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Callaway Man Charged with Murder of Wife

Animal Shelter Construction Timeline Set

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer



Timothy Christian Wagner

St. Mary's deputies have charged a man in the shooting death of his wife while she was sleeping on the couch at their Jo Marie Way home.

Timothy Christian Wagner, 36, a cyber security analyst who works for a local defense contractor, told police "he was frustrated with the way his life was going" when they interrogated him after his arrest Feb. 2.

Wagner stands accused of first-degree and second-degree murder along with others in the killing of 29-year-old Felicia Renee Wagner.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed in St. Mary's County District Court, Wagner called the county's emergency communications center (ECC) at about 8:04p.m. Feb. 2 and said he had killed his wife and left the gun lying nearby the victim.

He refused to identify himself to ECC operators, police said, but investigators were able to establish his identity by the address whence the call came.

When police arrived on the scene of the homicide, the defendant's father also arrived and told police his son had called him and told him he had just killed his wife, charging documents stated.

Less than an hour after the shooting death of his wife, Wagner was halted in a vehicle stop in Charles County and was arrested without incident, law enforcement officials said.

During his interview with detectives he "knowingly and intelligently" waived his Miranda rights and told detectives that he took a shower and a nap before shooting his wife. When he woke up, charging documents stated, he saw his wife sleeping on the couch, returned to the bedroom and retrieved a firearm and shot her multiple times.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's new animal shelter should be built and operational by January of 2022, public works chief John Deatrick told the Animal Control Advisory Board at their Jan. 30 meeting.

The contract to build the facility, which will include an adoption center for pets, paddocks for larger animals in need of care, as well as provide space for the sheriff's office K-9 unit, has already been awarded to regional construction company Scheibel Construction, based in Calvert County.

The facility will also house the county's animal control department and operate as a low kill or no kill shelter, Deatrick said.

"The notice to proceed will be a year from now, Jan. 17, 2021 with construction following the year from that," Deatrick said.

The county has budgeted a little over \$7.5 million to build the new facility, which is slated to be just under 14,000 square feet in size.

As the process moved forward, advisory board members complained they were not being given enough opportunity for input.

The chair of the animal control board, Drema Ballengee-Grunst, along with board member Rita Weaver said they wanted more information on how the shelter plan was taking shape.

"We haven't seen any recommendations to the contractor about what the facility will contain, the space..." Ballengee-Grunst said.

"Everything is in words right now, there are no drawings," Deatrick said, offering to give board members procurement documents that

were available to the public.

Ballengee-Grunst said that so far, though, the procurement documents only talked about the square footage and priority services at the facility, not how it would be shaped.

"None of that's been defined," she said.

Deatrick and Steve Walker, emergency management director said that some of that programming existed.

"That's the piece we haven't seen," the advisory board chair said.

"The programming needs to be completed," said Walker, noting that much was left to be decided on how the facility would take shape.

Ballengee-Grunst said the board was formed to represent the citizens' interests in how the facility would be completed and the advisory board did not have enough information now to do that.

"We're clueless," she said. "We are operating on parallel lines... we are not doing this together."

Deatrick said the county staff and advisory board should work separately, with the board determining its own preferences for the shelter that could then be added to plan.

"We'll pull the two things together," Deatrick said. "I hope we get something from you so we can tailor that."

"Your role is advisory, but I'd really like you as part of it."

The advisory board voted to hold a special meeting Feb. 11 to discuss a staffing report proposal for the animal shelter; board members tabled that discussion at the Jan. 30 meeting.



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New Library Senior Center Gets Firm Opening Date



The main entrance of the Leonardtown Library Garvey Senior Center set to open April 28.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After more than a year of construction, and several delays, the new Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Center, located on Hollywood Road, finally has a firm date for its grand opening.

St. Mary's County Library System Director Michael Blackwell said April 28 would mark the opening of the new facility; the original date was April 21, but it was moved back to accommodate a special guest.

Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan will be attending the opening ceremonies, Blackwell said.

Last year officials with the county's public works department said the library and senior center project was slated to open by January but that date was pushed back due to considerable delays caused by continual rains and muddy conditions.

The new library was sorely needed, Blackwell told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Feb. 4 meeting, as the current facility housed at the old armory near the county governmental center was the second busiest library in all of Southern Maryland.

The Lexington Park library branch was the busiest in the region, Blackwell reported.

For 2019 the county's library system checked out 1.3 million items, or roughly 12 items for every person living in St. Mary's, according to their annual report.

These items ranged from books to ukuleles, Blackwell said.

"We circulate 30 percent more mate-

rials than Calvert and 70 percent more than Charles, despite the much larger numbers of people," Blackwell said. "Our libraries are incredibly, heavily used."

The combined library/senior center cost \$21 million to build and is about 45,000 square feet, with 29,000 square feet for the library side.



Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan

Blackwell said the combined nature of the facility means that seniors and young people going to the library will be able to have shared activities.

This can include seniors helping young children how to read, Blackwell said, and young people helping seniors learn their electronic devices.

"This is going to be a beautiful, beautiful building," Blackwell said. "We plan on having lots of crossover programming."

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Toddler Recovering After Near Fatal Mishap



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Lexington Park resident has started a Go Fund Me page to help pay for the medical expenses for a 2-year-old St. Mary's girl who suffered a near fatal medical mishap over the holidays.

The page, called Ava's Medical Bills, recounts the girl's story of barely surviving swallowing 17 tiny rare earth magnets.

"It took several days for the damage to become apparent," Smith wrote on the Go Fund Me page for Ava. "It wasn't until December 31st that the seriousness of the situation was understood and our local county hospital life-flighted a very sick Ava to Children's National Medical Center in DC."

The magnets exerted such force once inside Ava's digestive system that they began to tear through her intestines, Smith wrote, to come together as they would normally.

An initial surgery to remove the magnets and repair the tears in Ava's intestines did not solve the problem, Smith continued.

Ava required several more surgeries, since after the first operation her intestines began to twist on themselves, Smith stated, and two more surgeries allowed her intestines to recover outside her body and then be put back.

"These were terrifying days for Ava's

family," Smith wrote. "Infection, fevers, pockets of fluid that needed [to be] drained, blocked drainage tubes, sedation, opioid dependency for pain, racing heart rates, and a tiny suffering toddler."

Dennis Loeffler, Ava's father, said Ava should be coming home within a week but faces another three to six months before doctors can reassemble what remains of her intestines.

"She has to use an ostomy bag," Loeffler told The County Times. "About 90 percent of her intestines were removed."

"She only has about 15 centimeters left; she should have between 300 to 400 centimeters."

Smith said she wanted to raise awareness among parents about the dangers of rare earth magnets being used by children.

But the medical bills incurred by Ava's family are extensive.

The Go Fund Me page has so far collected \$4,050 to help defray the costs; the goal is \$20,000.

Ava will continue to need weekly trips to Children's Hospital for treatment, according to Smith, and she is only now eating solid food, restricted to rice and potatoes.

To learn about Ava's condition visit www.gofundme.com/f/x26e4-ava039s-medical-bills.

