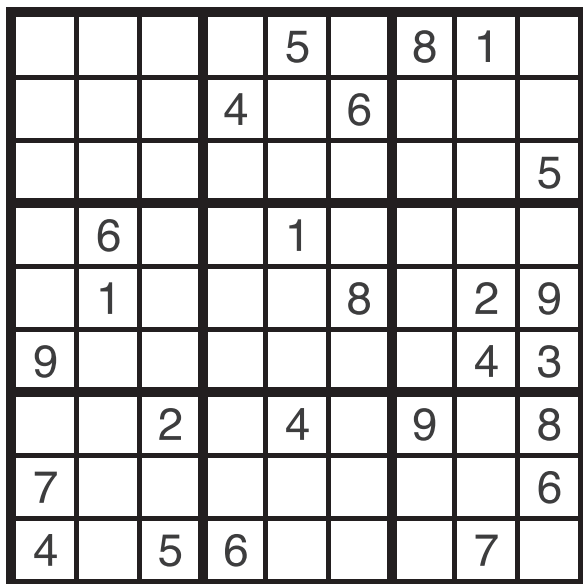
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- 48. Something you can draw
- 49. Songs to one's lover
- 52. Eastern Cairo mosque
- 55. A partner to cheese
- 56. Absorption unit
- 60. A type of sandwich
- 61. Herbaceous plant
- 63. Chinese temple classification
- 64. Native person of central Volga
- 65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
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- 68. Threaten persistently
- 69. Morningwear

CLUES DOWN

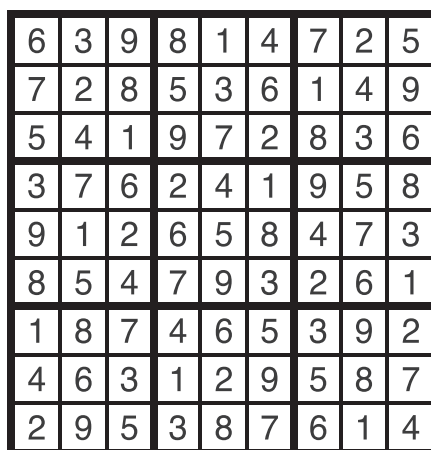
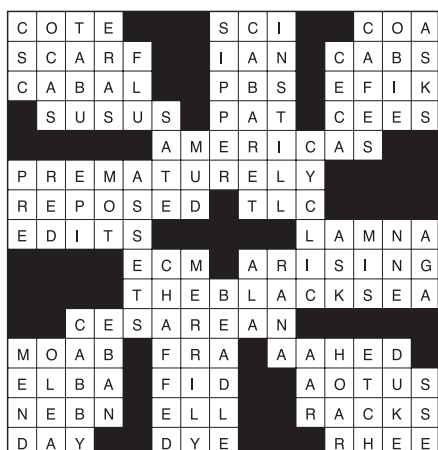
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- 2. Samoan capital
- 3. A type of carpet
- 4. Upper bract of grass
- 5. Al Bundy's wife
- 6. In a careless way
- 7. More uncommon
- 8. Expressing contempt
- 9. Belonging to a thing
- 10. Adventure stories
- 11. Copycats
- 12. Farewell
- 13. Greek mythological builder
- 21. Colorless, volatile liquid
- 23. Monetary unit of Burma
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Body part
- 27. Mischievous child
- 28. Popular card game
- 29. Building occupied by monks
- 32. Spiritual leader
- 33. Independent ruler
- 34. He wrote about the Gold Rush
- 36. Bundle of banknotes
- 37. Corporate honcho
- 38. Touch softly
- 40. Made by oneself
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Subcompact Toyota crossover
- 44. Cool!
- 46. Popular vegetable
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Transylvanian city
- 50. Robert and Stephen are two
- 51. Philippine island
- 52. Canadian law enforcers
- 53. Wings
- 54. He played Perry Mason
- 57. Ballpoint pen
- 58. Metrical foot
- 59. It has nostrils
- 61. Confederate soldier
- 62. Take in solid food

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Vital part of a lock
- 5. Adherent of Zoroastrianism
- 10. European river
- 14. Nonprofit public health group
- 15. Make law
- 16. Three-banded armadillo
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Sandwich-like dishes
- 19. Sicilian city
- 20. Finger millet
- 22. Of she
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. Lawyers
- 27. A place to relax
- 30. Often said after "Hee"
- 31. Supervises flying
- 32. Cheer of approval
- 35. Something spiders twirl
- 37. Aggressive dog
- 38. Long-legged gazelle
- 39. Mogul emperor
- 40. Baltic peninsula
- 41. Fencing sword
- 42. A reward (archaic)
- 43. Pigeon sound
- 44. Type of groove
- 45. Inquire too closely
- 46. Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"A Grateful Heart"

UPDATE for Clements Cuties Foundation. I can't begin to tell you how wonderful this past Saturday night was at Cryer's Back Road Inn for the Clement's Cuties 2019 check presentation. The updated donations total ended up \$68,176.95 with \$28,175.48 going to each of our two young recipients Max Long and Peyton Greer who are bravely fighting cancer. Four memorial scholarships were also funded: Three high school students received The Nolan Scully Memorial Scholarship for Public Service, and one student received The Danny Ryce Scholarship for Music. In fact, donations are still coming in this week.

