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# Superintendent: County Can Handle Kirwan Costs

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's Schools Superintendent J. Scott Smith told county commissioners Tuesday that the increases demanded by the Kirwan Commission recommendations for state education improvement are something the county has proven it can afford.

Smith, who spoke critically of the Kirwan plan, which would further solidify state control over local education practices as well as increase costs, said that since the Commissioners of St. Mary's County had budgeted above maintenance of effort for schools for years, the incremental costs could be more readily absorbed.

"If Kirwan passes [the Maryland General Assembly] you won't have to substantially change how you've done business," Smith said during a joint meeting of the Board of Education and the county commissioners in Leonardtown. "But the best decisions are best made closest to the classroom."

"No money comes to anyone without strings attached."

According to a local school system analysis of Kirwan Commission recom-



Superintendent J. Scott Smith

mendations, the county's local contribution to the education budget would be \$109.5 million in fiscal 2021, compared to \$106.2 million for fiscal 2020, the current fiscal year.

For fiscal 2022 the local contribution would increase to \$112.9 million and then to \$116.6 million in 2023.

This would be an approximately 3 percent increase each year, the analysis stated.

Local contributions to the school system have increased from \$76 million in fiscal 2011 to \$106 million in fiscal 2020, school system figures showed.

The Kirwan Commission recommendations call for an increase of \$4 billion dollars by 2030 for education funding statewide; the five focus areas of these proposed spending increases are early childhood education, nurturing high-quality teachers and leaders, making students ready for college and career readiness, increasing access to resources for student success and governance and accountability.

While the state teachers' union and Democratic leadership in the General Assembly have lauded the spending proposals as a victory for educational equity, Gov. Larry Hogan and some local leaders have decried the plans as a spending spree with very little accountability for student achievement.

Underpinning the major spending increases would likely be tax increases,

some who oppose the plan have stated publicly.

Local salary costs under the Kirwan plan could mean an additional \$16.4 million in salary step and cost of living increases if the increases were not restricted, Smith's analysis showed, from 2022 to 2024.

Smith said that there was much confusion about how the spending increases would be implemented as well as how governance and accountability would be established.

"If you have questions, I very possibly don't have an answer," Smith said to county commissioners.

School Board Member Cathy Allen said she some of the claims the Kirwan Commission made, particularly about millions of dollars in savings that could be had from reducing the number of special needs students, to result from a two-year education reform push.

Commissioner Eric Colvin called such projections "ridiculous."

"If we could've done this in two years, wouldn't we have done it already?" Allen said.

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# St. Mary's Key to National Heritage Designation

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Lucille Walker, director of the Southern Maryland Heritage Area, came to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday to gain support for a proposal to make Southern Maryland a National Heritage Area.

If successful, Walker said, it would only be the second national heritage area in Maryland and would join just 56 other such areas around the nation.

The goal, she said, was to make Southern Maryland an even more well-known destination for tourists and visitors, eager to explore its rich history.

"It's time to raise our national profile," Walker told county commissioners at their Tuesday meeting. "You're the first commissioner board I'm speaking to."

There were multiple reasons to pursue a federal designation as a National Heritage Area, Walker said, with many stemming from St. Mary's County itself.

Maryland started in St. Mary's City as an English colony in 1634 and it was also the first time in what would become America when a person of African descent, the Portuguese navigator Mathias de Souza, held a seat in the colony's legislature.

It was also the first time in the New World when a woman, Margaret Brent, petitioned the colonial leaders to allow her the right to vote, Walker said.

Perhaps most importantly, she said, St. Mary's County and Southern Maryland was the birthplace of religious freedom in the colonies.

Federal funds to seek the designation were now available, Walker said, and it was important to start soon as lawmakers at the federal level had the final decision; she said the region's federal delegation of legislators was supportive of the effort.

"It will take an act of Congress," Walker said.

She said the national heritage designation could be useful to boost Southern Maryland's profile for the state's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which is 14 years hence.

The Southern Maryland Heritage Area's mission is to promote the region and bring in grant money that can be used to preserve historically significant buildings or items.

So far, in fiscal 2020, the heritage consortium has brought in \$128,570 in capital and non-capital grants for St. Mary's and \$331,000 for all of Southern Maryland.

Walker said the Southern Maryland Heritage area has been able to bring in triple the amount of grants in the last three years.

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# Woman Jailed on First Degree Murder Charge

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A Washington, D.C. woman indicted by the Grand Jury in September for a homicide she allegedly committed in Chaptico, but whose indictment was only unsealed in late November when she was arrested on a first-degree murder warrant, remains incarcerated in the county detention center on a no-bond status.

Marlaena Rochelle Bethea, 46, of Oxon Hill allegedly stabbed and killed Michael Ross Bethea, 47, at a family gathering in Chaptico this past spring.

According to sheriff's office information on May 26, at approximately 11:20 p.m. deputies responded to the 35800 block of Bay Drive for a reported stabbing. Lifesaving measures were attempted by responding officers and emergency personnel, but Michael Bethea was pronounced deceased on the scene.



Marlaena Rochelle Bethea

Preliminary investigation determined the victim was involved in a family dispute, and was subsequently stabbed outside the residence, detectives reported.

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## Commissioners Approve Water, Sewer for Hollywood Project



The parcel where Hollywood Square is to be built is located behind Bruster's Real Ice Cream.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A small, proposed commercial development on Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood, known as Hollywood Square, received inclusion in the county's comprehensive water and sewer plan (CWSP) after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved the amendment at their Tuesday meeting.

The vote was passed by a 3-to-1 vote, with Commissioner Todd Morgan in opposition.

The developer of the project wants to build three shops on a .64-acre parcel bounded by the intersections of Route 235 and Mervell Dean Road with Clark's Landing Road.

Last month the county Board of Appeals voted by a 3-to-2 margin to approve variances for the project that much reduced buffers and setbacks normally required by the zoning ordinance.

That vote took place Nov. 14 with some of the appeals board members opposing the variance for the project because it was too large for the small space upon which it was to be built.

The site plan had been revised since its first hearing before the board of ap-

peals in August, with square footage reductions to the restaurant and carry out to 1,400 square feet and 1,225 square feet respectively with the coffee shop increasing to 1,200 square feet from 952 square feet.

The conditions of the variance were that the developer must put up a 10-foot buffer of plantings along the immediate section of Clarks Landing Road as well as Mervell Dean Road and a 6-foot buffer of plantings along its rear towards Route 235.

The variances the developer requested were to reduce the setback from roadway from 50 feet to 35 feet along Route 235 and from 35 feet to 25 feet along Mervell Dean Road.

The three-shop commercial project would stand behind the Bruster's Real Ice Cream and in close proximity to businesses across Mervell Dean Road.

Morgan was concerned that the project was too intensive for the small parcel.

"It looks like they're trying to squeeze as much as possible on a very small parcel," Morgan said.

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## St. Mary's Splash to Raise Funds for Special Olympics



Swimmers at 2018's St. Mary's Splash

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

This Saturday swimmers will wade into chilly waters at Point Lookout State Park in Scotland to help raise money for Special Olympics in St. Mary's County and ensure they have funding for sports and leadership programs throughout the year.

There are 8,033 Special Olympics athletes in Maryland, according to St. Mary's Splash event organizer information.

Fundraising leading up the event has brought in \$13,600, just short of the \$15,000 goal, the event website states.

Jeff Hagen, area director for Special Olympics, said all money raised this Saturday will support local special Olympians.

"This is for St. Mary's only," Hagen said.

The Polar Bear Plunge is a statewide event held on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

Hagen said about 200 people have registered before the event to raise funds, swimmers who arrive the day of the event can pay \$75 to wade into the chill waters.

"That \$75 gives them the t-shirt saying, 'I Splashed,'" Hagen said. "It gives them bragging rights."

About twice as many people have signed up to participate this year as opposed to last year, Hagen said.

Registration starts at 11a.m. and the splash occurs at 1p.m.

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## School Board Approves \$1.5 Million for Health Premium Holiday

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Board of Education approved a budget amendment Tuesday morning at a special meeting at their Moakley Street headquarters in Leonardtown to use \$1.5 million from a prescription medication plan rebate to provide a limited health premium holiday for system employees.

Last month, the school board had sought approval from the county commissioners to provide a premium holiday for four paychecks, but it was rejected; the latest plan would allow system employees to avoid paying health premiums for two paycheck periods.

The system would use the \$1.5 million to pay the premiums for employees, as well as to retirees for their healthcare holiday, and the remainder to other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

Of the \$1.5 million, \$412,848 would go to the premium holiday, \$329,610 will go to retiree healthcare while \$757,542 will go to OPEB.

School Superintendent J. Scott Smith said for the past several years the system had been able to provide several health premium holidays; this year the school system got a rebate of \$3.5 million.

Last year the system got \$2.9 million back and was able to provide four premium holidays.

School system information showed

that employees took fewer visits to the emergency room, instead using urgent care facilities, as well as telemed conferences with physicians to help lower costs.

"Our employees are doing an incredible thing," Smith said. "They're earning us money back."

But, Smith said, the money the system got back due to its employees being frugal with their health plans was fund balance and could be controlled by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

"They are completely correct... this is not in our original budget," Smith said at Tuesday's meeting. "They have complete control... they can veto the amount."

Smith said the current plan would help to bolster their underfunded OPEB account, which has a liability of more than \$300 million.

School Board Member Rita Weaver, who was the lone opposition vote to the adjusted plan, said rumors on social media stating that even employees who had not contributed to the health plan would receive a benefit were false.

"That's wrong," Weaver said. "If you did not put into the system, you will not receive a health care holiday."

Weaver still supported giving premium holiday over four pay periods.

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## Commissioners Sign Memorandum of Cooperation with Pärnu to Form Sister Counties

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, during their regular business meeting, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Chairman of the Maryland Estonia Exchange Council, Tovi Tagamets, to enter into a partnership of sister counties between St. Mary's County and the Association of Local Authority Pärnu County, Estonia.

According to the memorandum, this agreement will allow for the "exploration of opportunities to cultivate a greater understanding of each other, raise cross-cultural awareness between both cities and generally advance their friendship. Furthermore, we will work together toward sharing information and creative endeavors between St. Mary's County and The Association of Local Authorities of Pärnumaa." Commissioner President Randy Guy remarked,

"This is a unique opportunity for St. Mary's County, and we are proud to enter into this agreement."

This partnership is one of many similar arrangements between other counties in Maryland and Estonia. It is the culmination of several months of work between representatives from St. Mary's County and the Maryland Exchange Council. Pärnu County is one of 15 counties of Estonia and is in the southwestern part of the country.

For more information about the Maryland Estonia Exchange Council, visit their website at <https://www.marylandestoniaexchangeCouncil.org/>.

To view the signing of the agreement, visit the St. Mary's County Government YouTube page or tune into St. Mary's County Government Channel 95 Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. for a replay of the Commissioners Meeting.