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Bailey's Bill Would Close Tobacco Loophole

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer



Sen. Jack Bailey

Last year the sale of tobacco to anyone under the age of 21 in Maryland was prohibited by law statewide but the actual possession of either tobacco or something like an electronic smoking device by someone under age was not forbidden under what became known as the Tobacco 21 law.

SB 508, introduced into the Maryland General Assembly by Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist. 29), aims to close that loophole, at least in St. Mary's County.

The bill as written prohibits the possession of tobacco products or an electronic smoking device by anyone under 21, making it a civil offense.

The law would not apply to someone under the age of 21 who was acting at the behest of their employer in handling tobacco or smoking devices while on the job or for someone at least 18 years of age who is an active duty member of the military with a valid military form of identification, according to the language of the bill.

The discovery of an underage subject in possession of tobacco or a smoking device would receive a civil citation by the discovering law enforcement officer, according to the bill.

The law prohibiting the sale of tobacco or vaping products to anyone under 21 went into effect Oct. 1 and was heralded as a major step in combating nicotine addiction by minors as well as the inhalation of potentially harmful chemicals from certain vaping products.

But soon after the law went into effect, local law enforcement lamented their inability to take away smoking devices and tobacco products from those who were underage once in their possession.

The bill is set for a hearing Feb. 18 in the Senate's Judicial Proceedings Committee. If passed the new law would go into effect Oct. 1 and apply only to St. Mary's County.

Another bill proposed and entered by Bailey, SB 509, would establish the Castle Doctrine in Maryland, essentially offering home and property owners more options in using physical force to repel either an invasion, assault or both.

The bill as proposed would allow Maryland residents to use physical force, including deadly force, if a person has made an unlawful entry in the property owner's home.

The bill also allows a person to use physical, even deadly force, to repel an assault if the person being attacked reasonably believes they are in fear of their life.

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Leonardtown, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County are seeking five volunteers for a Solar Task Force. This task force will seek community input, further investigate community needs, learn about solar regulations; identify potential site locations, discuss potential strengths/challenges with solar facilities.

This five-member task force will meet monthly for six months to discuss gathered information and gauge adherence to stated objectives. At the end of six months, the task force will provide a report of findings to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

All citizens interested in being con-

sidered should fill out an application on the County's website at <https://www.stmarysmd.com/boards/>. All applicants must include a resume and submissions must be received no later than Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020.

Applicants for this committee must meet one of the following criteria:

- Education Representative
- Utility Representative
- Agriculture Representative
- Citizen-At-Large (two positions)

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Diane Gleissner, at 301-475-4200 ext. 71707.

Department of Recreation and Parks Citizen Advisory Board February Meeting Canceled

The Department of Recreation and Parks Citizen Advisory Board meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020 has been canceled.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige Street Leonardtown MD.

For more information please call 301-475-4200, ext. 771812.

St. Mary's College to Freeze Tuition

Today the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland announced a freeze in tuition, fees, and room and board costs for the 2020-2021 academic year. The decision was made after a review of recommendations from a Board of Trustees Task Force, formed in 2019 at the request of President Tuajuanda C. Jordan. The Task Force studied how the College, as a public institution that is focused on providing an outstanding education, could ensure greater access to students.

"St. Mary's College understands the cost of college is a serious concern. Designated by Maryland as a public honors college – the nation's first - we are committed to strengthening the student experience and outcomes consistent with our mission to offer an affordable education to all current and future students and their families," said Lex Birney, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "A one-year freeze will make a compelling difference for students who have the academic qualifications to study at the College, but not the corresponding resources."

Current tuition, fees, room and board for an in-state student is \$28,719, and \$44,795 for a non-Maryland resident (District of Columbia residents pay the equivalent of in-state tuition). The effect of a one-year freeze is significant, resulting in approximately \$3,000 in sav-

ings for an in-state student over the course of four years, and more than \$4,000 in savings for an out-of-state student.

"St. Mary's College of Maryland is one of only two public honors colleges in the nation and ranked among the top five public liberal arts colleges, according to U.S News & World Report. Prestige alone does not suffice however; we must also be affordable. Our students have excellent outcomes and we want the College to be accessible for any student who has the talent, ambition, and potential to be able to study here," said President Jordan.

"I am grateful for the work of the Task Force and the Board for approving an approach which will help make this possible. St. Mary's College is an enviable value for its students which is now strengthened by this freeze," noted President Jordan.

Students have the benefit of a 10:1 student/faculty ratio, study abroad opportunities, and the Learning through Experiential and Applied Discovery (LEAD) initiative. Included in LEAD is the guaranteed opportunity for internships and undergraduate research for students—the Honors College Promise. Ninety-four percent of St. Mary's College students join the workforce, military or go on to graduate school within six months of graduation.

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CareNet: A Safe Haven for Women

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For nearly 30 years CareNet of Southern Maryland has given women who are dealing with an unplanned or unexpected pregnancy a place to get support and comfort; their mission is to help preserve life and show women that, despite their fears of having a child, they can do it.

The only option they don't assist women with in dealing with their pregnancy is referring them for an abortion; they don't try to convince women not to get an abortion, they say, but they do try to show women the value of the new life they are carrying.

"Our mission is to provide help, hope and resources to women and families dealing with an unexpected pregnancy," said Christine Cooney, communications director for the local CareNet. "We have women of all ages who come here."

The local CareNet, with offices in Lexington Park, Leonardtown and Prince Frederick, offers women pregnancy tests, sonograms to confirm pregnancy, clothing, formula and baby care supplies to take care of infants and very young children, parenting classes and testing for sexually transmitted diseases and infections.

Cooney said their center received more than 2,600 visits from women seeking assistance, and their medical staff, which consists of three nurses and a doctor who provides oversight, performed 232 pregnancy tests last year.

Shelby Whitlock, outreach and education director for CareNet, said a key focus of the organization is a class on having a healthy relationship for middle and high school students who are just starting out in their own social journeys.

The class is called REEF or relationship essentials that equip families.

"We're very focused on individuals," Whitlock said. "With this class we're trying to reset this generation, because the family has kind of fallen apart."

In the class, young people are given alternatives to sexual activity at such an age – CareNet is Christian faith based and advocates sexual abstinence before marriage – and are taught ways to be close with each other aside from physical intimacy.

But for women who find themselves expecting a child, CareNet stands ready to help, free of charge and free of judgement.

"You treat everyone with compassion," Cooney said. "We don't meet them with judgement."

In helping women with options for their pregnancy, Whitlock said they are open to all regardless of their own personal faith.

"Everything we do in our centers is completely free," Whitlock said. "We can only meet them with the compassion of Christ."

"But you don't have to be Christian to come here."

They have helped women who are Muslim, Buddhist and other faiths or of no faith, they said.

Many women who come in are in their 20s, but there are also women in their 30s and older, some of whom who have already had children and are deep into their own careers.

Others come from homes that are broken and abusive; they are concerned that they will not be able to be the best parent for their child, Whitlock said.

If they chose to have the procedure, Whitlock said, a sonogram can be a powerful tool of realization.

"For a lot of women, seeing that heartbeat is how they come to see it's a life," Whitlock said.

What brings most women into the CareNet office, said Olivia Bossert, executive director for the regional facilities, is fear.