For five of the last seven years The Clements Cuties organization has been raising money to help one to two recipients fighting childhood cancers. In those last 5 years over \$190,000 has been raised through various events and through Facebook and our website. Thank you to all who have donated or worked hard to raise monies for The Clements Cuties and their good work.

Who are the Clements Cuties? "The Cuties originated in the 1970's as a group of male softball players who would dress as ladies and play softball games for charity. They were reprised 7 years ago by a second generation of young men who are descendants and friends of the original group." Now, the Cuties are led by an amazing, hardworking group of volunteers, headed by Ricky and Elise Ryce, along with Greg and Jeppa Thornburg, Harry and Deb Poole, Michelle and Eddie Bowles, Gary and Cindy Norris, and all the Cuties, Over 30 Women's All Stars, and their families.

It is with a grateful heart I feel what it truly means to celebrate Thanksgiving. As has been said often, you don't have to celebrate Thanksgiving only on the 4th Thursday of November. You can create your own Thanksgiving each and every day by finding reasons to be grateful for kindnesses you give and receive, or by giving of yourself to people or places in need. Sounds so simple, yet sometimes so hard to fit in our lives. But when you do give of yourself you feel like everything is, or can be, right with the world.

Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863 under the presidency of Abraham Lincoln during a war that nearly tore our country apart forever. I wonder how President Lincoln, who had the terrible ordeal of a Civil War, and his own personal worries and tragedies could find the time or the energy to be thankful for anything. But in his Thanksgiving holiday proclamation speech he said, "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God...No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

If one who has experienced all of these trials could find ways to be grateful in the midst of war, sickness, and death, then I hope I can find within myself a grateful heart to do better things with my hands and mind.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments or ideas to:
shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook

Deer, Turkey Hunt Results Reported

Favorable Weather Improves Early Deer Harvest



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced that hunters harvested 21,073 deer during the early portion of the archery and muzzleloader seasons.

The harvest was a 12% increase from last year's official harvest of 18,839 deer for the same period. More favorable hunting conditions this year contributed to the increased harvest.

The two-month harvest included 11,869 deer taken during the archery season and 9,028 harvested during the October muzzleloader season. An additional 176 deer were reported during managed hunts. Hunters harvested 692 antlered and 681 antlerless sika deer as part of the total.

Hunters harvested 647 deer on Sundays that were open to archery hunting during the period, accounting for 6% of the total archery harvest.

The deer harvest numbers increased in all three Southern Maryland counties: 17.3 percent to 496 in Calvert; 46.9 percent to 886 in Charles and 47.4 percent to 799 on St. Mary's.

Turkey hunters reported taking 91 wild turkeys during the fall season that was open Oct. 26 through Nov. 3 in Maryland's three westernmost counties. The harvest was slightly lower than the 97 turkeys reported last year. Harvest numbers for each county were: Allegany, 22; Garrett, 53; and Washington, 16.

Press Release from MD DNR

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Glenn Short landed this 30 pound catfish off the Chaptico Wharf Sunday. The cats are back!

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The nor'easter last week kept a lot of fishermen off the bay with small craft warnings. We also had high tides bringing our water back to summertime levels.

The strippers responded by returning to the shorelines where fishermen caught them on top water poppers, live bait, and swimming plugs. Goose Creek, Hog Point, and the Navey Recreation Pier in Solomons had some good catches.

Bait fishermen on the Point Look-

out Pier using cut alewife caught some keeper rockfish in the rough surf.

Trollers and jiggers continue to catch strippers in the Potomac and the Patuxent with breaking fish drawing diving gulls.

There are plenty of rockfish in the triangle area out the mouth of the Potomac. Breaking fish are in the Point No Point area to marker 72, the Target Ship and on the Mud Leads.

The weather forecast for the end of the week calls for sunshine and temperatures approaching 60 degrees. The winds will calm and the fishing will be great.

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In Remembrance

Merle Deloris Hayden Colton



Merle Deloris Hayden Colton, 95, of Bushwood, MD passed away on November 14, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD with her family at her side.