## Maryland Announces National Hotline on MS-13 Gang

Maryland is the first District to announce the new nationwide FBI tipline, 1-866-STP-MS13 (1-866-787-6713), to gather information about the criminal activities of the MS-13 gang. To help publicize the tipline and encourage people who may have information about the gang to call, a Spanish-language public service announcement was also debuted today.

The tipline was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Robert K. Hur; Special Agent in Charge Jennifer C. Boone of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore Field Office; Special Agent in Charge Rob Cekada of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Baltimore Field Division; Special Agent in Charge John Eisert of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Baltimore Office; Chief Edward G. Hargis of the Frederick Police Department; Chief Edward Jackson of the Annapolis Police Department; Chief Timothy J. Altomare of the Anne Arundel County Police Department; Chief Henry P. Stawinski III of the Prince George's County Police Department; Chief Marcus Jones of the Montgomery County Police Department; and Chief Amal Awad of the City of Hyattsville Police Department.

"This new tipline adds to our tool box in the fight against MS-13," said U.S. Attorney Robert K. Hur. "MS-13 is terrorizing and preying upon entire communities. We want to help end the fear and violence, but we need the community's help to fight back. Please, if you have information, call 1-866-STP-MS13 (1-866-787-6713). Federal, state, and local law enforcement are working together to find and bring to justice MS-13 members who commit heinous crimes—and your information will help us to do that. Your identity will be protected."

"MS-13 uses violence to strike fear in our communities and they count on that fear resulting in silence," said FBI Bal-

timore Special Agent in Charge Jennifer Boone. "We must not allow fear and silence to be weapons MS-13 is allowed to use. Please call the FBI at 1-866-STP-MS13 (1-866-787-6713). Use your voice to tell them, no more."

The FBI tipline allows individuals to provide information about MS-13 activities to a central location and the FBI will then disseminate the information to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for investigation. The Spanish-language public service announcement (PSA) features a mother who was extorted by MS-13 and whose child was murdered by the gang. In the PSA the victim encourages others to call the FBI so the FBI can help them. The PSA is available for download at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEBUTDOgCaQ> and has captions enabled for both English and Spanish. In addition, the video will be live in the videos section on the FBI's website, [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov).

MS-13 is a national and international gang composed primarily of immigrants or descendants from El Salvador. Branches or "cliques" of MS-13, one of the largest street gangs in the United States, operate throughout Frederick County, Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County, Maryland. MS-13 members are required to commit acts of violence both to maintain membership and discipline within the gang, as well as against rival gang members. To protect the gang and to enhance its reputation, MS-13 members and associates are expected to use any means necessary to force respect from those who show disrespect, including acts of intimidation and violence. MS-13 has mottos consistent with its rules, beliefs, expectations and reputation including "mata, viola, controla," which translates as, "kill, rape, control," and "ver, oir y callar," which means, "see nothing, hear nothing and say nothing."

# Charges Filed After Suspect Flees Traffic Stop in St. Mary's County

After consultation with the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County, charges have been filed against the suspect who fled a traffic stop in St. Mary's County.

The accused is identified as Dion Jamar Davis, 29, of Lexington Park, Maryland. Davis is charged with second degree assault, resisting arrest, possession of controlled dangerous substance and other traffic violations..

Shortly before 8:30 p.m. Nov. 29, state troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack were working stationary patrol on Maryland Route 246 (Great Mills Road) when they observed a Cadillac CTS traveling without its headlights illuminated. One of the troopers subsequently followed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop at Forest Run Drive at Great Mills Road.

As the trooper approached the Cadillac on foot, he detected the odor

of marijuana. A second trooper arrived on scene for assistance. The driver and sole occupant of the Cadillac, later identified as Davis, was asked to step out of the vehicle at which time he accelerated and fled from the traffic stop.

A low speed vehicle pursuit ensued and within two minutes, the Cadillac began to emit smoke. Davis stopped the Cadillac at a dead end on Spring Valley Drive at Valley Court at which time the engine compartment caught fire. Davis exited the burning vehicle and fled on foot behind an apartment complex on Valley Court.

The state trooper who was first to arrive on the scene pursued Davis on foot while maintaining visual contact with him. He noticed that Davis was fidgeting at his waistband for something. In fear for his life and others on the scene, the trooper removed his agency issued firearm from his holster

and continued to pursue Davis on foot. At some point during the foot pursuit, the trooper and Davis became involved in a physical altercation. During the struggle, one round was discharged from the firearm. At this time, circumstances surrounding the discharge of the round are currently under investigation. No one was injured.

Davis surrendered and was immediately taken into police custody. No one was injured during the incident.

State Police investigators are continuing to conduct interviews with witnesses. State Police crime scene technicians responded to process the scene.

The investigation is ongoing and being conducted by the Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division. An investigation is also underway by the Maryland State Police Internal Affairs Unit, which is procedure.

## Hollywood, Bay District Respond to Five Car Crash



The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department responded to Chancellors Run Road near Military Lane December 1 after five vehicles collided. At least one person was trapped and had to be extricated.

## Morganza Man Killed in Mechanicsville Crash

The Maryland State Police Crash Team continues to investigate a fatal crash on Saturday, November 30th, that claimed the life of a St. Mary's County man.

The deceased is identified as Joseph Smith, 50, of Morganza, Maryland. Smith was the driver of a 2017 Nissan Rogue at the time. He was pronounced deceased at the scene by emergency medical service personnel.

The other vehicle involved was a 2010 Chevrolet Express, operated by Kyle Nelson, 32, of Mechanicsville, Maryland. Nelson was flown by Trooper 7 to Prince George's Hospital. Charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

The preliminary investigation indi-

cates Nelson, who was operating the Chevrolet Express, crossed the center line into oncoming traffic. Police believe that shortly before 11:00 p.m, he was heading north in the south bound lanes when he struck the Nissan Rogue head-on in the area of Dr. Johnson Road and Kelly Cottage Lane in Mechanicsville.

The Maryland State Police Crash team is actively investigating the incident and consulting with the Office of the State's Attorney in St. Mary's County. Investigators believe alcohol may be a factor in the crash.

Anyone with relevant information or who may have witnessed the incident is urged to contact the Leonardtown Barrack at 301-475-8955. The investigation continues.

## LEGALS

### Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD LEON JENIFER  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO HOWARD LEON WOOD

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-863  
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from Howad Leon Jenifer to Howard Leon Wood. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Renew driver's license, wrong name on birth certificate.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 4th day of January, 2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit and served upon the Petitioner in accordance with Maryland Rule 1-321. Failure to file an objection or affidavit within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought.

Debra J. Burch,  
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CONTEST ENDS 12/21/19.

## Hospital Helps Fund Birthing Center Improvements



Members of the Philanthropy Committee of the hospital's Board of Directors at the 2019 Gala, back row, from left to right: Christine Wray, hospital president; Vince Whittles; and Lea Weaver. Front row: Pam Jamieson, Karen Garner, and Beverly Wood. Photo courtesy of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Irish eyes were smiling Nov. 22 as guests enjoyed the 2019 MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Gala, a Date in Dublin, at the Hollywood Social Hall.

Sponsored by the hospital and MedStar Shah Medical Group, the annual black-tie affair featured a gourmet dinner and dessert by Ken's Creative Kitchen of Annapolis with live entertainment by Paradigm. More than 500 guests attended the Irish-themed event.

Nearly \$300,000 was raised in proceeds and will help fund improvements to MedStar St. Mary's Women's Health & Family Birthing Center. The project will include the revitalization of the hospital's mother/baby suites with modern bathrooms, new furniture, and fresh décor.

During the event, chances were sold for a six-night trip for two to Ireland with four-star accommodations and airfare vouchers. This year's drawing winner was Robbie Loker.

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital would like to acknowledge this year's contributors, especially the MedStar Shah Medical Group, this year's Presenting Sponsor (\$25,000).

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# First Missionary Baptist Church Shares In Giving at George Washington Carver Elementary School



Pastor Roderick W. McClanahan leads the way as First Missionary Baptist Church supplied loaded book bags & Thanksgiving Family Baskets to students at George Washington Carver Elementary School on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Photo by Ceandra Scott.



Realtor Kim Bannister organized this event. She called out her friends, family and community to help. Brambly Inn Owner Darrell Carter opened his doors as well so that goals could be accomplished. More than 12 families received Thanksgiving baskets with turkeys. Photo by Ceandra Scott.

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## “Where’s the Grinch?!” First Friday in Leonardtown



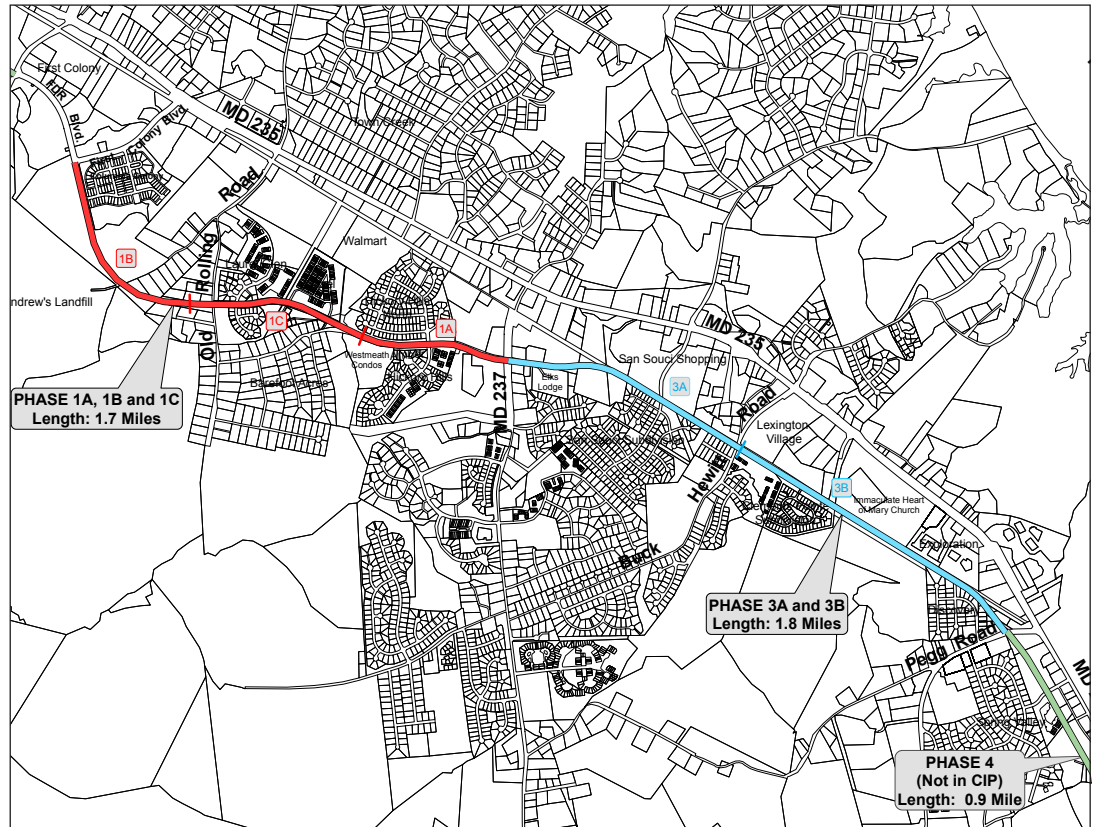
The Leonardtown Business Association and the Commissioners of Leonardtown invite you to First Friday on December 6th from 5-8 PM! Bring the whole family for a wonderful community event featuring a fun contest to find our friend The Grinch! Businesses throughout town will be colorfully decorated, many in a Dr. Seuss inspired “Whoville” theme.