"Most women we deal with who find out they are



CareNet Southern Maryland Executive Director Olivia Bossert, Outreach and Education Director Shelby Whitlock, Communications Director Chrissy Cooney and Leonardtown Office Director Kim Hagan.

pregnant, mostly what they feel is fear," Bossert said. "We try to remove that fear."

CareNet does not just work to help expectant and fearful mothers, but they also want to help women who have had abortions and are feeling the pain of the loss.

"Most of the women who have abortions are in their 20s and 30s and when they come to us, they've carried this shame, this guilt for 10 or 15 years," Bossert said. "When they come to us, they're tired of carrying it."

The staff and volunteers at CareNet, offer the same compassion to a woman who has had an abortion as to those who are seeking an alternative to one.

"The world tells them its not a big deal," Bossert said. "It is a big deal."

"What we try to tell them is that even if you're in a bad situation you don't have to be in it alone," Bossert said.

It is difficult to know the number of abortions performed in either St. Mary's, Calvert or Maryland as the state does not report abortion numbers to the federal government.

Every woman they have seen, Bossert said, regrets it if they've had an abortion.

"But no one has ever regretted keeping their baby," she said.

But not all women who come to seek assistance relinquish their decision to get an abortion; the CareNet staff and volunteers will still help them with emotional

support if they return.

"It's hard," Cooney said. "Sometimes we just have to bury ourselves in the compassion of Christ."

CareNet of Southern Maryland is currently working to refer women who have taken what is known as the "abortion pill," also known as RU 486, to take medication that can reverse its affects.

But time is critical, as RU 486 takes just two to three days to end a pregnancy.

CareNet of Southern Maryland has begun an informational campaign to tell women that an option exists to keep their pregnancy viable if they act quickly enough.

"The window to reach a woman now is about two days," Cooney said. "We don't have the same amount of time we used to."

Some versions of the abortion pill are available online, they said, but warned that these pills bypass important safeguards and can put women at risk.

CareNet operates using a small corps of paid staff and volunteers; their facilities are operated entirely off of donations from the community.

There are over 1,000 pregnancy centers across the United States that are affiliated with CareNet.

"We are completely donor funded," Cooney said. "We receive support from churches throughout the community."

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Sheriff's Office Crime Report

Attempted Robbery- On January 29 deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 22000 block of Valley Estates Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance involving a firearm. Preliminary investigation determined the victim agreed to meet an individual later identified as Delmonte Delmar Faison, 22 of Lusby, to sell an electronic item. Faison, along with another unidentified suspect, and the victim met outside the victim's residence, at which time Faison pointed a shotgun equipped with a laser sight at the victim and demanded property. A struggle ensued between the victim and a second unidentified suspect, and Faison ultimately fled the area in a vehicle.

Deputy First Class Budd was responding to the incident when he observed a vehicle matching the description provided of the suspect vehicle. DFC. Budd conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and identified Faison as the operator of the vehicle. Observed in plain view inside the vehicle was a shotgun equipped with a laser sight. Faison was arrested and charged with attempted robbery.

Assault/Disorderly Conduct- On January 24 Dep. Burgess responded to the Carter Building located in Leonardtown, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined Sharon Anne Thompson, 51 of Mechanicsville, began acting disorderly in the building and was escorted outside. While being escorted outside, Thompson punched the victim in the arm. Thompson's actions garnered the attention of numerous bystanders and caused numerous people to congregate in the area. Thompson was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Disorderly Conduct.

Assault/Disorderly Conduct/Fail to Obey Order- On January 25 DFC. Holdsworth responded to the 37700 block of Mt. Wolf Road in Charlotte Hall, for the reported disturbance. Contact was made with Amanda Marie Stewart, 34 of Mechanicsville. Stewart began causing a disturbance in the establishment and was taken into custody. Investigation determined Stewart assaulted a store employee prior to law enforcement by using an object to strike the employee's hand. Stewart was placed into DFC. Holdsworth's vehicle and she began kicking the interior of the vehicle. Stewart was ordered to cease her actions, however she continued to kick the vehicle. Stewart was charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct, and Fail to Obey a Lawful Order

Robbery/Assault/Theft- On January 27, Cpl. Tirpak responded to the 46900 block of South Shangri La Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported robbery. Investigation determined the victim was approached by individuals known to her to include Keona Dominique Best, 24 of no fixed address. The victim advised Best punched and kicked the victim and stole the victim's property. The victim displayed visible injuries from the incident. Best was located and arrested. Best was charged with Robbery, Assault 2nd Degree, and Theft.

America Needs A Hearing Aid

To the Editor

During a recent press conference, the US House Speaker really showed herself. Upon being asked an innocent, yet, noteworthy question regarding her possible hate of President Trump, she went off. What must've been left of her defensive conscience was obviously pricked. She thus retorted to publicly advising us of her religiosity and upbringing, something of which had apparently taken wings awhile back. Reportedly, her daughter once exclaimed, she'd could cut your head off and you won't even know you're bleeding.

Hate, common denominator of today's leftist democrat party, is paramount, seeming become mandatory to remaining in good standing. The inflamed Democrat leader exclaimed, why, I don't hate the president or anybody else. In fact, I pray for the president, begging the obvious, pray to whom, madam, or what. Envision one seeking the face of God Almighty while staunchly supporting the purposeful killing of unloved, unwanted little ones yet carried about in their mama's God designed womb sanctuary. Then, imagine somehow respectfully entreating the Holy One while simultaneously shaking one's fist defiantly in his face regarding marriage. Yet, this democrat party has willfully mocked God and told him his determinations are no longer relevant, and, essentially, his authority, unmerited and outdated. Democrats brazenly pass heathenish laws as they see fit while mocking those on opposition to their godless agenda and its intended effect on this once God fearing, Christ honoring nation. And while all men are accountable unto God for their own lives, elected officials so much the more so as their actions drive this country's Rule of Law, right or wrong, affecting some 330 million citizens.

Respectfully, Democrat party bosses, although publicly comfortable in your presumption of faith and religiosity, your actions are more suitable to entreating the unknown god (Mars Hill) as your goals run contrariwise to the final authority, the Holy Bible. Further, your party calls America's

President a liar even as you do that of Ukraine's President Zelensky along with an additional high government official who both boldly also exclaimed there was nothing out of line in the two leader's recent telephone conversation.

Leftist Democrat party elitists have demonstrated raw hate for America's President Trump since his winning of the 2016 election. In concert with fake news, and Hollywood's quasi intellectuals, you hate our president, hate his wife and you hate their family, to include their young son. Further, you've mocked VP Pence for his maintaining of common sense Christian standards. You've raked Trump's cabinet members over the coals, jeered his former female press secretary, and special advisers, and reviled their support staff. Then, bottom line, it's the hate you clearly demonstrate towards your 60 million plus fellow Americans who voted Trump/Pence into office a few years ago and will gladly do so again come Nov. This time, to your disgusted surprise, the number will swell as they take both the Electoral College and popular vote.

It's your call, politicians, hate-on if you will, yet, God willing, your sad sack miserable efforts at driving Trump out of the White House will fail. We who know what we believe and why see Trump/Pence as being currently in the center of God's will and expect your deceitfully contrived results will mirror those of Haman of old. Hate is no family value and has no place in American politics. You should know there is a remedy via a right relationship with Holy God made exclusively possible by the Lord Jesus Christ of Calvary. He can not only remedy your loathsome hate driven condition, forgive all your sins, give you peace with thanksgiving, transform your life and subsequently, ensure your blissful eternity with the Lord. Whereas, empty "religion" regardless of denominational tag or no, cannot.