She was born in Abell, MD on July 9, 1924 to the late George Lawrence Hayden and Agnes Janette Oliver Hayden.

Merle is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She is a graduate of Margaret Brent High School. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing and dance. She was a delicious cook and made the "best meatloaf" around. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend to many. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

Merle is survived by her children: Jeanine Peele of Indian Land, SC, Thomas Hodges Colton, Jr., of Easton, MD, John Hansen Colton (Karen) of Avenue, MD, and Kenneth Lawrence Colton (Theresa) of Front Royal, VA; her grandchildren: Patrick, Anthony, Katie, Alana, Thomas III, and Emily; her great grandchildren: Sean, Brendan, Karlie, Chad, Krista, Bayne, Leland, Lance, and Isla; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her siblings: Lawrence "Boy" Hayden, James Roland Hayden, Olive Hayden, Perry Hayden, Eldridge Hayden, Genevieve Thompson, and Mildred Hayden.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Sam Plummer as celebrant and Reverend George Wilkinson as concelebrant. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be: John Colton, Ken Colton, Thomas Colton, Jr., Thomas Colton III, Patrick Quinn, Anthony Quinn, Sean Quinn, Brendan Quinn and Chad Quinn.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

Fred Alvin Valentine



Fred Alvin Valentine, age 81, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Born on September 4, 1938, he was the son of the late Frank Alvin Valentine and the late Margaret E. Myers Valentine.

Fred proudly served in the US Army from April 1958 to January 1967, including serving as an MP during the aftermath

of the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he began a career with the United Parcel Service as a Truck Driver then served as a Business Agent with the Teamsters Union Local #639, and ultimately returned to drive the "big rigs" for UPS until his retirement in 2000.

Although, Fred left the military life behind, he never forgot the veterans. He was an advocate for his brothers and sisters who served and waved the flag proudly. Patriotism was as much a part of him on his final days as the day he enlisted. Fred enjoyed spending time on the golf course teeing off under the sunshine and when he couldn't be on the course, he could watch golf for hours. If you knew Fred, you've heard him speak about his beloved 1968 Firebird. He worked countless hours restoring and perfecting his favorite car. He was always happy to talk "shop" about cars or jump in to turn wrenches.

Fred was an honorable and kind man. He loved his family above all and treasured even the little moments with them. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Fred is survived by the love of his life and wife of 52 years, Barbara A. Valentine, his daughter, Sherri V. Collins (Gary) of Mechanicsville, MD and his son, Timothy Valentine (Silke) of California and six (6) grandchildren, Jonathan Collins (Ashley), Justin Collins, Nicholas Collins (Kirby), Brooke Collins, Bryan Valentine and Shane Valentine. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen S. Valentine and his brother, Robert Valentine.

Family will receive visitors for Fred's Life Celebration Memorial Gathering on Monday, November 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Dave Huffman officiating at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will follow at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623 at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Fred's name may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project

The family can receive condolences at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Arrangements are all made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Frances Wilson Hahne



Frances Wilson Hahne, 67, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away on November 5, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Born in Long Island, New York on December 30, 1951,

she was the daughter of the late John Wesley Wilson and the late Jane Cook Wilson.

Fran had a passion for the auto industry and held several jobs in that field throughout her career. Most recently she worked for State Farm Insurance as an Appraiser. Fran was delighted to begin her well-de-

served retirement in December of 2016.

Fran's lively spirit and good humor touched the lives of her family and her many friends. She was an avid golfer and member of the Wicomico Shores Golf Club and the Wicomico Senior Blitz Golf Group. When she wasn't golfing, she enjoyed her two basset hounds, her cats, cooking, and flower gardening. Fran was also a talented artist and painter. Fran devotedly cheered on the Washington Nationals throughout many seasons and was thrilled to see them become World Champions!

Fran married her beloved Frederick Hahne on March 23rd, 1995. They shared over 16 wonderful years of marriage until his passing in 2011. More recently Fran enjoyed a close relationship with Harold McKay. Their companionship provided them both with great joy for many years. She is survived by her brother, Robert Wilson of Florida and sister, Janet Wilson Smith of Pennsylvania.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 12:00pm at Dent Chapel, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will follow at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Frances' name may be made to: St. Mary's Animal Welfare League, PO Box

1232, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

All arrangements are being handled by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Clifford Mackall Ricketts



Clifford Mackall Ricketts, 89, of Leonardtown, MD died peacefully Saturday, November 9, 2019, at his home in Leonardtown with his family at his side.

He was born on March 18, 1930 in Washington, D.C. to the late Clifford Ray Ricketts and Mildred Trueworthy Ricketts.