Art studios, shops, and restaurants will have extended hours and one-evening only specials with several galleries hosting opening receptions for their new

shows. The audience participation Drum Circle hosted by the SoMar Drummers and St. Mary’s County Arts Council is scheduled from 7-8 PM indoors at the Town Hall, bring your percussion instrument or use theirs, all skill levels and ages are invited.

Check the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page for details about specific events at participating businesses, we look forward to seeing you there! Contact info: email Jen Stotler at membership@thelba.org or call (301) 247-7611.

# FDR Boulevard Completion Still Years Away



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

FDR Boulevard, one of the county's most important road projects designed to reduce congestion on Route 235 by providing a parallel route that will allow motorists to access key commercial properties and neighborhoods, is likely to be completed sometime in the fall of 2022, county Department of Public Works and Transportation officials said this week.

But the project has been stalled multiple times over the past two years, causing the construction schedule to be pushed back again and again.

On the county's construction project books for decades, the project was restored to funding levels in 2007 and has been slowly reaching completion in certain areas; one piece of it from First Colony Boulevard to Old Rolling Road, known as Phase 1B, was opened to much fanfare last summer but it was just six-tenths of a mile in length.

The great object of the project is to build a fully connected road to the west of Route 235 running from St. Andrews Church Road south to Pegg Road, which is immediately opposite from the main gate of Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Phase 1 of the project, located between St. Andrews Church Road and Chancellors Run Road, is divided into

three sections and has been the focal point of several delays.

Phase 1C is the last of the three sections that is waiting to be completed and sits between Phase 1B to the north and Phase 1A to the south.

Phase 1A runs from the Hickory Hills North community to Chancellors Run Road.

Allen Settle, the county's road engineer who is in charge of the overall project, said the completion of Phase 1C would be a major accomplishment, since it would open a connector road between two major state routes, Route 4 (St. Andrews Church Road) and Route 237 (Chancellors Run Road).

But this crucial section won't be finished until at least the end of spring of next year, Settle told The County Times.

The delays surrounding Phase 1C have been many, not the least of which was finding a wetland mitigation site to accommodate construction there.

Since a wetland had to be impacted by construction on FDR Boulevard, the county had to find a site for another to be constructed, this one in Leonardtown at the general site of the new library/senior center, Settle said.

"Overall [the selection of the wetland mitigation site] took four years," Settle said. "We looked through 100 properties throughout the county."

Public works chief John Deatrick said the rules they

had to follow were necessary, but produced frustration.

"It's perfectly understandable, seeing why people are so frustrated," Deatrick said. "What's most frustrating is getting this triple culvert site finished behind Wal-Mart."

"It's very difficult to work there."

There are no plans to have a direct connection from FDR Boulevard to Wal-Mart, Settle and Deatrick said.

The main reason is that such a road would run too close to a storm water management pond directly behind the store, Settle said.

Installation of the triple culvert, upon which would rest part of the FDR Boulevard roadway, is now the key delay in finishing Phase 1C.

The soft soil there made it necessary to excavate tons of earth from there to be replaced by soil that could be compacted to an acceptable firmness to withstand heavy traffic and maintain the road's structural integrity, Settle said.

"The triple culverts are in," Settle said. "The roadway embankment is still under construction over the triple culvert."

Despite all of the challenges that public works and the contractor face in completing the project, continued wet weather both last month and this have caused delays, Settle said the completion will be a major accomplishment.

"In terms of traffic, it'll be huge," Settle said.

Aside from mitigating wetlands and dealing with poor soils in the northern most part of the project, engineers have also had to move multiple utilities including those of SMECO, Verizon, Washington Gas and Atlantic Broadband, Settle said.

All of this was required to build on a section of road found between Barefoot Drive and Kinnegad Drive to complete the first phase of the project.

Work there will continue through December but will essentially be on hold from January and February since cold temperatures prohibit the laying of concrete and asphalt, Settle said.

This means construction will have to begin in earnest in March through May of next year, Settle said, to make the current goal.

What is known as Phase 3 will run from Chancellors Run Road south to Pegg Road, has had no county construction work done yet, but is fully planned, according to the public works chief.

"All of our engineering plans are 100 percent done," Deatrick said.

The first phase, Phase 3A, will run from Chancellors Run Road to Buck Hewitt Road and have two traffic circles at its intersections with MacArthur Boulevard and Buck Hewitt Road.

The section from Buck Hewitt Road that runs to Pegg Road will also feature a new traffic light that will be synced with the traffic light at Pegg Road and Route 235, according to the county's construction plans.

"Right now, we're doing property acquisitions from Route 237 to Buck Hewitt Road," Settle said, noting that a piece of FDR Boulevard has been built by the developer of the Victory Woods subdivision with an intersection at Buck Hewitt Road.

Before 2012 there was a Phase 4 of FDR Boulevard, to run from Pegg Road further south to Great Mills Road, but that was removed from the capital construction plan to put the focus on getting commuter traffic to and from the Navy base, Settle said.

That section may be revived as a construction project, he said, but only by order of the county commissioners and then likely after connection of Phase 1 and Phase 3.

Phase 2 of FDR Boulevard, the shortest at just two-tenths of a mile, runs from Great Mills Road to South Shangri La Drive, between the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department and the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad headquarters.

It was completed several years ago by the county.

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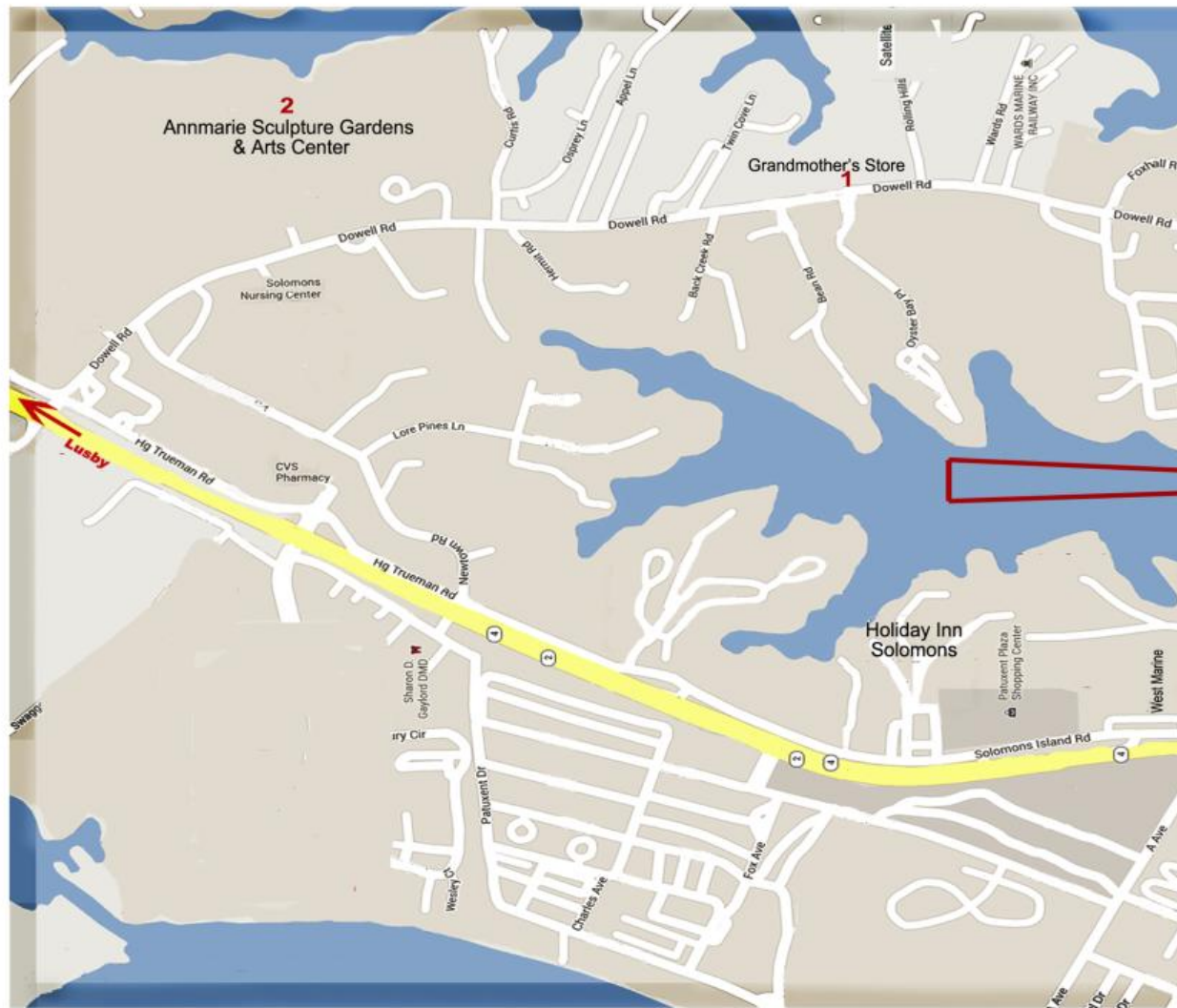
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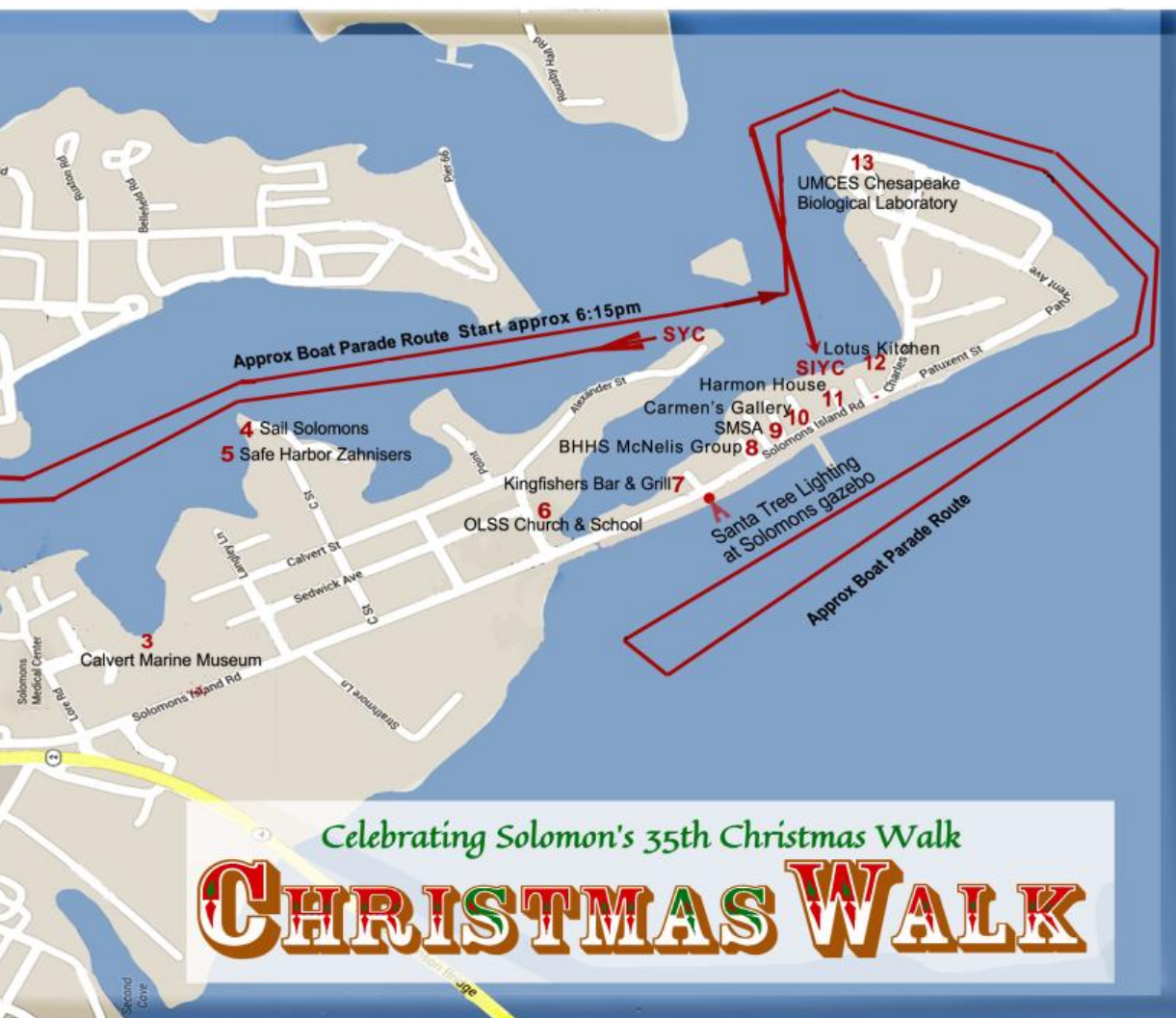
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# Walk, Saturday, December 7th