Chester M. Seaborn, Jr
Mechanicsville, MD

Wonderful Care

To the Editor:


I would like to give thanks the nurses at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Calvert Medical Health Center, and the Burnett Calvert Hospice House for the wonderful care they gave my husband, John Cosgrove, during the last weeks of his life.

I would want to thank my many

friends who prayed for the both of us and for our family during this difficult time. We have received so many sympathy cards with an outpouring of love and support that I cannot find the words to say Thank You. You will all be in my heart always

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Glenn Taylor, director of Taylor Farm, visits some goats on the farm, one of many kinds of animals there to make it a bucolic setting.



Holly, one of the care givers at Taylor Farm assisted living, serves up icecream for residents.

The Village at Taylor Farm

Assisted Living

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For the past 17 years Taylor Farm, an assisted living facility in Avenue, has given families a quiet and peaceful home for their elderly members who need help in everyday life.

Glenn and Kathy Taylor, who both have experiences in nursing homes, either visiting them as part of a church ministry or as a care provider for the aging.

What they saw made them want to do a better job for those who had become so dependent on others for their daily needs.

"It was so depressing, and I just thought there had to be something better," Glenn said.

"I was a care giver at a nursing home," Kathy said. "There were too many patients to each caregiver.

"Here, there's plenty of staff."

At Taylor Farm, three custom-built residences can house 10 patients each; there are eight private rooms on the ground floor for patients who need the most care.

There are two second-floor apartments in each of the residences that are spacious and have kitchenettes for residents who are ambulatory enough to get up and down stairs.

Mechanized seats are there to help residents get up and down steps if they need it.

Both Kathy and Glenn said the living quarters are like a college dormitory but kept bright, clean, orderly and comfortable.

Just as unique as the location and the residences there, are the animals on the farm. Some of them have even been fed and raised by residents.

There are horses, goats, geese, llamas and even a pair of cats roaming the grounds.

Each of the residents can contact either Kathy or Glenn if they need help.

"Everyone has our cellphone," Glenn said. "We want people to feel that they have access to us so we can get it right."

Helene Fedoriska, 81, a retired registered nurse, has enjoyed her two years living at Taylor Farm.

"It's very clean; if you've ever been in a nursing home you can smell the urine," Fedoriska said. "The staff are very nice to everybody." She said the country setting was one of her favorite parts of living there.

"It's far from everything and I like the quiet," Fedoriska said. "They keep it so nice outside."

Moreover, the Taylors say their decision to found the assisted living facility there was a based on their faith in God.

Both had careers as produce managers for a regional grocery store chain and decided to quit their jobs, move to Avenue and purchase the land where Taylor Farm now sits back in 1999.

Much hard work and financing went into the project, Glenn said, to build everything from the ground up.

They not only have a relationship with each of their residents but their families as well.

"Our [residents'] families are here all the time," Kathy said. "We have an open-door policy."

"We took a big risk," Glenn told The County Times. "I believe God wanted us to do this.

"The reason we did this is because somebody needs to do it; God's done all this."

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Northern Senior Center

February Activities

Breakfast Café

Northern Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 9-10 a.m., \$2

Start your day off right with a delicious breakfast made by Ginger! Make your reservation today to have breakfast with friends and let us do the cooking and clean up. Breakfast for Feb. 12 will be ham and potato casserole, scrambled eggs, toast, and fruit. The cost is \$2 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for breakfast in advance, please visit the front desk.

Pitch Tournament Lottery

Northern Senior Activity Center
Lottery Opens Thursday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.

Attention Pitch Players! If you are interested in submitting your name into our Pitch Tournament Lottery for the March/April tournament (runs March 16-April 27) please fill out a lottery slip and give it to Rachel Mowatt or call to have one completed for you. If your participation in the tournament is dependent on another player being included, please put both names on the slip; up to three names per slip. The deadline to submit your information is Thursday, Feb. 20. Names will be drawn on Friday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m. All entries will be contacted regarding their participation status. Those not selected to be on the tournament roster can opt to be subs and can also participate in the drop-in pitch program on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Payment is due for those selected for the tournament no later than Thursday, March 12. If you are interested in being a sub but not being part of the lottery, please con-

tact Rachel at 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Valentine Bingo

Northern Senior Activity Center
Friday, Feb. 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bring your special sweetie or dearest friend to bingo and enjoy prizes that celebrate the holiday. Prizes will be heart themed, pink or red, sweet, and so much more. The cost is \$3 for two cards for each bingo event and payment is due at sign up. To sign up and pay for these bingos in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

AARP Smart Driving Course

Northern Senior Activity Center
Monday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

\$20 AARP members, \$25 non-members
This course includes proven safety strategies that older drivers can use to compensate for changes as they age and allow them to drive more safely and confidently for as long as possible. The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members with cash or check made payable to AARP. Class is 4 hours with a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is a donation from seniors 60 and older; \$6 for others made the day of the class. To sign up and pay for this class in advance and to sign up for lunch, please visit the front desk or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

March Activities

Fall Risk Assessments with Dr. Mike
Northern Senior Activity Center
Monday, March 9, 1-4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Dr. Mike O'Brien with Freedom Physical Therapy will be at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Monday, March 9, to conduct 15-minute fall risk assessments. Be proactive about your health and get assessed for free. Appointments are limited. To sign up for this free assessment in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Body Imbalance

Northern Senior Activity Center
Tuesday, March 10, 1-2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15
Learn how to bring your body back into balance to relieve tension, increase mobility, and reduce potential injury. Fitness instructor, Judi Lyons, will lead you on a 90-minute journey to improve your body balance. The cost is \$15 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for this class in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Breakfast Café

Northern Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, March 18, 9-10 a.m.

Cost: \$3
Start your day off right with a delicious breakfast made by Ginger! Make your reservation today to have breakfast with friends and let us do the cooking and clean up. Breakfast for March 18 will be sausage gravy, biscuit, home fries and fruit. The cost is \$3 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for breakfast in advance, please visit the front desk.



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What to do When Memory Loss Happens

Maryland is far from removed from the greying of America. The state is estimating that by the year 2030, more than 25 percent of the population will be 60 or older, up from only 18 percent in 2015.

Calvert County is expected to have a 65 percent increase in the same age group in that 15 year period between 2015 and 2030, one of the highest increases in the state.

Susan Justice, head of the Calvert County Office on Aging, said the aging population is reflected in an increased demand for services from her agency. One of the trends she has been seeing recently is an increased incidence of Alzheimer's Disease and a parallel concern from individuals who are showing some early signs of dementia. They want to know what to do.

The Alzheimer's Association provides the following information for individuals or their friends and families who are facing that situation:

It can be difficult to know what to do if you've noticed changes in yourself or a family member or friend – particularly when they're related to memory loss, thinking or behavior. It's natural to feel uncertain about voicing your worries because that can make them seem more "real." However, these are significant health concerns, and it's important to take action to figure out what's going on.