Mackall graduated in 1952 from the University of Maryland where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. On June 15, 1952, he married his beloved wife, Elizabeth Ingalls "Betty" Ricketts, in Bethesda, MD. They celebrated over 60 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in November 2012. In January 1953 he proudly joined the United States Navy and served his country until his honorable discharge in May 1956 as a Gunnery Officer. He served in Korea and on the Mediterranean Sea aboard two

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Fletcher-class destroyers, the USS John Hood for two and a half years and then the USS Healy for six months. He was a partner with his father and brother at Ricketts, Ricketts, Nelson and Mudd accounting firm for over 36 dedicated years until his retirement in 1992. In 1978, Mackall and Betty purchased waterfront property in Leonardtown and came down most weekends with their family. In 1995, they permanently moved to St. Mary's and built a beautiful home off of Breton Bay.

Mackall and his identical twin brother, Martel Trueworthy Ricketts, married identical twin sisters and spent their entire lives doing things together and enjoying every moment. He and his wife and brother and sister-in-law traveled extensively, which included England, Italy, Scotland, Greece, Germany, Ireland and France. The four owned a 26-foot Bayliner named the "Isobeth" that Mackall and his brother enjoyed using for fishing and boating. For over 20 years the brothers traveled on the Intracoastal Waterway to North Carolina by boat to their mother-in-law's home where they met up with their wives who had traveled there by car. Mackall volunteered with the Department of Aging doing taxes for 13+ years and at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for over 20 years in the Patient Accounting Office.

Mackall is survived by his children: Layne Ricketts of Leonardtown, MD, Carolyn Ricketts of Edgewater, MD, and Diane Brewer (Rocky) of Laramie, WY; his identical twin brother Martel Ricketts (Isobel) of Leonardtown, MD; three grandchildren: Lance Ricketts (Angela), April Cleven (Chris) and Logan Brewer; and five great-grandchildren, Jaeden Cleven, Cole Cleven, Shane Cleven, Declan Cleven, and Faith Cleven.

Family will receive friends for Mackall's Life Celebration on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, with a funeral service at 2:00 PM at the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

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

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Emily Elizabeth Sonntag



Emily Elizabeth Sonntag, 90, of Colton's Point, MD passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in Statham, Georgia surrounded by her loving family.

Emily was born in Berkley Springs, West Virginia to the late Ward Hobday and Myrtle Stotler Hobday. Emily grew up in a home shared by her parents and 13 siblings, many of whom preceded her in death.

Emily is survived by her four children: Sherry A. Sonntag-Whorl (Steven) of Leonardtown, MD; Judy Marie Sonntag of Winder, GA; Billy Sonntag (Kelly) of Avenue, MD; and Ruth Hayden (Billy) of Statham, GA. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, all who live in Maryland, Georgia, and Alaska.

Emily was married to her beloved husband, William B. Sonntag AKA Capt. Bill. They celebrated over 52 wonderful years before his passing in December of 2012. About 45 years ago, Capt. Bill and Emily moved from Camp Springs, MD to their permanent home in Colton's Point, MD. Emily loved living on the water, and spent many hours walking the beach collecting shells, sea glass, broken pieces of pottery, arrowheads, and other treasures. She looked forward to the return of the ospreys each year, and was very content sitting on her deck watching the birds raise their young. Emily spent a lot of time on the water fishing and crabbing with Capt. Bill, and exploring the nearby islands.

Emily was happiest when all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren gathered at her house for the holidays, as she loved cooking big meals and making sure everyone had plenty to eat. If you had the privilege of knowing Emily, you know what a wonderful cook she was. Christmas was an especially festive occasion, complete with a visit from Santa

Claus and his helper to hand out gifts to everyone in attendance. A lot of love and laughter was shared by everyone, especially when it came time for the "Chinese Gift Exchange."

Emily and Capt. Bill decided early on that the winters of Southern Maryland were too cold for them, and each year they traveled to Florida right after the Christmas holidays. They wintered in Sebastian on the east coast of Florida, where they fished the Indian River Lagoon for trout and other pan fish. Emily spent long hours walking the Florida beaches, and added to her collection of seashore treasures. While in Florida, Emily and Capt. Bill attended many local art and craft shows, dined at numerous places, shared time with their "snow bird" friends, went to lots of yard sales, and soaked up the sun's rays. Emily returned to Maryland each spring deeply tanned and rested, but happy to be back in Maryland.

Emily will be most remembered for her unconditional love and support of her family, her many acts of kindness, her words of advice, her faith, and her bible, which had become quite worn from years of reading favorite scriptures and passages. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend to so many.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609.

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

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Dennis Kleeen



Dennis Kleeen, 70, of Hollywood, MD died Monday, November 11, 2019 at his residence.