# Walk 2019



Celebrating Solomon's 35th Christmas Walk

## CHRISTMAS WALK

### CHRISTMAS WALK PROGRAM 2019

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Christmas Walk - Stroll through our streets lit with luminaries as you enjoy the sights and the sounds of the season. Enjoy our Solomons Riverwalk festooned with special Christmas lights and our decorated Christmas Tree. Visit with Santa, watch a beautifully decorated lighted Christmas boat parade! **It's open house at many of our businesses**

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#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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# Call for Nominations: Women's History Month Banquet Awards 2020

The St. Mary's County Commission for Women (CFW) is excited to announce that nominations are open for the 2020 Woman of the Year and Tomorrow's Woman Awards. All nominees will be honored at the Women's History Month Banquet Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall in Lexington Park, MD.

This year's banquet marks an important moment in history, as the CFW celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. The 2020 banquet theme, "Valiant Women of the Vote," pays tribute to those who have fought for women's voting rights in the United States.

During the banquet, the CFW seeks to recognize inspirational women in St. Mary's County who make extraordinary efforts to make the world a better place through all types of community service. Nominations do not need to be related to the banquet theme.

The Woman of the Year award honors outstanding women who have made significant contributions to the local region through their volunteer service. Previous nominees have included volunteers from local churches, libraries, senior activity centers, hospitals, animal shelters, the NAACP and volunteer rescue squads. The common denominators among these individuals are leadership, commitment and impact serving St. Mary's County.

Tomorrow's Woman celebrates young women who are already making a difference in St. Mary's County. The award recipient will be a high school student, in grades 9-12, who has made a remarkable impact to the community through volunteer service.

To be eligible, nominees in both categories must currently reside in St. Mary's County and have made a positive impact on the local community through volunteer work.

The CFW encourages individuals, families, charities, educators, civic, community and religious organizations to submit nominations. Nominating an exceptional woman honors her efforts before her family, friends and the community, and brings attention to the causes she serves. Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/voluntr.women.asp>, by emailing [commissionforwomen@stmarysmd.com](mailto:commissionforwomen@stmarysmd.com), or calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71680. Completed nomination forms are due Friday, Jan. 31, 2020.

Proceeds from and donations collected at the Women's History Banquet go to the Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship Fund. Established in 2010 by the St. Mary's County Commission for Women, the scholarship supports a nontraditional student at the College of Southern Maryland who is a single parent or displaced homemaker.

The St. Mary's County Commission for Women is a volunteer-run committee appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Its mission is to celebrate and support the County's women through outreach, advocacy and service, to secure an equitable community for all.

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# CSM Engineering Club Meets NAVAIR Aeronautical Engineer and NASA Astronaut

When members of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Engineering Club aren't too busy sharing their passion about engineering with other students and area Boy and Girl Scouts, they get busy hearing from extraordinary guests both on campus and on the road.

Recently, the club hosted Naval Systems Air Command (NAVAIR) Aeronautical Engineer Theresa Shafer, PhD. Shafer shared exciting internship opportunities available at NAVAIR Patuxent River and discussed her career path with the military.

"Theresa provided an awesome opportunity for students to learn about the internships and partnerships available to them," said Pre-Engineering Program Coordinator and Engineering Club Adviser Jehnell Linkins. "Students learned that they are able to garner wonderful skills, excellent education and hands-on internship experiences right here in Southern Maryland thanks to CSM."

On Nov. 25, the club got on the road and headed to University of Maryland College Park (UMD) to tour labs in the mechanical engineering department and attend a meet and greet lecture with NASA astronaut and engineer Jeanette

Epps.

"The field trip was amazing," said Glory Sebulime, a club student who is studying electrical engineering at CSM. "One thing I learned out of our visit is that engineering is a job that requires team work regardless of which branch of engineering you are in. Meeting the astronaut was my favorite part. She inspired me a lot. She made me realize that it doesn't matter whether you're black or female you can do it. The sky is the limit."

Fellow CSM electrical engineering student Emily DePew agreed.

"I personally loved when Astronaut Jeanette Epps talked about all the hard work she went through to accomplish her dreams and the different types of training she had to do to push her body," DePew said. "My favorite part was the cave training – her and her team spent a certain amount of time in a cave with no light in extreme conditions. The opportunity [to meet her] was amazing."

CSM Engineering Club Student President Julia Czecha explained that she was grateful for the experience.

"I enjoyed touring the fab labs at UMD the most," Czecha said. "One



Astronaut Jeanette Epps

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of the major reasons anyone goes into any form of engineering is to be able to apply math and physical sciences to building and creating. The University of Maryland gives students the opportunity to not only design and create in theory, but also to bring those theories to life through the technology and resources made available in the fab labs."

CSM engineering students have the opportunity to participate in a mechanical and electrical engineering partnership with the UMD and the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Students in the program can earn a valuable degree while incurring little to no debt, gain practical internship experience and have a two-year commitment of service with the NAVAIR.

"The University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland Partnership is an awesome opportunity," Linkins said.

Students in the partnership program can take the majority of their classes in Southern Maryland at CSM and then, once they have earned their associ-

ate degree, take classes at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland (USMSM), formerly known as the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, to complete their junior and senior classes with UMD. Students enrolled in this program will typically have three classes per semester at USMSM and one class at UMD's College Park Campus. An additional class may be taken online or through an electronically based distance education service. In support of this partnership program, NAWCAD and UMD have established a state-of-the-art engineering laboratory at USMSM that is dedicated to support junior- and senior-level engineering courses.

CSM students following this program have also had the opportunity to do internships with NAWCAD, with a possible employment opportunity upon successful graduation and completion of all Guided Pathway program requirements.

CSM Press Release

# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann  
Contributing Writer



## The Degrees of War

The winter war has begun. No, it is not another war going on somewhere in the world. This war goes on in our home every year. And from the conversations I have had with my women friends, I am definitely not the only one. For some households it is the war of the thermostat. Mainly the women want it cooler and men want the house warmer – though this is not always the case. We do not have a thermostat. My wood-cutting husband likes to keep his woodstove loaded and stoked with a heat index close to an Arizona desert at noon on the hottest day of the year. It is a constant temperature of boiling in here. If my husband has been out and asks if I added a few logs to the fire, my response to his question is a smoldering look from my burning eyes.



A few weeks ago he had a custom woodstove made by the Amish, one that won't leak smoke and will heat more efficiently. I was not quite ready for how large this woodstove is compared to the last one – neither was he. This stove had to be placed sideways on the concrete hearth with the glass facing away from the seating area, much to Mindy the crazy hound dog's chagrin. She loves to stare at the fire. In fact, she loves to stare at the fire so much that she ate a space out of the previous couch's arm just big enough for Mindy to rest her head on and watch the flames.

This new woodstove is so hot that a few nights I have taken to turning on the air-conditioning in the bedroom, since there is nowhere else in the house I can get cool. Occasionally, I come here in the office, close the door, and open the window. When you come out of the bedroom you get hit with a solid wall of heat.

Other than my husband, Mindy is the only other living soul who enjoys the heat as much as he does. She lays down on her couch downstairs near the woodstove and sleeps a good part of any day. As if 3 or 4 feet away wasn't close enough, Mindy will sometimes get off the couch and lay down a foot away from the raging behemoth.

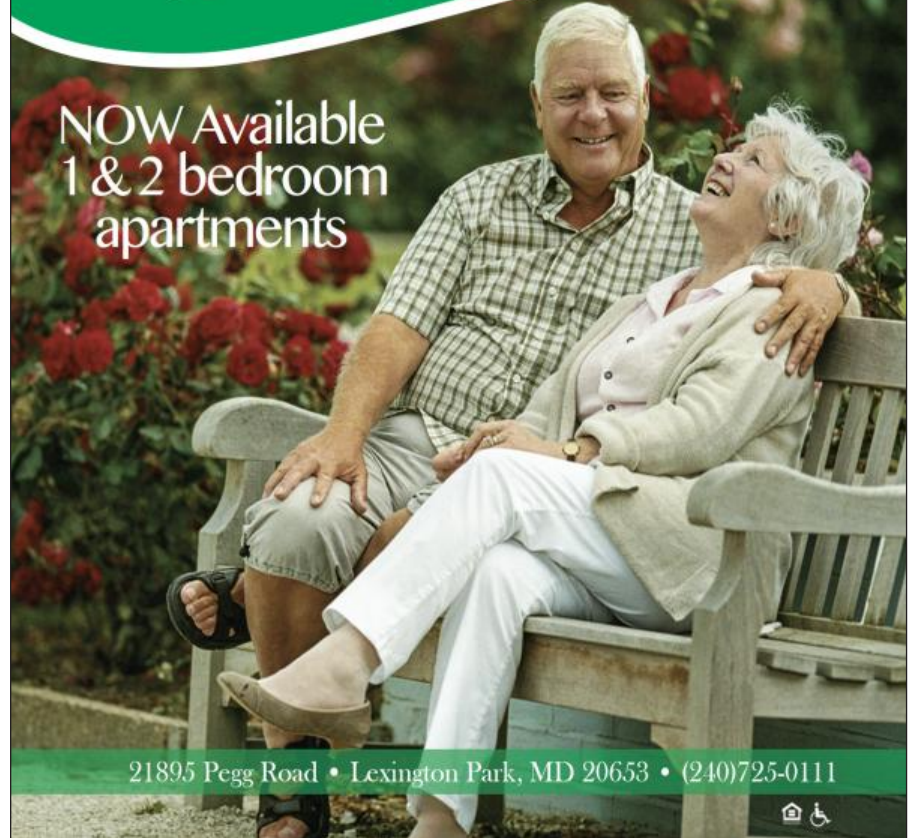
When my mother-in-law lived with us downstairs, she would have to close the door to her bedroom. More than once she brought up her decorative candles to show us that they had melted into unrecognizable pools of wax. After my frame shop closed and I moved operations to a corner of the basement and into my workshop, the original idea was to wait on customers on my flat file worktable in the basement. I tried. But a framer who is constantly mopping her brow and gasping for cool air is not a good situation. Customers come into the outside workshop now, where I can control the heat and AC. I must add that I still get overheated, but not quite as bad as inside. 40° to 60° seems to be my optimal functioning temperature.