Print a guide to take notes:

Guide for those who have noticed changes in themselves - <https://www.alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-dementia-10-steps-to-approach-memory-concerns-in-self.pdf>

Guide for those who have noticed changes in others - <https://www.alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-dementia-10-steps-to-approach-memory-concerns.pdf>

Assess the situation

What changes in memory, thinking or behavior do you notice?

What have you noticed that's out of the ordinary and causing concern?

What else is going on?

Various conditions can cause short-term or long-term memory loss and affect thinking or behavior. Are there any health or lifestyle issues that could be a factor? These may include family stressors or medical problems like diabetes or depression.

Has anyone else noticed changes?

Has a family member or friend expressed concerns? What did he or she notice?

Are any of these changes a sign or symptom of Alzheimer's or another dementia?

Here are the 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's:

- Memory loss that disrupts my daily life,
- Challenges in planning or solving problems.
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks,
- Confusion with time or place,
- Trouble understanding visual images or spatial relationships,
- New problems with words in speaking or writing,
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps,
- Decreased or poor judgement,

Withdrawal from work or social activities, Changes in mood or personality.

Get Checked. Early detection matters.

If you notice one or more signs in yourself or another person, it can be difficult to know what to do. It's natural to feel uncertain or nervous about discussing these changes with others. Voicing worries about your own health might make them seem more "real." Or, you may fear upsetting someone by sharing observations about changes in his or her abilities or behavior. However, these are significant health concerns that should be evaluated by a doctor, and it's important to take action to figure out what's going on.

Start a conversation

Who should participate in the conversation to discuss concerns?

If you've noticed changes in yourself, confide in a person you trust. If you've noticed changes in someone else, the person who has the conversation could be you, a trusted family member or friend or a combination of these individuals.

What is the best time and place to have this conversation?

Have the conversation as soon as possible. Choose a time and location that will be comfortable for everyone involved.

How will you approach the conversation?

Try the following if you've noticed changes in yourself:

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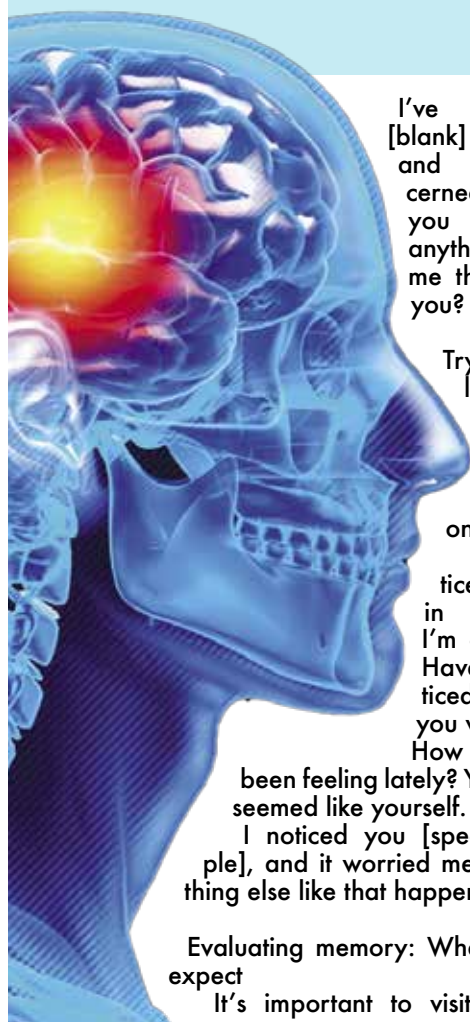
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I've noticed [blank] in myself, and I'm concerned. Have you noticed anything about me that worries you?

Try the following if you've noticed changes in someone else:

I've noticed [blank] in you, and I'm concerned. Have you noticed it? Are you worried?

How have you been feeling lately? You haven't seemed like yourself.

I noticed you [specific example], and it worried me. Has anything else like that happened?

Evaluating memory: What you can expect

It's important to visit a doctor

and get evaluated when you or a family member or friend is facing memory loss concerns. Knowing what to expect can ease anxiety and help you prepare for necessary tests.

Learn About the Process

Discuss seeing a doctor together.

Many conditions can cause memory loss or affect thinking and behavior, so it's important to get a full medical evaluation. If the cause isn't Alzheimer's or another dementia, it could be a treatable condition. If it is dementia, there are many benefits to receiving an early and accurate diagnosis, including the opportunity to plan for the future, access support services and explore medication that may address some symptoms for a time.

Many people find it helpful to bring a trusted friend or family member to the medical evaluation.

Try the following if you've noticed changes in yourself:

I think it would give me peace of mind to see a doctor and find out what's going on. Would you be willing to go with me for support?

Try the following if you've noticed changes in someone else:

There are lots of things that could be causing these changes, and dementia may or may not be one of them. Let's see if the doctor can help us figure out what's going on.

The sooner we know what's causing these problems, the sooner we can address them.

I think it would give us both peace of mind if we talked with a doctor.

If needed, have multiple conversations.

The first conversation may not be successful. Some people attribute problems with memory, thinking or behavior to stress or normal aging and may not take your concerns seriously. Write down some notes about the experience to help you plan for the next conversation. Consider the location, day and time; what worked well and what didn't; who was involved; the end result; and what could be done differently the next time.

Reach out for help

Turn to the Alzheimer's Association for information and support.

Call our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 to speak with a master's-level clinician about your concerns and next steps.

Explore the Alzheimer's Association and AARP Community Resource Finder at https://www.communityresourcefinder.org/?_ga=2.218163545.1761778691.1580481878-1347363021.1580481878 to find local resources such as a health care professional or your closest Alzheimer's Association chapter.

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Loffler Senior Center

February Activities

Book Talk by Carol McCabe Booker: Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter's Account of the Civil Rights Movement

Loffler Senior Activity Center
Thursday Feb. 6, 10 a.m.

Free

Carol McCabe Booker will be at the Loffler center to discuss her husband's famous book, which tells the history of Simeon Booker's 65-year journalism career. This book explains how blacks went from being completely ignored in the mainstream press to being the focus of heavy coverage of the civil rights movement, and the role of Booker's civil rights reporting in Jet magazine. "Starting with his fascinating, inside account of the Emmett Till drama, Simeon Booker's Shocking The Conscience not only spans the civil rights movement, it serves as a testament to his role as a pioneer breaking color barriers in his own profession." (Curtis Wilkie, author of The Fall of the House of Zeus). Simeon Booker passed away 2 years ago at the age of 99. His wife of 44 years, Carol McCabe Booker has also been and continues to be an active force in civil rights. Sign up for this presentation by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk.

Nutrition Education and Counseling for February

Loffler Senior Activity Center
Monday, Feb. 10, 9-11 a.m.

Free

On Feb. 10, Donna Taggart will present Heart Healthy Eating at 10 a.m. On that same day, she

will offer free personal nutritional counseling at 9 and 11 a.m. if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539. To sign up for the Heart Healthy Eating presentation call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the reception desk at Loffler.

Educational Video Series: Ben Carson

Loffler Senior Activity Center
Wednesday Feb. 12, 10 a.m., 81 min.