Born December 28, 1948 in Meadville, PA. Dennis has lived in Hollywood since

1990, having previously lived in Severn, MD. He was a loving father and grandfather. He worked for the Department of the Navy and several Defense Contractors as an engineer before retiring in 2006.

Dennis loved boating, working on projects around the house, and relaxing with friends.

Dennis is survived by his ex-wife and friend: Jane Kleeen of Hollywood, MD; two children: Kelley Wallace (Bradley) of York, PA and Heather Arthur (Ryan) of Hollywood, MD; and his 4 grandchildren: Abigail Arthur, Aidan Arthur, Mallory Wallace, and Ashton Arthur.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 24, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650; with prayers recited at 4:00 p.m.

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

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Mary Macon Prior



Mary Macon Prior, 86, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on November 6, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center.

Born April 7, 1933 in Washington, D.C. she was the daughter

of the late Edward Macon, MD and Isabel Carpenter Macon.

Mary grew up in Washington, D.C. She and her family spent summers in California, Maryland where Mary enjoyed fishing and boating. Mary attended Radford College (now University) graduating with a degree in education. She taught Home Economics for 19 years at Benjamin Stodert Middle School in Marlow Heights, Maryland. For several years, Mary helped and cared for her uncle, Robert C. Macon, Major General, USA Retired, in California, Maryland. For many years, during and after retiring from teaching, Mary helped build, operate, and maintain a marina at Joy Point in California, MD, with General Macon. She excelled in boat and home repairs and operated and maintained her own boats over the years. Mary married Francis X. Prior in 1980. They were happily married for 33 years; Francis passed away in 2013. Mary lived at St. Mary's Nursing Center for the past four years.

Mary was a kind, good-hearted, unpretentious, and loving person. She enjoyed the outdoors and boating on the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay. She also enjoyed baking bread, cakes, and cookies for her family.

Mary is survived by her children, Robert Prior, DMD (Cheryl Budd DMD), of Lexington Park, MD; Bruce Prior, DMD (Mary Jane Prior PhD), of North Wales, PA; and Donald Prior, MD, of Madeira Beach, FL; and grandsons, Francis, Robert, Thomas, Jake, and Jack Prior, and one great grandson, Alexander Prior. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Xavier Prior and her siblings, Edward Macon, MD, and Robert Macon, MD.

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Earl Leo DeNeale



Earl Leo DeNeale, 98, of Leonardtown, MD peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 8, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. He was born

to the late Helen Pauline Bradfield DeNeale and Walter Earl DeNeale on October 4, 1921 in Washington, DC.

Earl was raised in Washington, DC and attended Anacostia High School. After high school he began working for Bolling Field Airforce Base as a junior aircraft mechanic, until he enlisted in the Navy. After receiving an honorable discharge



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from the Navy in 1946 and loving all things aircraft, he then went back to work at Bolling Field Air Force Base as a senior aircraft mechanic. In 1960 he transferred to Andrews Airforce Base as an Aircraft Foreman, leading a large crew, until his retirement in 1972. If you ever spoke to Earl you heard many stories about his time working at Andrew's and all of the wonderful memories he made with his "men."

Earl was a loving husband, father, grandfather, faithful neighbor and friend to everyone. He truly met no stranger. Earl took such pride in helping others every chance he had. He couldn't wait to tell his family about a "friend" that he met and how he had to show them an article or picture he thought they may enjoy. He loved sharing stories and incorporated history facts into nearly every conversation.

He was a strong Christian man; he and his wife Jean were founding members of Forest Heights Baptist Church and Leonardtown Baptist Church and were instrumental in building both of these churches among other churches they were members of through the years.

Earl had a love of building and along with many house renovations and additions, he also built numerous homes and a cabin cruiser. He loved the outdoors and the water. Fishing and hunting were among his top hobbies. He shared his love of fishing with anyone who was willing to get on the boat with him. Although, Earl had many interests and hobbies, his greatest love was his beloved wife, family and extended family. He adored his many nieces and nephews.

Earl met his loving wife, Jean at Anacostia High School in Washington, DC in 1942. It was love at first sight for Earl. He knew Jeanie was "the one." Jean and Earl were married August 5, 1944 and would have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary this year! Earl and Jean did everything together, from home projects, to fishing and hunting. Raising their three children and spending time with their grandchildren brought them so much joy.

In addition to Washington, DC Earl was a resident of Prince George's County, MD, Punta Gorda, FL, Little River, SC and various towns within St. Mary's County, MD. In Earl's younger years he spent weekends in the county and after his retirement he and his late wife built their dream home on Nats Creek in Hollywood, MD. He considered St. Mary's his "Home". Five years ago, Earl and Jean moved to Cedar Lane Senior Living Community in

Leonardtown, Maryland where they made many new friends and cherished their time together.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by his wife of almost 75 years, Jean O. Taylor DeNeale, sisters Dorothy (Dot) P. Berwick and Margueritte (Sis) P. England, and brother Frank J. DeNeale.