Needless to say, any car we are in is another battle ground for temperature control. "I'm dying, it's too hot!" as I roll the window down. "It's not hot, your crazy, it's 20 degrees outside!" What couple doesn't go through this or the infamous seat adjustment conflict. "Why can't you put the seat back when you get out?!!!" "Because it's MY car, do you reset your seat forward for me in your car?!!!!!" This invariably leads to "I don't like you!" "I don't like you either!" and then a minute or two later and a little softer to "I don't like you, but I love you." "Yeah, I don't like you right now, but I love you all the time." I know, awww.....

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# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Marines Complete RQ-21A UAS Maintenance Course to Prep for New Schoolhouse

The Marine Corps and RQ-21A Blackjack training systems recently completed the first unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) maintenance technician course in preparation for the new schoolhouse scheduled to open next year in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

The Navy and Marine Corps Small Tactical UAS program office (PMA-263) is now finalizing the eight-week pilot course curriculum with the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU), Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, and the students who recently completed the course.

"This is a great progression of the RQ-21A program as we prepare to hand the maintenance training baton over to CNATT, who has worked closely with us, the fleet, and our industry partner Insitu to develop a first-class curriculum for our future Marine maintenance technicians," said Col. John Neville, PMA-263 program manager.

Students in the pilot course were hand-selected to ensure a wide variety of experience levels. The RQ-21A-qualified instructors from CNATTU taught lessons in the classroom and then students got hands-on practice in the labs.

"I enjoyed being a part of the pilot course because I was able to provide my opinion and input," said Lance Cpl. Isaac Allen, CNATT student. "I appreciated being able to have an effect on the pace of each lesson and what I thought should be changed, so those in future classes can learn best."



The RQ-21A Blackjack unmanned aircraft system inaugural Marine Corps maintenance technician class completed the first-of-its-kind course at Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit (CNATTU) Nov. 6 at Cherry Point, N

The curriculum includes introduction to UAS operations; RQ-21A system overview; RQ-21A system theory of operation; flight line, flight, launcher and recovery operations; pre-flight and post flight inspections; RQ-21A scheduled and unscheduled maintenance; and RQ-21A troubleshooting procedures.

"It was neat to return back to the schoolhouse and learn about the RQ-21A system in a more in-depth course compared to the rest of my peers in Hawaii," said Lance Cpl. Latasha Lonzo, assigned to Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) 3. "Although I was able to use my prior knowledge

from when I worked on the RQ-7B Shadow, I still found the curriculum to be challenging and very engaging, especially the labs."

The official Marine Corps qualification course for future Marine UAS Maintenance Technicians will be designated as MOS 6314.

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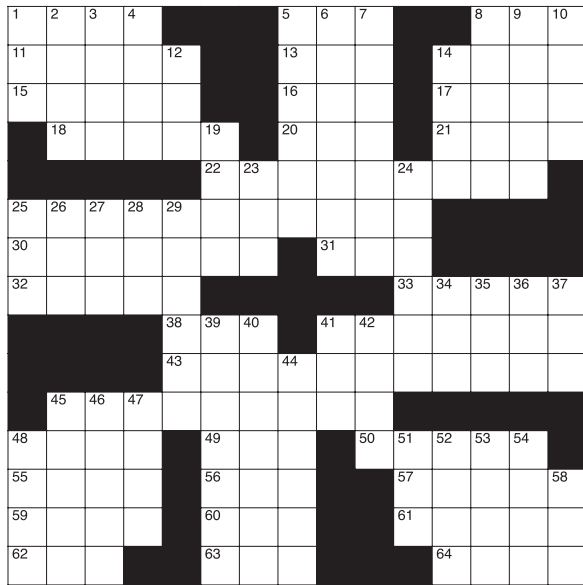
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2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, predatory lizard
4. River in Romania
5. Biased
6. Parties
7. TV's used to need one
8. Philly football player
9. Recognized ethnic group of China
10. Gradually disappear
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Vegetarians won't eat it
19. Takes the energy out of
23. Body part
24. Succeed in achieving
25. Where golfers begin
26. Computer memory
27. One who buys and sells securities
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Quiet and rather dull
34. A limb on which to walk
35. It precedes two
36. Of she
37. Commercials
39. Necessary for sewing
40. Infectious viral disease
41. Expression of good wishes
42. Some are contact
44. More plentiful
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Altar in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Impartiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Criticize

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four things different between Picture A & Picture B. Can you find them all?

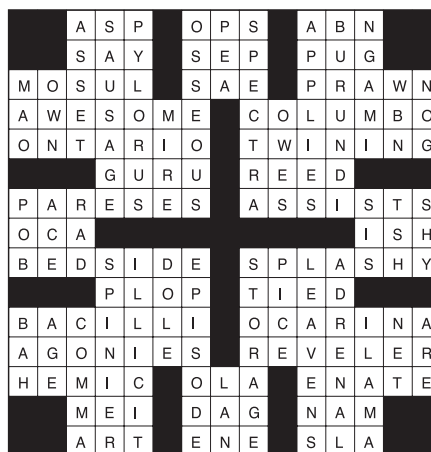


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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. America
8. Type of field (abbr.)
11. Reagan's Deputy AG
13. Negative
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
16. In shape
17. Oh my goodness!
18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
20. A form of "to be"
21. Succulent plant
22. Estranges
25. Honest
30. Showing conviction
31. High schoolers' test
32. Implant
33. Acknowledgment
38. Cash dispenser
41. Transferred to another
43. Superhero group
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Power to perceive
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
56. Everything
57. Afflicted
59. Language spoken in Chad
60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Keyboard key
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

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# The Tackle Box Fishing Report



A 30 inch fish caught on Capt. Greg Buckner's Miss Susie.

By Ken and Linda Lamb  
Contributing Writers

Rockfish are gathered in the mouth of the Potomac and out into the bay in the "Triangle" area. The fish are feeding on alewife large enough to bring gannets in to feast on the bait balls. The big sea birds like the alewives, or menhaden that achieve the 6 to 12 inch size.

The rockfish we are catching are in the 22 to

30 inch range. The big striper in the 40 to 50 inch Atlantic Ocean fall run have yet to show up, but they prefer the big bait that is here now and may arrive soon. There have been reports on one or two big rockfish caught around the bay bridge tunnel, but they are unconfirmed.

The fish have been very dependable biting everyday with vast flocks of birds showing the location of the feeding fish.

If you get out and can't find active birds, look for birds sitting on the water and motor around looking for fish on the depth finder. You may find them and not get the expected strikes, but they will turn on sooner or later.

Fresh water fishing is very good in the ponds and at St. Mary's Lake. Crappie are hitting live minnows and the bass are loving lures.

# Leo Boucher Named November's Top Student Athlete



Leo Boucher

St. Mary's College of Maryland sailing member Leo Boucher has been named the November Student-Athlete of the Month, the SMCM athletic department announced Dec. 4.

The Department of Athletics & Recreation executive team selects the Student-Athlete of the Month awardee each month.

Boucher represented St. Mary's College of Maryland at the LaserPerformance Men's Singlehanded Nationals hosted by UC Santa Barbara on Nov. 9-10. The sophomore from West River, Maryland returned to campus as a National Champion by taking first place in the regatta.

Boucher sat in third place of the 18 sailors after the first day which consisted of ten races. On Sunday (Nov. 10) the fleet completed four races which solidified Boucher's title. Placing in the top five in nine of the races helped Boucher's score a great deal. He finished the regatta with 65 points, just three points in front of the second-place winner, Richard McCann from the University of Miami.

The Seahawk sailing team will be back in action on Jan. 4 when they com-

pete at the Rose Bowl hosted by the University of Southern California.

### November Student-Athlete of the Month Honor Roll

- Women's Basketball - Gina Seifert
  - Men's Basketball - Justin Milstead
  - Women's Swimming - Brenna Litynski
  - Men's Swimming - Peter Orban
  - Volleyball - Ellyse Sutliff
  - Women's Cross Country - Marie Lewis
  - Men's Cross Country - Tyler Wilson
  - Field Hockey - Celina Kaufman
  - Women's Soccer - Maddie Schwarz
  - Men's Soccer - Jacob Breslauer
  - Women's Rowing - Olivia Fuster
  - Men's Rowing - Sam Leaman
- 2019-20 Student-Athletes of the Month**
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  - October - Josh McRobie, Men's Soccer
  - November - Leo Boucher, Sailing

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# In Remembrance

## Linda Mae Ching-Swarey



Linda Mae Ching-Swarey, 73, of Hollywood, MD passed away on November 27, 2019 at her residence. Born March 11, 1946 in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of John Richard Knott, Sr. of Hollywood, MD and the late Virginia Helen Knott. Linda was the loving wife of the late Israel Zook Swarey, Jr. whom she married on March 11, 2001 and preceded her in death January 18, 2019. She is survived by her son: Robert A. (Denise) Ching of Mechanicsville, MD step-children: Deborah Swarey Hall of Mechanicsville, MD, Jacqueline Seevers of Menifee, CA, Abigail C. Halter of McKee, KY, and Israel "Buck" Swarey, III of Louisville, KY, siblings: John R. Knott, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD, Darlene Knott Ridgell of Hollywood, MD and Terrence Knott of Hollywood, MD, 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, also survived by her best friend and caregiver Deborah "Sissy" Morgan

In addition to her husband Linda was preceded in death by her brothers: Charles Knott and Leonard Knott.