Free

In an exclusive interview Ben Carson, MD tells how he rose from poverty to fame. He offers career advice and outlines his steps to success. There are also interviews with other professionals in medicine as well as Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin who discuss Dr. Carson's successes. Register to see this video by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. Seating is limited.

March Activities

Art Classes by Jamie Naluai

Loffler Senior Activity Center
Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: \$85 per month

March will be the month of having fun with color theory which will include exploring color through different mediums. Fun will continue in April as students learn about the art of abstract. Jamie's classes are suitable for beginners as well as intermediate level. She teaches drawing, painting and other mediums in four 2-hour sessions per month. Cost of these classes includes enough paint and supplies to get you started. Payment may be made to instructor on the first day of class. Call 301-475-

4200, ext. 71658, to sign up or to learn more.

Kitchen Kaizen Food Safety Course

Loffler Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, March 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost: Free

Have you ever second guessed yourself if food has gone bad or wondered if your chicken is cooked enough? What about the old wives tale about putting hot food in a refrigerator? Join Erin Jewell from the University of Maryland Extension and learn ways to improve your meals, no matter how long you have been preparing food. This workshop will let you get your hands dirty and clean! Return home with the tools (give-a-ways for all participants), confidence, and knowledge to avoid a kitchen calamity. Never be satisfied, because change (kai) is good (zen). The University of Maryland Extension is an equal opportunity provider. To sign up call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk at Loffler.

Educational Video Series: Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone

Loffler Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m. 55 min., Cost: Free

This classic and beloved National Geographic special, four years in the making, invites you to run with the pack for a wolf's-eye-view. Witness the unfolding saga of hardships and affection, losses and triumphs, and the controversy surrounding the decision to reintroduce wolves back into the heart of the West. Register to see this movie by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. Seating is limited.

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Garvey Senior Center

February Activities

Luncheon with Jimi Simon

Garvey Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 12 p.m.

Jimi Simon is the former leader and featured performer from the fabulous Hubcaps Band (1974-2006). Currently he is working with Johnny Seaton & Bad Behavior, among others. For over 30 years he has performed the most requested songs of all time while encouraging audiences to participate as they stroll down "Memory Lane" together with the greatest hits from all the genres of music. Jimi plays piano and guitar while he sings live, using backing tracks that he has recorded to create the big sound of a full band and orchestra. You won't want to miss this new performer at the Garvey Senior Activity Center! The menu for the day is Lasagna, kale, tossed salad, French bread and peaches. 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.

Book Discussion Group

Garvey Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.

In February, they will discuss "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver. Loaner books are available. To learn more, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

AARP Safe Driver Course

Garvey Senior Activity Center
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to: roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seatbelt and turn-signal use. The cost is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for nonmembers, payable to AARP. Members must show their membership card to get the member rate. Advance sign up is required. Lunch is available at the Center; cost is \$6 for those under the age of 60 and a donation for those ages 60 and above. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 to register for the class. Make lunch reservations when registering.

March Activities

Ceramics with Marti

Garvey Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, March 4, 10 a.m., Cost: \$10

If you enjoy painting and creating personalized gifts or decorations for the home this is the class for you! Marti Cotterell will teach the class and offer instruction on painting techniques. This class will be working on projects for Easter. The cost of the class is \$10 for each item painted and includes the firing of the item. For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Pickleball for Experienced Players

Leonard Hall Recreation Center
Mondays, March 9 - April 27, 8-10 a.m., Cost: \$ 32

Experienced pickleball sessions are for those who are familiar with the game of Pickleball, rules and scoring. Registration opens February 20 at 8 a.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. To learn more, call 301-475-

4200, ext. 71050.

Book Discussion Group

Garvey Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.

The group will discuss "The Immortalist" by Chloe Benjamin on March 11. Please note there will not be a book discussion meeting in April. Loaner books for the May discussion will be distributed at the meeting on March 11. For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Lunchtime Theatre with Drama Speaks

Garvey Senior Activity Center
Wednesday, March 11, 12 p.m.

The Reader's Theater will entertain us with a production of "Reunion Round-Up," an original script by Debs Szymkowiak. In the performance, classmates gather for a 50th high school reunion held at a dude ranch. From horses to hi-jacks, the reunion is filled with surprises and a few memories for the friends and classmates.

Lunch is served during the performance. The menu is cranberry juice, BBQ chicken, baked beans, dilled carrots w/ snow peas, WW dinner roll, and fruited jello. Lunch cost is \$6 for those ages 50-59 and a donation for those ages 60 and above. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

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Forrest Center Students Earn UAS Pilot's License



Three Aviation Technology students at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown, MD recently earned their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) remote pilot license. The students completed the training to receive their license as part of their three year Aviation Technology program. UAS training was recently added to the third year of the Aviation Technology program.

For more information, contact the Aviation Technology instructor, Arnold Skinner, at 301-475-0242, x28206 or at atskinner@smcps.org.

St. Mary's College of Maryland Presents ESPN Analyst and Bestselling Author Jay Williams



The Office of the President presents ESPN analyst and bestselling author Jay Williams on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall

on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus. Part of the Presidential Lecture Series, the event is free of charge and open to the public but reservations are required at www.smc.edu/jaywilliams.

Williams is considered one of the most prolific college basketball players in history. The #2 pick in the 2002 NBA Draft, he is now an analyst on "College GameDay" and a regular commentator on ESPN and ESPN2's weeknight studio coverage.

Following a motorcycle accident in 2003, Williams was forced to retire from basketball after just one season with the Chicago Bulls. Rather than letting the near-fatal accident destroy his future, Williams parlayed his experience on the court into a successful career in broadcasting and business. Drawing from his time in recovery and building his brand, Williams has established himself as a premier keynote motivational speaker for various executive business conferences and charitable organizations nationwide.

His best-selling memoir, "Life is Not an Accident: A Memoir of Reinvention" (Harper Collins, 2016), focuses on the life-altering depression and ultimate healing that Williams underwent in the aftermath of his accident. The 2018 documentary web-series, "Best Shot," follows Williams as he mentors high school basketball players from Newark's Central High School. Directed by Michael John Warren and executive produced by LeBron James, "Best Shot" is available

on YouTube Red.

Williams joined at the start of the 2014-15 season as an analyst on ESPN's "College GameDay," the popular college basketball program that originates from the "Saturday Primetime" game-of-the-week telecasts. First joining ESPN in 2003, Williams became a full-time game and studio analyst in 2008. He was also an analyst for CBS College Sports Network in 2007, and a contributor to Fox Sports Radio in North Carolina.

Williams was drafted second by Chicago in the 2002 NBA Draft, just behind No. 1 pick Yao Ming, and started 54 of 75 games for the Bulls in the 2002-03 season. As a starter for three years at Duke, Williams won the Naismith College Player of the Year award, the John R. Wooden Award, and the Oscar Robertson Trophy. He averaged double figures as a freshman, which helped earn him the ACC Rookie of the Year award in 2000 and recognition as a first-team All-America player.

An accomplished entrepreneur and spokesperson, Williams is the CEO and national director of special events for Rising Stars Youth Foundation, using basketball as the vehicle to promote education and provide academic and financial assistance to students within the program.