Earl is survived by his three children, William E. DeNeale of Charlotte Hall, MD, Betty (Glenn) J. Ratliff of Park Hall, MD and Donna DeNeale-Norris of California, MD. He is also survived by his grandchildren: David DeNeale, Karen Reynolds, William DeNeale, Blake (Rachel) Reeder, Natalie Reeder, Evan Reeder and Hollie Ratliff, 4 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Earl also left behind many nieces and nephews he held dear to his heart.

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

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

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Gladys "Jimmie" Beatrice Farrell



Gladys "Jimmie" Beatrice Farrell, 94 of Coltons Point, MD formerly of Forestville, MD passed away on November 14, 2019 in LaPlata, MD. Born August 6, 1925 in Clinton, MD,

she was the daughter of the late Mable G. and John B. Padgett, Sr.

"Bea" was the loving wife of the late Thomas H. Farrell, Sr., whom she married on January 13, 1943 in Avenue, MD and preceded her in death on November 16, 1998.

She is survived by her daughters: Joan Bowles, and Melody Keeler (Louis) of Waldorf, MD, sister: Roberta Taylor of Leonardtown, MD, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law Deborah Farrell of LaPlata, MD. "Bea" was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Farrell,

Jr., siblings: Inez Lusby and John "Jack" Padgett, Jr, and son-in-law John Bowles.

"Bea" graduated from Surrattsville High School in 1942, she moved to St. Mary's County in 2013 from Forestville, MD, she was a Homemaker. "Bea" loved family gatherings, reading, word search, crossword puzzles, bird and squirrel watching, fishing, bingo, music, sewing, family trips and outings with her sister.

Mary Alice Somerville



Mary Alice Somerville, 74, was peacefully called home to the Lord on Friday, November 8, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital after a short illness.

Mary Alice was born on August 22, 1945 to the late Mary Elizabeth Fenwick and John C. Miles in Park Hall, MD. Mary Alice was educated at Banneker High School. She was a member of Our Lady's Church in Medley's Neck but after moving to Lexington Park, MD she frequently attended Holy Face Church in Great Mills.

Mary Alice was joined in Holy matrimony with Louis Edward Somerville on August 22 and was married for 7 years before he departed this earth. Their union

was blessed with four children: Alice (Liz) Thomas (John), Brenda Goldring, Mary Eleanor Somerville and Gladys Somerville. She worked as a child care provider for many years. She enjoyed taking care of the children and treated them as her own and in recent years her "babies" London, Serenity, Destiny and Harmony would accompany her to family activities. Mary Alice enjoyed reading, especially the bible, listening to music, spending quality time with family, and planting flowers. She loved chatting it up with Dorothy (Dot) Chase whom she fondly thought of as a daughter.

Mary Alice will be sorely missed by her children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Mary Eleanor, granddaughter Jaliyah Scriber, son in-law Earl Goldring, and very dear and special friend Vernon Eugene Barnes and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. The family wishes to express our deep and sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who prayed comforted and remembered us in our hours of bereavement. We thank you for your love, support and many acts of kindness. May God bless each of you.

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(11-04-11)

Marguerite
(11-18-11)

Billy
(11-22-03)

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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.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

LHS Girls Lacrosse Fundraiser

Escape from the Past Escape Rooms
22595 Unit B Three Notch Rd
California

4p.m. to 8p.m.

Book online at www.escapefromthepast.com using promotion code "Leonardtown_Girls_LAX" and 10% of the total booking will be donated to the Leonardtown Girls Lacrosse team. Call us at 301-247-1721 for booking assistance or if there are any questions.

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub
Joe Hazel Road

Leonardtown

4p.m. to 7p.m.

Every Thursday until the Queen of Hearts is chosen by the winner. Thank you for your support and good luck!

Grocery Auction

Mother Catherine Academy
38833 Chaptico Road

Mechanicsville

6p.m.

The groceries arrive in a refrigerated trailer from distribution centers and major grocery stores throughout the area. Some items are over-stocked; some have "sell by dates" too close to put on grocery shelves; some are name-brand products and some are not. Payment will be cash, check, or credit cards. Ten percent buyer's premium School cafeteria will be serving concessions. For more information, please contact: MCA—301-884-3165 or Ronnie Farrell—301-904-3402

Tree-Ring Dating and Historic Structures

Historic St. Mary's City Visitor Center Auditorium

18751 Hogaboom Lane

St. Mary's City,

7p.m. to 8p.m.