Linda worked as a clerk at IGA, and had her Realtors License, she loved boating on the "Linda Mae Sea", crocheting and Blue Grass music.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 9:00AM to 10:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD where a Service will follow at 10:00AM with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Serving as Pallbearers: Shawn Knott, Justin Clements, Robert Ching, Jr., Michael Spak, Roger Ridgell and Eddie Hall. Honorary Pallbearers: Francis Guy, David Knott, Francis Russell and Malcolm Brennan.

Interment will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Hollywood, MD.

## Henrietta Cecilia Plum



Henrietta Cecilia Plum, "Henri", 80 of Bushwood City, MD formerly from Lanham, MD passed away on November 25, 2019 at her home. Born on November 29, 1938 in Washington, DC she was the loving daughter of the late Caroline Adelaide Topper Hock and Henry Francis Hock. She was preceded in death by her husband Pete John Plum who preceded her in death on June 9, 1980. Henrietta is survived by her significant other Rodney S. Joy of Bushwood City, MD, children John Francis Plum (Laurie Lynn) of Bushwood, MD, Debora Lynn Vincent (Michael) of Bushwood, MD, and 2 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sibling Frances Caroline Kulzack, and Mary Adelaide Barber.

Henrietta was a graduate of Saint Cecilia Academy. She moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 1979. Henrietta was a school bus driver for St. Mary's County Public Schools for 36 years, retiring in 2015.

## Raymond Lee Melvin, Sr.

Raymond Lee Melvin, Sr. "Monk" 74 of Mechanicsville, MD formerly from Leonardtown, MD passed away on November 23, 2019 at his home. Born on January 24, 1945 in Baltimore, MD he was the son of the late Syl-



via Buckmaster and John Lee Melvin. He survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen Melvin whom he married on December 18, 1971 in Trinity Episcopal Church of Newport. Raymond is survived by his children Lee Melvin "Claire" of Berkley, MA, Jason Melvin of Mechanicsville, MD, and 2 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings Albert Tracy, Jr. and Wesley Tracy.

Raymond was a graduate of Leonardtown High School and was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County, MD. Raymond served in the United States Navy for 3 years, from April 18, 1963 to February 8, 1967. While serving in the Navy, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He then became a Safety Officer at Naval Air Station Patuxent River for 35 years, retiring on February 4, 2005. He enjoyed making canes and taking walks in the woods.

## Mary Catherine Kane



Mary Catherine Kane was born on September 18, 1924 to Agnes Kane Mugg and James Hayden. She died at her home on November 22, 2019. Mary Catherine was educated in St. Mary's County at the Old Patuxent School in California, Maryland and continued on to Banneker School in Loveville, Maryland. Khaki as she was affectionately called was raised by her grandfather, George Robert Kane "aka Pop-Pa" and her aunt, Minnett Kane Campbell. In that household she would have the responsibility of looking after her niece, Teresa Ann Kane. By the age of 15 Khaki entered the workforce alongside her dear aunt, Alice Gough at the Old Leonardtown Laundry for 24 years. She later went on to work at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Laundry alongside her sister, Lucille. Later she worked at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop at St. Mary's Hospital. Mary also worked as a domestic in many homes including Mr. and Mrs. Jim Forrest who would remain lifelong friends. She loved life and "news", there was barely a day that went by that you did not witness her as you drove by on her porch anchoring the news alongside her co-anchors and lifelong friends; Arthuretta Bowman, Pat Taylor, Janie Taylor and Anna King. Some of her favorite sources of "news" were The Enterprise, the Old St. Mary's Today and her niece, Linda Gough. When you'd visit her she would loudly greet you with a "Come on in" and she enjoyed welcoming company. Especially visits from CeCe Price who would deliver her communion when she was no longer able to attend church; Agnes Mills who would fix her hair when she was no longer able to attend the beauty salons; her long time hair dressers Delores Thompson and Catherine Herndon. She is survived by three children: Ellen Johnson of Lusby, MD, Larry Kane of Leonardtown, MD and David Kane of Compton, MD; her nine grandchildren: Bridgette, Simone, Sterling Jr., Devona, Maurice, Shelly, Corey, Terrence and Sylvia; eight great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

Surely she has been greeted at the heavenly gates by her parents: Aggie and James along with her step father L.U. Mugg; her brother, John Phillip Mugg (Mary Lucille Mugg); Sis-

ter, Mary Lucille Berry (James T. Berry); her longtime companion, Francis Brooks "aka The man with the Pipe" and her first born child, Sergeant General Major Sterling Shelton.

There will be many extended family and friends who will mourn and miss Khaki including tons of nieces and nephews, former coworkers and associates, the McIntosh and Leonardtown-Hollywood neighbors and many others whom she crossed paths with over these full 95 Years.

## Bernard "Ralph" Lawrence, Jr.



Bernard "Ralph" Lawrence, Jr., 58, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 20, 2019 in Washington, DC. He was born on July 18, 1961 in Leonardtown, MD and was the loving son of the late Doris Jean Lawrence and Bernard Ralph Lawrence, Sr. Ralph was the loving husband of Kimberly Lawrence. He is survived by his son Christopher Michael Lawrence of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings Donna Emerson of Hollywood, MD, Bernice Ryce (Kenny) of Hollywood, MD, Marietta Peake (Kenny) of Churchton, MD, James Lawrence (Lisa) of Hollywood, MD, Cathy Buckler (James) of Mechanicsville, MD.

Contributions may be made to Special Olympics Maryland - St. Mary's County P.O. Box 921 Hollywood, MD 20636.

## Patricia Laverne Quade



Patricia "Patsy" Laverne Quade, 75 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 25, 2019 at her residence with her family by her side.

Patsy was born on December 16, 1943 in District Heights, MD to the late Dillard Heiston, Sr. and Lucille (Whitmore) Heiston.

Patsy married her loving husband, John Morris Quade, Sr. on December 23, 1960 in Mechanicsville, MD. Some of their fondest memories together were going on cruises, traveling, fishing, relaxing at the beach and spending time with her friends and family. She was a member of the Hollywood-Leonardtown Optimist Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge. Patsy was a hardworking woman who owned and operated Seabreeze Restaurant with her husband for 17 years and worked as a hair dresser for forty years. When she wasn't working she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Patsy is survived by her husband, John Morris Quade, Sr.; daughter, Nioma Dean (Donny Ray), and sons, Jay Quade (April) and Jeffrey Quade (Betty Ann) all of Mechanicsville, MD; brothers, Clifton, Lawrence, and David Heiston; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Animal Wel-



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fare League, Inc., P.O. Box 1232, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or The Autism Society of Baltimore-Chesapeake, P.O. Box 10822, Baltimore, MD 21234.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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

### Emma Lee "LeeLee" Massey



Emma Lee "LeeLee" Massey, 42, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 23, 2019. She was born on June 20, 1977 in Leonardtown, Maryland to Edward Ernest Bowles of Compton, MD. and Barbara Lee (Tennyson) Lacey of Bushwood, MD.

LeeLee was a joyful and loving woman. With a smile that would light up any room and a laugh as free spirited as her soul. LeeLee spread happiness with just her presence. She was a wonderful mother to three (3) beautiful and kind daughters who she cherished deeply. Nothing brought LeeLee the peace she craved like a hug from one of her girls. To know LeeLee was to know a woman who would support you, cheer for you or just simply stand by your side. She made friends where ever she went. She cherished relationships with her closest family and friends. LeeLee loved reading, enjoyed relaxing at the beach, and spending time at home with her girls and dogs.

LeeLee is survived by her husband, Sonny Massey of Mechanicsville; three (3) daughters, Sydney Massey Wolfe (Sam) of Mechanicsville, Shelby Massey of Mechanicsville, MD and Sarah Massey of Mechanicsville, MD; mother, Barbara Lee Lacey and Step-father, William Lacey of Bushwood, MD; father, Edward Bowles; Grandmother Marion Tennyson and Grandfather James T Tennyson of Mechanicsville, MD; and sister, Megan Raley (Bradley) of Mechanicsville, MD. She will be missed by many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins. LeeLee's heart was bigger than life. Her beautiful smile and soul are now a free spirit that will remain in our fondest memories.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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

### Thomas (Tommy) Edwin Reamy



Thomas (Tommy) Edwin Reamy, 73, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 25, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD. He was surrounded by his loving

wife and daughters.

Tommy was born on April 18, 1946 in Washington, DC and raised in Brentwood, MD to the late Chester Edwin Reamy and the late Betty Lou (O'Neill) Reamy. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Frances L. (Mills) Reamy; daughters Dawn Reamy, Jacqueline King (Wayne), Jennifer Bean (John Boy), Shellia Soderstrom (Derek); grandchildren Mathew King (Christi), Emma King, Rachel King, Sarah Bean, Tyler Soderstrom, and Jenna Soderstrom; great grandchildren Peyton King and Arabella Pinkney. He is also survived by his brothers John A. Reamy and William J. Reamy (Linda) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tommy proudly served in the US Army from 1964 to 1966 where he received the Vietnam Service Medal for serving in the war. Tommy spent his life working hard and supporting his family. At age 16, he started volunteering at Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department which led him to become a career firefighter with the Prince George's County Fire Department and enjoyed an 18-year career with him retiring in 1985. After retiring from the fire department, he was employed with the St. Mary's County Public Schools Transportation Department for over 15 years driving for field trips, sporting events and other extracurricular activities. He was also a bus driver for the St. Mary's Transit System for 11-years. Throughout the years he coached girls' softball teams, was a member and past president of the Mechanicsville Optimist Club, and a member of the American Legion. During the years his daughter's attended school, he served as a volunteer for Chopticon High School Athletic and Band Boosters.

Tommy was a caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother who loved his family above all else. His world revolved around his family and spending time with them brought him great joy.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to: Medstar St. Mary's Hospital % Grace Ann Dorney Pulmonary Cardiac Rehab

Center.

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### Mary Paula Thompson



Mary Paula Thompson, 78 of Clements, MD passed away on November 23, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital with her family by her side.

She was born on August 24, 1941 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Warren Guy and Helen (Wheeler) Guy.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. She attended Father Andrew White S. J. School in Leonardtown, MD and she completed her education at Charles County Community College. She grew up on the family tobacco farm where she learned many of the virtues essential to being a dependable and industrious hard worker, these were lifelong traits that she embodied daily. The family farm is also where she first discovered her love for horses. In her younger years she enjoyed playing softball and volleyball with friends. She married the love of her life Walter and afterwards they made their life together on her husband's family farm, where she remained for the rest of her life. They enjoyed many wonderful and happy years together. She enjoyed raising vegetables and always had a very large garden, she had blackberry bushes, a grapevine, and a strawberry patch. She enjoyed canning her vegetables and making jams, jellies, and juices from her fruit. Early on she worked at local retail and grocery stores while completing her education. She worked as an administrative assistant for the Department of the Navy at NAS Patuxent River and Webster Field for 18 years and retired in 2003. She was a loving sister, mother, and grandmother who sacrificed much for the benefit of her family. She was a lifelong devout Catholic, who strove every day to live her life according to the Gospel. She had a very strong Marian devotion and prayed the rosary daily in her later years. She had a great love for horses. She owned ponies and horses for over thirty years. She loved to take care of them as pets and enjoyed the hobby of trail riding with her friends and participating in horse riding shows. Caring for her horses was a dream come true during her years of retirement.