He is a member of the NBA Retired Players Association, a voting member of the John Wooden Awards Committee and sits on the board of USA Basketball. Williams has also been a spokesperson for Athletic Advantage, a sports physical therapy and performance development center in Durham, North Carolina.

The first athlete at Duke University to earn a degree in just three years, Williams graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology and business.

Two County Museums Join the North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM)

St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, local museums overseen by the St. Mary's County Museum Division, recently joined over a thousand other institutions across the country as members of the North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM). The organization is one of the largest reciprocal membership organizations in the world.

NARM is an affiliation program that connects arts, cultural, and historical institutions along with botanical gardens, children's museums, science and technology centers and more that offer their individual NARM qualified members reciprocal benefits.

Individuals who join a participating NARM institution can receive reciprocal benefits such as free admission and shop discounts at all other NARM-affiliated locations. Joining the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums at the Heritage level (\$125) allows you to take advantage of member benefits at these locations, which includes 17 institutions in Maryland, 23 in Virginia and 14 in Washington D.C.


"We already offer so many amazing benefits to Friends members who have generously chosen to support our museums and historic sites," says Amber Puschinsky, Fundraising Coordinator for the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums. "I'm beyond excited that we will be able to essentially offer 1,000 more places for our members to explore."

Those interested in joining the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums should contact Amber Puschinsky at amber.puschinsky@stmarysmd.com or call 301-769-2222. For more information about NARM, please visit www.narmassociation.org.

To find out more about events and programs at St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, please visit [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum), [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light) or museums.stmarysmd.com.

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets.

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Ridesharing Incentive Benefit Available to Federal Employees

By Donna Cipolloni NAS Patuxent River Public Affairs

The Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) is a monthly federal government subsidy for civilian and military employees who ride mass transportation – which includes vanpooling – to and from their permanent duty station each day.

Personnel aboard NAS Patuxent River who opt to participate in a vanpool may be eligible for a benefit up to \$270 each month, if they meet all of the program's requirements.

"The first thing any individual must do is establish their seat on a vanpool," said Human Resources Specialist Karen Brandon, who handles TIP at Pax River and acts as the program's reviewing officer. "Then they can go online [at <https://tips.navy.mil>] and select a registered vanpool already established; or if there isn't a vanpool available, they are welcome to start one of their own – but they'll have to register their van first."

Brandon, who has been working with the program for nearly nine years, possesses the knowledge necessary to assist personnel by answering questions and providing the resources and guidance they'll need to get started in the program.

When completing the online application, specific information is required and will be reviewed and validated by an applicant's supervisor before also being reviewed and approved by Brandon. The deadline to apply is the 15th of each month in order to be approved and begin receiving transit benefits during the second month thereafter.

"There are currently six vanpools at Pax River with

employees who participate and collect the benefit and use it toward their van," Brandon said. "Most vanpools are usually traveling quite far. We have two coming from Waldorf and others coming from Forestville and Oxon Hill in Maryland, as well as Arlington and Springfield in Virginia."

In order for the government to consider it a vanpool, the minimum number of seats in a vehicle must accommodate six passengers, plus the driver, and for this size vanpool, there must be at least three participating passengers plus the driver, riding in the vanpool each day. Also, each participant is required to ride the van at least 50% of their eligible workdays per month to receive that month's benefit.

"The van also has to have at least 50% of its riders plus a driver for 80% of the time it comes to Pax River," Brandon noted. "The [designated] vanpool lead will have to submit the necessary paperwork each month for my audit. I am happy to share all of this information about the policy with anyone who's interested."

Commuter Connections

Another means of finding a vanpool is through Commuter Connections, a regional network of transportation organizations that can provide potential commuters with information on all their commuting options. Interested individuals can log on to the free site at www.commuterconnections.org where they will be asked to sign up and provide pertinent information such as their home and work addresses, workday start and finish time.

"This lets us do a ride match from our database and helps us find individuals in the region who go close to the same area at the same time," explained George Clark, transportation administrator with the local Tri-

County Council for Southern Maryland, which covers Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties specifically.

Emergency ride home

Worried about how you'll get home in case of an emergency or unexpected overtime? Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) is a free service that provides commuters who vanpool to work at least twice a week with a free and reliable ride home, up to four times per year.


"People might have an emergency crop up, or they may have to stay late, and it's been a blessing to have the GRH program," Clark noted. "It's an added incentive for van/carpoolers."

Who's eligible for TIP?


All Navy and Marine Corps military members and federal DoN civilian employees, including non-appropriated fund (NAF) employees are eligible to take advantage of TIP. Reservists on active duty for more than 30 days are also entitled to the benefits and are to apply in the same manner.

It should be noted that personnel who carpool with others and share driving in their own vehicles are not currently eligible for the monthly transportation benefit, but still do qualify for the Guaranteed Ride Home program.

For information on the government's Transportation Incentive Program, contact Brandon at Karen.brandon@navy.mil or (301) 342-6860. For detailed information about ridesharing programs available in the area, the answers to FAQs, and to sign up, visit www.commuterconnections.org. You can also visit the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland at www.tccsmd.org or contact Clark at gclark@tccsmd.org or 301-643-7257 with any questions.



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Men's Basketball Downed by Salisbury



Seth Jones '22 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team (7-14, 2-4 CAC) hosted the Salisbury University Sea Gulls (9-12, 3-3 CAC) on Saturday (Feb. 1) afternoon in Capital Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks were downed by the Sea Gulls by a final score of 84-80.

St. Mary's College - 80, Salisbury - 84

How It Happened

Trailing 8-3, the Seahawks strung together their largest scoring streak of the game with seven consecutive points at the 15:21 mark of the opening half. Gary Grant, Miles Gillette, and Dee Barnes scored to capture a 10-8 Seahawk lead. Minutes later, a made jumper from Gillette and made free throw from Jack Foley gave the Seahawks a 24-20 lead, their largest of the game. The Sea Gulls battled back and took a 37-35 lead into the locker rooms.

In a highly competitive second half, the Seahawks grabbed their largest lead of the half with 16:21 remaining when Barnes drained a jumper for a 45-43 Seahawks lead. Next, the Sea

Gulls stole the momentum with eight unanswered points at the 13:49 mark to capture a nine point lead. Moments later, Salisbury extended their lead to 13 with just over 12 minutes to play.

With under two minutes remaining in regulation, the Sea Gulls held an eight point lead over the Seahawks. St. Mary's College closed the gap with six straight points to cut the Salisbury lead to two with 20 second remaining. Gillette highlighted the run with a clutch three-pointer to bring the Seahawks within two. The Seahawks resorted to fouling with short time remaining and couldn't pull off the comeback.

Inside the Box Score

Gillette led the Seahawks on the offensive end with 26 points and on the glass with six rebounds. In addition, Gillette led St. Mary's College with four steals. Tryllian Young also collected six rebounds in the contest. Barnes tallied 19 points, while Grant finished with 12, respectively.

Mike Ward led Salisbury with 22 points.

Press Release from SMCM.

St. Mary's College to Stream Athletics

St. Mary's College of Maryland Athletics is pleased to announce a partnership with BlueFrame Technology for this year's live webcasts of St. Mary's College home athletics contests. The platform will debut on Friday, Aug. 30 when the Seahawk women's soccer team hosts McDaniel at Jamie L. Roberts Stadium.