Join dendrochronologist Michael Worthington on an exploration of this fascinating but little-known science and

the ways that it has changed our understanding of historic structures. This lecture is free and open to the public. (240) 895-4990, info@HSMCdighistory.org.

Friday, Nov. 22, 2019

Park Place Toastmasters Club Meeting

Church of Ascension

21641 Great Mills Road

Lexington Park

Noon to 1p.m.

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

Auction

Immaculate Conception Church Hall
28297 Old Village Road

Mechanicsville

4p.m. to 10p.m.

Auction to benefit Immaculate Conception Church

Quilts, furniture, antiques, gift sets, dinners, gift cards, sports memorabilia, collectibles, and many other items made and donated by the parish and business communities. Visa and M/C accepted. For information, contact: Annette Wood (301) 481-3813. Georgia Russell (301) 904-3807. Rectory (301) 884-3123

Grief at the Holidays Workshop

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

25500 Point Lookout Rd

Leonardtown

5:30p.m. to 8p.m.

Participants will explore strategies for coping with grief during the holidays and other special occasions after the loss of a loved one. To learn more or register, call Hospice at 301-994-3023.

SMTMD Open Mic

Christ Church Parish Hall

37497 Zach Fowler Road

Chaptico

7p.m. to 10p.m.

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to the SMTMD open mic. The admission is \$7, and performers are admitted free. To sign up to

perform, please contact Mike Smith at smtmdmike@gmail.com. Visit www.smtmd.org for more information. Refreshments will be available.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019

5K Girls on the Run SOMD

St. Mary's Ryken High School

22600 Camp Calvert Rd

Leonardtown

9a.m. to 11:30a.m.

Join us for our celebratory 5k at St. Mary's Ryken High School that marks the end of our Fall 2019 season to cheer on and run along side the 48 amazing young girls that completed the program! Visit www.gotrsomd.org to register or contact the Race Director, Jenna Link, at jenna.link@girlsontherun.org.

23rd Annual Thanksgiving 5k/Pre-diction 5k/& Fun Walk

Historic St. Mary's City Visitor Center

18751 Hogaboom Lane

Saint Marys City

9a.m. to 11a.m.

Benefiting Special Olympics St. Mary's County. Please visit Active.com for registration or email catfloy@gmail.com for more details or a mail-in application. \$25.00 Pre-registered, \$30.00 race day. Well-behaved dogs on leashes allowed. Bring your leftover pumpkins to place in the bin for the pigs at HSMC to snack on.

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019

Hollywood VFD Auxiliary Fall Craft Show

Hollywood VFD

24801 Three Notch Road

Hollywood

10a.m. to 3p.m.

The Craft Show is open to shoppers and browsers from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and there is no admission fee. There are many returning vendors and in addition, there are several new vendors who are participating in the Craft Show. There are many local vendors as well as Vendors who travel several hundred miles

who will be participating in the Craft Show. For further information about the Fall Craft Show, please visit the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department's website at: craftshow@hvfd7.com

Turkey Shoot

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge

27636 Mechanicsville Road

Mechanicsville

Noon to 5p.m.

Shoot for meats, prizes, and money. Call Jimmy Suite for further info. 240-417-5767.

Monday, Nov. 25, 2019

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge

45779 Fire Department Lane

Lexington Park,

7p.m. to 11p.m.

\$25 Buy in = 6,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing. Earn a BOUNTY chip worth \$5 dollars for every person that you bust out of the tournament. Omaha Hi/Lo : \$.50—\$1 no limit (starts at 4pm). Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019

DLLR Veteran Assistance

Calvert Library

850 Costley Way

Prince Frederick

9a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Representative from DLLR Disabled Veteran Outreach Program will be available from 9-11 am to meet with veterans seeking employment. Registration encouraged, but not required. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. CalvertLibrary.info.

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

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

Visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging for the most up-to date information

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Gift Donations Needed for Christmas Gift Bingo

Every year at the Loffler Senior Activity Center we offer a special day of Bingo in which Christmas shopping items are the prizes. We will have a full house of 50 players and are looking for donations of gifts for our prize table. Donations should be new items, not shopworn or expired foodstuffs, but items that are suitable for gift-giving. They should not be gift-wrapped. Donations can be dropped off at the Loffler Senior Activity Center Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., now through Dec. 17. Thank you for thinking of us. If you have questions call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Rustic Wooden Disc Holiday Ornaments

Craft and chat with the Garvey Senior Activity Center Operations Manager on Monday, Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. We will be making rustic wooden disc ornaments – perfect for decorating a Christmas tree or giving as gifts. Cost is \$1 per ornament with a maximum of 4 ornaments per person. Payment and number of ornaments are due when registering. Space is limited. To learn more, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Holiday Magic