She is survived by her son, Kevin J. Thompson (Jennifer) of Clements, MD; siblings, Kenneth Guy of Leonardtown, MD, Barbara Dotson (Wayne) of Mechanicsville, MD, Ella Tennyson (Charles) of Scotland, MD, Warren Guy, Jr. (Sandra) of Leonardtown, MD, Ernest Guy (Charlotte) of Leonardtown, MD, and Mike Guy (Betty) of Bushwood, MD; and one granddaughter, Emily Grace Thompson of Clements, MD. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Walter Joseph Thompson and sister, Joyce Ann Hammett.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 175, Morganza, MD 20660 or the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Robert Lee "Tic" Harris



Robert Lee "Tic" Harris, 53, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2019 at his home in Lexington Park, MD.

He was born on December 12, 1965 in Prince

Frederick, MD to the late Phillip Harris and Rosalie Parran and raised by his aunt and uncle Roger "Brick" Brown and the late Dorothy Mae Brown.

Robert married his lovely wife Christine on March 20, 2004 in Patuxent River, MD and they have enjoyed 15 years of marriage together. Robert's hobbies included fishing and crabbing, he really enjoyed being on the water. He loved to play horseshoes, cleaning cars and was very meticulous on keeping a beautiful yard. His favorite football team to watch was the Washington Redskins. He also enjoyed The Jerry Springer Show which he watched daily. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife Hilda Christine Butler-Harris and their children: Keishawnd Young (Roger, Jr); Jyrekia Smith and Shileka Smith all of Lexington Park, MD; His father Roger Brown; Mother in-law Frances Campbell; his siblings Betty Parker of LaPlata, MD and Charlotte Brown of Annapolis, MD; his grandchildren Saniya Proctor, Mydesia Young, Harmony Smith, Jermaine Adams, Demari Young, Javontae Young, Jayce Smith, Amyra Chase, Alyisa Chase, Shatoni Chase and Justice Chase. He is survived by two brother in-laws Joseph Lawrence Butler, Jr (Joanne) and Thomas Lee Campbell, Jr (Faith, deceased). Four sister in-laws Juanita Weems, Jean Brown (Jerry), Joyce Issac (Franklin) and Kimberly Brown. He is preceded in death by his parents, his aunt Dorothy Mae Brown, brother Joseph Lee Brown, Sr., sister Barbara Ann Mackall, Father in-law Thomas Campbell Sr. and nephew Kendall Parker.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1301 York Road Suite 209, Lutherville, MD 21093-6007 or go to their website at <http://www.kidneymd.org/>

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### Evelyn "Eve" "Eble" C. Rouillot



Evelyn "Eve" "Eble" C. Rouillot, 93, of Mechanicsville, MD, died on November 24, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

She was born on January 20, 1926 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Walter

Lackman and Louise Strauss.

Evelyn's hobbies included crocheting blankets and making crafts, especially Christmas decorations. She was an avid reader. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Barbara Enderle (William) of Mechanicsville, MD, Walter Douglas Charles (Linda) of Newark, DE and Dayle Allen Charles (Alice) of Landenberg, PA; her sister Eleanor Kleins of Ambler, PA and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands John



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D. Charles and Donald B Rouillot, she was preceded in death by her son, John Dayle Charles II and her siblings, Walter James Lackman Jr. and Norman Lackman and daughter Joan Cochran (Elmer –Buck)

The family will receive friends for a Service of Remembrance on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a Graveside Service at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lawn Memorial Park, Inc., 220 North Du Pont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 21815-D Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653 and Med Star St. Mary's Hospital Hospice.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

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### Dorothy Marie Oliver Babcock



Dorothy Marie Oliver Babcock, 57, of Lexington Park, died on November 23, 2019 at her home.

Born on July 18, 1962, she was the daughter of the late John Francis Oliver and Doris Elizabeth

Friess.

Dorothy is a 1980 graduate of Chopticon High School. On June 6, 1981, she married her beloved husband, Robert Edward Babcock, Jr. in California, MD. Together they celebrated over 28 wonderful years of marriage. She was a long time bus driver, transporting many students to and from school for many dedicated years of service. She enjoyed cooking and made delicious family meals, with her specialty being lasagna, meatloaf, and macaroni and cheese. She and her husband enjoyed travelling to the Virginia mountains. She also enjoyed country music, including, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Elvis, and Patsy Kline. She enjoyed decorating, especially for the holidays and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Gregory Babcock (Stacy) of Ashburn, VA and Kay Bailey (Daniel) of Lexington Park, MD; her siblings: John Oliver, Jr. (Mary Ellen) of Bushwood, MD, Michael Oliver of Lexington Park, MD, Patricia Norris (Dickie) of Brookshire, TX and Julia Oliver (John) of Hollywood, MD; and her grandchildren: Daniel Christopher Bailey, Jr., Kiaya Nicole Bailey, Cassidy Ann Parker and Nathaniel Edward Bailey. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Condolences to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

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### Joseph Nathaniel Gray



Joseph Nathaniel Gray, 80 of Chaptico, MD, entered into eternal rest on November 21, 2019. Family and friends united on Monday, December 2, 2019 for visitation at 10

am until time of service at 11 am at Living Hope United Pentecostal Church, 21650 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, MD. Interment followed at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home.

### Shirley Catherine Butler



Shirley Catherine Butler, 72 of Great Mills, MD, entered into eternal rest on November 14, 2019. Family and friends united on Saturday, November 23, 2019 for visitation at 10

am until time of service at 11 am at St. Mark UAME Church, 45685 Hap-pyland Road, Valley Lee, MD. Interment followed at the church cemetery. Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home.

### Anthony Fitzgerald Greenwell



Anthony Fitzgerald Greenwell, 52 of Lexington Park, MD, entered into eternal rest on November 20, 2019. Family and friends united on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 for visitation at 10

am until time of service at 11 am at Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home, 38576 Brett Way, Mechanicsville, MD. Interment was private.

### Theresa Eleanor Johnson



Theresa Eleanor Johnson was born, May 23, 1938 in California, Maryland to the late James Harry Thompson and Ann Elizabeth Lloyd Thompson. Theresa passed peacefully in her home on

Monday, November 25, 2019.

Theresa was raised in the Catholic faith and was educated in St. Mary's County. She attended St. Peter Claver Elementary School and Cardinal Gibbons High School in Ridge, MD. In 1960, she married the late Francis Rodell Johnson, Sr. and together they raised 5 children. She was also a mainstay in the community sharing her talents by working as a receptionist at Rhine's Beauty Salon and providing neighborhood cleaning services as a member of P&P Brothers Janitorial service.

Theresa was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and sister, finding great joy in taking care of family, her great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Spending decades of her life ensuring that her loved ones were well cared for, she was truly a pillar of her community.

Theresa loved watching tennis, specifically the Williams sisters, as well as college basketball, golf and gymnastics. During family gatherings she enjoyed hand dancing with her siblings. She always loved a quick phone call to catch up and hear how everyone was doing. She got up every morning before the sun and started her daily routine, which soon included looking after her grandchildren and seeing them off to school each day.

Theresa leaves to cherish her memory four children: Charles Terrence Thompson of Tampa, FL; Phyllis Ann Curtis (Xavier) of Prince Frederick, MD; Erica Michelle Garrett (Shawn) and Francis Rodell Johnson Jr. (Erica) of Lexington, Park, MD; five siblings: Cora Elizabeth Chase and Shirley Gordon of New York, John Thompson (Deloris) and Catherine Herndon (Harold) of Hollywood, MD, and Cornelius R. Thompson (Cynthia) of White Plains, MD; six grandchildren, Kristofer Thompson (Maria), Kendra Curtis, Latisha Curtis, Aysia Johnson, Chanel Garrett, and

Kameron Johnson; 3 great-granddaughters: Nina, Olivia and Mila Thompson, and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends who she loved dearly. Theresa was predeceased by her husband, daughter: Sonya Johnson, parents, three brothers: James H. Thompson, Jr., Paul N. Thompson Sr., and Francis Eugene Thompson, Sr; and four sisters: Barbara Elaine and Maria Annette Thompson, Sarah Ernestine Lynch and Linda Thompson Woods.

Family and friends will unite on Thursday, December 5, 2019 for visitation at 9:30 am until Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 22375 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Interment to follow at the church cemetery. Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home.

### Debra Lynn Walsh



Debra Lynn Walsh died November 22, 2019 at the age of 61. She was the eldest child in a small close-knit family. She was born July 24, 1958 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to Christian and

Janis Mullsteff, and moved a lot as her father finished his education and stint in the army; finally settling in Silver Spring, Maryland.

She graduated from Einstein High School a year early, took some college classes at Montgomery college and worked at numerous jobs including a dentist office, a veterinarian practice, and fast food restaurants. She especially loved working with the senior patients at a nursing home.

She met her future husband at Trolley Car Pizza. They dated for three months and were married by a justice of the peace in Alexandria, Virginia. It was on a Saturday in October, 1978. They went to Kings Dominion for their "honeymoon" and then back to work on Monday. They celebrated their 41st anniversary this year.

Debra loved animals and soon had a pair of Irish Setter puppies. There were always dogs around, usually cats, and a menagerie of other animals.

She loved children and wanted to have a big family; but she never was one to go the traditional route. She had her first child at home with a midwife and worked with midwives for a total of six – three girls followed by three boys. This was her life and love. Faith in God was her guiding light, love of family and of friends was everything else.

Home births led to home schooling. Home-schooling led to 4-H where she shuttled the kids to numerous activities and helped teach and prepare for the county agricultural fairs – Charles County, then St. Mary's and Calvert Counties; and then of course the Maryland State Fair.

She loved to cook and treasured recipes handed down from her grandparents. She could always be found preparing food in the kitchen at family gatherings.

Church was important and she had a heart for service. Since her children were in the

church nursery she naturally volunteered for that duty. As the kids grew she took on teaching in children's church. They especially loved the Passover meals she made each year for them.

Two of her sons became interested in the military and enlisted so she took on a new mission – Packages for Patriots. She reached out and networked to find out what the deployed troops needed and did fundraising to mail over a hundred care packages a year. At remote forward bases the packages were sometimes air dropped to soldiers. She made more friends and came to deeply appreciate the sacrifices that the soldiers and their families make.

She is survived by her children – Kelly Osburn (Dennis), Bridget Erinn Okorie (Ekene), Meghan Halverson (Travis), Michael Walsh (Linda), Patrick Walsh (Rachel), Kevin Walsh (Brittany); fifteen grandchildren and her father, two brothers and a sister and her husband John.