Looking for practical make-up and hair styling tips for older women? Want to jazz up your holiday look by shopping in your closet and adding an accessory or two? Join Diana Diggins owner of Halo Hair Care Studio in Lexington Park and local wardrobe consultant Robbie Loker as they help you tap into some holiday magic on Monday, Dec. 2, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center. The cost is

\$15 per person and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up with payment in advance, please visit the front desk. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Holiday Music Showcase with Lunch

Enjoy a lovely meal while Diane Trautman plays holiday tunes on the piano. Following the meal, Kathy Creswell will lead us in the Holiday Music Showcase at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 12 p.m. You won't want to miss this lively holiday celebration. Sign up in advance by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Fabric Holiday Wreath Class

Learn to make an adorable, festive holiday wreath with fabric and a wreath form. Experienced crafter Valerie Jenkins provides all instruction and materials for the class. Class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center. The cost is \$7 and is due at sign up. To sign up with payment in advance, please visit the front desk. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Make a Fresh Holiday Wreath

Use fresh greens and a decorative bow to create a beautiful wreath for your holiday décor at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Or, surprise someone with one that you made yourself! Carol Davis will facilitate this workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Participants will walk out with a fresh wreath at the conclusion of the session. Fresh-cut greens, bows and wreath frames are included; just bring gloves to protect your hands and a pair of snips if you have them. Cost is \$30 per person, and pre-

payment is required upon registration, by Dec. 3. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by in person to sign up and make payment arrangements. 10 participants are needed to hold the class.

Gingerbread Houses Craft Class

Come join us as we create the time-honored tradition of holiday gingerbread houses at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m.! We will supply all the materials and you supply the creativity. Each person will take home one gingerbread house. We will have hot cocoa and cookies to enjoy as well. Cost for the class is \$5. Payment is due when registering. Space is limited. To learn more or to sign up, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Christmas Party: Celebrate the Season

Set aside Friday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the annual Department of Aging & Human Services Christmas party, which will take place at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Tickets are available at all three senior activity centers for a suggested donation of \$14. Our theme is Celebrate the Season. We will enjoy all of our favorite party elements such as Mean Gene DJ, dancing, raffles, door prizes galore, party favors and a toast to the season of giving. Our feast, to be catered by Mission BBQ, will include Sliced Smoked Turkey, Country Style Macaroni & Cheese, Homestyle Green Beans & Bacon, Savory Collard Greens and a Dinner Roll. We will follow this up with a slice of Apple Pie and a scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream for dessert. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 for more information. A limited number of tickets are available.



Papitam (Let's Play!)

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Papitam (Let's Play!) on Wednesday, November 27 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Join members of the Piscataway Conoy Nations to learn about their indigenous culture and heritage through music, dancing, and making pottery and jewelry. For ages 5 & up, accompanied by an adult. Registration required on www.stmalib.org

Library Holiday Hours

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will close early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and will remain closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. All three Library locations will be open for regular business hours on Saturday, November 30.

Meet the Marsh Animals

Lexington Park Library will hold Meet the Marsh Animals on Wednesday, November 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join educators from Calvert Marine Mu-

seum to meet some real live marsh animals, then learn more about marshes and the creatures who live there with crafts, stories, and games. For ages 4-8; registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Library Holiday Hours

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will close early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and will remain closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. All three Library locations will be open for regular business hours on Saturday, November 30.

Library Closed for Staff Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Friday, December 6 for staff training. All three locations will be open regular business hours on Saturday, December 7.

Completing the FAFSA Form – the First Step in Paying for College

Leonardtown Library will hold a class on Completing the FAFSA Form – the First Step in Paying for College on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the primary application for federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs. If you don't complete this form you could be missing out on a lot of financial aid, regardless of your financial

situation. Thirza Morgan, Financial Assistance Advisor from CSM, will join us to discuss the FAFSA process, how eligibility for need based financial aid is determined, different types of college financial aid, requirements, and sources. Immediately following the information session, Mrs. Morgan will be available to assist students and parents with completing the FAFSA for the 2020-21 academic year. Please bring your social security number, 2018 tax information (W2 forms for students and parents and federal tax form 1040) along with records of untaxed income, social security benefits, and child support received or paid in 2018. Registration recommended on www.stmalib.org.

Storytime at Greenwell State Park

The St. Mary's County Library will hold a storytime at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Ln, Hollywood, MD 20636) on Saturday, December 7 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. This storytime will coincide with Greenwell's Holiday Horse Open House program which will run 9:00 am to noon. This free family event is a great time to take your holiday photo with our horses, make a festive craft, meet their goats and sheep, and enjoy the beauty of Greenwell State Park. It's a rain, snow or shine event. Siblings welcome; no registration required.



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