### Alice L. Bowman-Veney



Alice L. Bowman-Veney, 90, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 26, 2019 at her home in Mechanicsville, MD. Born on September 18, 1929 in Chaptico, MD, she was the loving

daughter of the late Mary Frances Bowman and Charles H. Bowman, Sr. Alice is survived by her children Thelma Johnson (Jackie) of Mechanicsville, MD, Karen Graves (Calvin) of Waldorf, MD, Samuel Veney (Karen) of Baltimore, MD, Jeryle Veney (Michelle) of Loveville, MD, Debbie Johnson (Mike) of Clinton, MD, James Mason (Linda) of Waldorf, MD, Jan Dickerson (Virgil) of Mechanicsville, MD, 16 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 23 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings Julia Conway, Annie Edelen, Mamie Baker, Charles H. Bowman, II, Walter Bowman, Carroll Bowman, James Bowman, Bertie Bowman, Madeline Reed, Marie Bowman and Mary Jane Whalen.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Alice graduated from Bancker High School in 1947. She was a School Bus Driver for St. Mary's County Public Schools for 35 years, retiring in 2001.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Michal Sajnog officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Edward Bowman, Carl Bowman, Sr, Jonathan Veney, Virgil Dickerson, Jr, Christopher Mason and Alvin Whalen. Honorary Pallbearers will be Damien Thomas, Juwan Johnson, Royal Reed, Gregory Dunn, Jr, Wayne Mills, and Carlos Lewis.

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# Community Calendar

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## Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019

### Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

*Fitzies Marina and Pub Restaurant  
Joe Hazel Road, Leonardtown  
4p.m. to 7p.m.*

Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win the jackpot. Each Thursday there is the opportunity to take a chance to win until the Queen is found, with the jackpot rolling over each week.

## Friday, Dec. 6, 2019

### Brown Bag Auction

*MedStar St. Mary's Hospital  
25500 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown  
9a.m. to 4p.m.*

Purchase chances and enter to win your favorites: \$1 each, six for \$5, 14 for \$10, or 25 for \$20. Open to all—community welcome. Winners will be drawn at 4 p.m., and you need not be present to take home a prize. Bake sale, cookbook sale, and quilt raffle will also be available. Proceeds support our nonprofit hospital.

### Holiday Open Mic

*Christ Church Parish Hall  
37497 Zach Fowler Road  
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7p.m. to 10p.m.*

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to the SMTMD Holiday open mic at the Christ Church Parish Hall. Come out for some great Holiday-themed music and friendship, to hone your performance skills, to meet new friends and possibly learn a few new licks. The admission is \$7, and performers are admitted free. To sign up to perform (holiday-themed music), please contact Mike Smith at [smtmdmike@gmail.com](mailto:smtmdmike@gmail.com). Visit [www.smtmd.org](http://www.smtmd.org) for more information.

## Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

### Festival of Trees

*University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland  
44219 Airport Rd  
California  
10a.m. to 4p.m.*

Bring the whole family and kick off the holiday season with the 12th Annual Festival of Trees—a beautiful tradition for a great cause! Enjoy free admission to stroll through a whimsical world of generously-donated trees and wreaths with live entertainment, activities for children, photos with Santa Claus, and more. Bid on your favorite tree/wreath to take home, too. Visit [HospiceOfStMarys.org/FestivalOfTrees](http://HospiceOfStMarys.org/FestivalOfTrees) for sponsor and event details. For additional information, call Hospice at 301-994-3023.

### Christmas Open House—Summerseat Farm

*Summerseat Farm  
26655 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville  
11a.m. to 2p.m.*

Enjoy holiday cookies and cider, visits and photos with Santa (your camera), Christmas music, Craft Room for the kids where they'll make their own ornament to take home, guided Manor House tours, hay rides, visits with the farm animals, with an opportunity for the kids to feed a snack to the animals. For information, see [www.summerseat.org](http://www.summerseat.org) or facebook. Come on out for a festive day of family fun on the farm Donation

of \$10.00 per family.

### Holiday Craft Workshop

*Historic St. Mary's City  
47414 Old State House Road  
St. Mary's City  
12:30p.m. to 2:30p.m.*

Meet at The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary. Bundle up, celebrate the season, and join Historic St. Mary's City in this workshop featuring crafts from the past Dip a candle, make a wool angel, and be a part of a traditional wassail celebration. Appropriate for children ages 5 and older. \$10 per person (Free to Friends members). To register, contact the museum visitor center at (240) 895-4990.

### Solomons Christmas Walk

*Calvert Marine Museum  
14200 Solomons Island Rd S  
Solomons  
6p.m. to 9p.m.*

The museum is open and free to the public. Enjoy musical entertainment, Santa, the Otter mascot, holiday crafts, and shopping in the Museum Store. Santa's Coffee House will be open with complimentary hot tea, coffee, hot cocoa, and holiday cookies. Museum members save 20% off in the Museum Store all weekend.

## Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019

### 2nd Dist. Breakfast with Santa Claus

*2nd Dist. VFD&RS  
45245 Drayden Rd.  
Valley Lee  
8a.m. to 11a.m.*

All-You-Can-Eat. Cost: Adults \$10:00; Children 6—12 \$5.00; & Children 5 & under are free. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage Links, Ham, Bacon, Creamed Chipped Beef, Sausage Gravy, Hot Biscuits, Spiced Applesauce, & Grits Drink: Assorted Juices, Milk, & Coffee. Funds from this event go to the Volunteer Fire Dept, & Rescue Squad to keep community safe. More Info Call: 301-994-9999 2nd Dist. VFD & RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692

### Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

*St. Mary's County Elks Lodge 2092  
45779 Fire Dept. Lane  
Lexington Park  
9a.m. to 12p.m.*

All You Can Eat Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Lots of great breakfast food plus made to order omelets. Adults—\$10 each. Children ages 5-10—\$5 each. Age 4 and under eat free. For more info call 301-863-7800.

### Drive Thru Fried Fish and Shrimp Dinner

*Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad  
Rescue Lane  
Hollywood  
Noon to 3p.m.*

\$15.00 per dinner gets you Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp, Fries, Cole Slaw and a Roll. All proceeds benefit the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad. Please come out and support us!

### Silent Angel Memorial

*Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall  
46900 S Shangri La Dr  
Lexington Park  
6p.m. to 8p.m.*

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office 18th Annual Silent Angel Memorial honoring the victims of homicide from St. Mary's County. [silentangelmemorial.wixsite.com/silentangelmemorial](http://silentangelmemorial.wixsite.com/silentangelmemorial)

## Monday, Dec. 9, 2019

### Toastmasters Meeting—Talk of the Town

*St. Mary's County Library  
21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd  
Lexington Park  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30p.m.*

If you want to improve your communication and leadership skills, pay us a visit and bring a friend! Toastmasters International website: [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org). Our club website: [club9410.easy-speak.org](http://club9410.easy-speak.org)

### Pax River Quilters Guild

*Good Samaritan Church  
20850 Langley Road  
Lexington Park  
6p.m. to 9p.m.*

New Members and guests welcome. In the Spirit of the Holiday Traditions Our Christmas party will be lots of fun. Wear your Holiday Scarf you made and bring a \$15.00 wrapped gift to exchange. Bring your food pantry donation, get a ticket for a draw for your donation for each (no seafood, due to members allergy) and Visit our website [www.paxriverquiltguild.com](http://www.paxriverquiltguild.com) or our Facebook group page, Pax River Quilters Guild for more information.

## Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019

### Taco Tuesday

*VFW Post 2632, California  
5:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.*

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

## Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019

### Santa Night

*Charlotte Hall Library  
37600 New Market Turner Road  
6p.m. to 7:30p.m.*

Sponsored by Mechanicsville Junior Optimist Club. Come for fun, games, treats, and a special visit with Santa.

### Women In Worship

*First Missionary Baptist Church  
46370 Pegg Lane  
Lexington Park  
7:30p.m. to 9p.m.*

Our Guest Preacher will be Reverend Tawana Twitty of Victory Life Center, Upper Marlboro. For additional information please contact First Missionary Baptist Church at 301-863-8388.



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

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

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### Enhance Fitness Free during the month of December

Enhance Fitness is an evidence-based group exercise and falls prevention program that helps older adults at all levels of fitness become more active, energized, and empowered to sustain independent lives. Through a generous grant, this class is available at all St. Mary's County Senior Activity Centers at no cost during the month of December. It meets at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Class is at 2 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays; 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you haven't tried this fun class yet, now is the time to try it for free. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 for more information.

### 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.

### Hear for the Holidays

Jacobs Audiology will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. This is a drop in Open House event! They will have refreshments, complimentary hearing screenings, courtesy hearing aid cleanings, educational materials and a raffle. You won't

want to miss this FREE event! For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

### Breakfast Café & Casserole

As the holiday season kicks into overdrive, wouldn't it be nice for someone else to do the cooking? Make your reservation for a delicious staff-prepared breakfast with friends. On Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 9-10 a.m. the Northern Senior Activity Center will serve a Christmas Breakfast Casserole with hash browns and a sweet roll. The cost is \$2 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up with payment for breakfast in advance, please visit the front desk. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

### 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.

### Drama Speaks Lunchtime Theater

"Perplexing Polar Problems": Santa is not always his jolly self. Problems occur in his Polar

Kingdom and they are very perplexing. Without warning, Santa finds himself facing labor and production problems, especially concerning his elves. Join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 12 p.m. and learn about the somewhat unusual solution to Santa's problems in this delightful show. It will brighten your holidays! The lunch that day will be stuffed shells w/tomato sauce, seasoned spinach, garlic bread, pears, pineapple chunks, bread pudding w/vanilla sauce. Cost for lunch is by donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

### Charles County Show Troupe Holiday Luncheon

The Northern Senior Activity Center is proud to sponsor the Charles County Show Troupe for their holiday performance of "Christmas Love" on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This variety show will feature, singing, dancing, comedy, and more. The performance will be followed by lunch and door prizes. The menu for this event is stuffed shells with tomato sauce, garlic bread, seasoned spinach, and dessert. Suggested donation for a ticket is \$5 for this event. To sign up and pay in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information regarding this event, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

# ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### 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.

### Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, December 16 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Come brighten your day with a little "art therapy," and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with a variety of art supplies, and make a project to take home. Materials provided. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

### Stay and Play

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will hold Stay and Plays weekly while storytime is on break from December 16 through January 12. Charlotte Hall Library will hold Stay and Play on Wednesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. (except December 25 and January 1), and Lexington Park and Leonardtown will

hold Stay and Play on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. During the Storytime break, visit your library every week for a toddler/preschool playgroup. We'll provide the playthings; you bring the fun! No registration.

### U.S. Census Bureau Recruitment

The Lexington Park Library will host the U.S. Census Bureau on Monday, December 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the Charlotte Hall Library will host the Bureau on Tuesday, December 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. U. S. Census Bureau personnel will provide information on jobs and help with the job application process. The Census is conducted every 10 years and the goal is to count everyone where they live. Hiring will be done within the local community to get a complete and accurate count of each person.

### Spend an Hour with a Job Coach at the Library!

Leonardtown Library will host 'Spend an Hour with a Job Coach' on Monday, December 16. Appointments will be available on the hour from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Southern Maryland JobSource job coaches will be available to meet with job seekers one-on-one, for an hour long appointment. If you would like assistance with writing your resume, conducting a job search, polishing your interview skills, or career change advice call the Leonardtown library at 301-475-2846 to schedule an appointment.



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