"We are thrilled to be moving into a new phase of athletic streaming," said Gus Mohlhenrich, Director of Athletic Communications. "BlueFrame's platform will continue to allow our fans to view our broadcasts free of charge and provide an excellent viewing experience. In addition, partnering with BlueFrame will provide our department with the revolutionary Production Truck software. Production Truck will allow us to add graphics, instant replay, and

other professional features to our live productions."

The new streaming portal has been branded as the Seahawk Sports Network in an effort to differentiate St. Mary's College Athletics live streaming and video content. Click here to view the Seahawk Sports Network broadcasting portal and bookmark the webpage to your favorite web browser to watch live and on demand Seahawk athletic events.

"We're proud to provide our software and service to the St. Mary's College Seahawks," said Josh Braun, Director of Sales at BlueFrame Technology. "I'm excited to see how they utilize Production Truck and our digital network tools to help create a fantastic Seahawk Sports Network."

Press Release from SMCM.

A View From The BLEACHERS

The Game of Basketball

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Basketball makes a simple first impression – shoot ball through hoop, prevent opponent from doing the same – but possesses complex, ever-evolving intricacies that can captivate participants for a lifetime. It can be played in various formats, from traditional five-on-five to one-on-none. Young and old, male and female are welcome – separately or together. Entry costs are minimal; no special (expensive) equipment is required, just a ball and access to a hoop. Full or half court is fine. The location can be as glorious as an NBA arena or as quaint as a high school gym, a well-worn public playground or a modest pallet and rim mounted to an oak tree.

Few sports have transcended borders and bridged differences like basketball. Dr. Naismith's game, started humbly with a peach basketball in Springfield, Massachusetts, first grew into America's game and is now, with players like Rui Hachimura from Japan, Luka Doncic from Slovenia and LeBron James from Akron, Ohio, a global treasure. Michael Jordan was ahead of his time when he referred to the sport as not just "basketball" or "the game" but as "The Game of Basketball." The phrase acknowledged basketball as, in the simplest of judgments, "just" a game, but the formality of Jordan's phrase, and the proud inflection he used speaking it, hinted at much more.

With that said, January was a difficult month for the basketball community. On January 1, former NBA Commissioner David Stern, a catalyst for the NBA's growth in the 1980s and basketball's global appeal, passed away. He was 77. Morgan Wootten, the storied DeMatha High School basketball coach, died on January 21 at the age of 88. And finally, Kobe Bryant, along with 8 others, tragically perished in a helicopter crash on January 27. He was just 41 years old.

Collectively, the sport lost the NBA's most important executive, perhaps its greatest high school coach and one of its iconic players. But basketball tells only part of the story of these three legends.

Stern was complex. He could be combative and condescending, but he was also intelligent, ambitious and possessed a grand vision for basket-

ball that few could have imagined, let alone realized. Without David Stern, would Hachimura or Doncic be in the NBA? What about former stars like Yao Ming, Mano Ginobili and Dirk Nowitzki?

For me, Wootten's impact is personal. I once attended his famous basketball camp. It was a brutal and fantastic immersion into basketball's fundamentals - the triple threat offensive position, the "reach for the peach" shooting stroke, developing the off-hand and defensive positioning (get your base...butt...low) – and personal discipline within a team concept. Here's what's fascinating about Wootten: he chose to coach high school basketball at DeMatha for nearly 50 years, shunning more lucrative opportunities at higher levels. Wootten clearly chose fit, happiness and the chance to impact young lives over anything money could buy; countless men from the DMV region are glad he did.

And then there's Kobe. Why? He had so much left to do. Smart. Thoughtful. Driven. Competitive. Kobe taught us the power of self-confidence and determination; he was proof of the correlation between hard work and success; he embodied the importance of continuous growth and curiosity. However, Bryant wasn't without flaws. In 2003, he was accused of sexual assault. Bryant was acquitted, admitted to the extramarital affair and apologized to all involved. It was a terrible situation of his doing, and part of his legacy. But nearly 17 years later, Bryant's rededication to his marriage and growth as a father is commendable and undeniable. An amazing second act seemed in the offing; it will forever be unfulfilled.

Stern, Wootten and Bryant. Executive, coach and player. Three very different men. Three very different roles. They are linked, though, by profound social impact through a common profession. They are linked by "The Game of Basketball" – a grand pursuit, one disguised as unimportant recreation, that trivializes human differences and binds the globe through shared passion. So play. Dribble. Take a few shots. Work up a sweat. Whenever and whenever you can. For as long as you can. Stern, Wootten and Bryant would want it no other way.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

FIVE TIPS ON HOW NOT TO GET SUED IN BUSINESS

First, the title of this article is a misnomer. Everyone can get sued. Anyone can sue you. The issue is not whether someone can sue you, it's whether you will prevail because the procedures you have put into place protect you. Common sense is your best guide to not getting sued. This article will focus on FIVE tips to protect yourself against the most problematic areas business owners face.

TIP #1: IF IT'S A BUSINESS AND NOT A HOBBY, TREAT IT LIKE ONE

Stay away from being a sole proprietorship if you are thinking about creating a business. A sole proprietorship is fine if you have a hobby. A business structure like a limited liability company or a corporation is relatively easy to create and, once in place, that structure will protect your personal assets from a business lawsuit. What does that mean? If someone wants to sue your business, that person can only reach the assets of the business, not your personal assets. To protect yourself and your family, make sure you have correctly created the business structure. This requires, by the way, that you use a professional to help you set up your business.

Business structures are not one size fits all. If you have a spouse or a partner you want to work with as a business owner, your basic corporate documents must address what happens if one of you dies or is disabled. The basic corporate LegalZoom documents will not help you. Go to a professional for the creation of the business and get it done the right way.

Does just creating the correct business structure protect you from suit? No. Especially not if you have not followed customary business procedures. The way for an adversary to get to your personal assets is to prove that you have not run the business like a business. This is called "piercing the corporate veil". Basically, if you have all your business financial statements on the backs of envelopes, your contracts are oral, your "business" bank account is actually your personal bank account, and you do not refer to your formal business name when conducting business, there is a good chance in a lawsuit you would not be able to protect yourself against piercing.

TIP #2: DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT USING ORAL CONTRACTS

Contracts, agreements, financial transactions must all be written and made easy to understand. The major problem all small service businesses face is not using a written contract with standard terms and conditions that relate to your business. It takes a professional to help you figure out what your standard contract should address. For example, if you are a wedding planner and your customer cancels the wedding, who pays you if your services have already been rendered. Unless you have a contract that is very specific about what happens if the wedding is cancelled, you are likely to be on your way to litigation. How easy it is to protect yourself with a visit to an attorney to create a contract for your business. The basic saying is don't be "penny wise and pound foolish." Pay money up front to get your business and contracts organized.

TIP #3: IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, YOUR CUSTOMER CAN'T EITHER

This relates to the prior point about written contracts. Once you do obtain a standard contract, make sure it is written in standard language. If you cannot understand the language, neither can your customer and misunderstanding the terms of your service is a clear path to litigation.

This is true about more than just contracts. Be very clear with your customers about expectations. What are you saying you will do in terms of tasks. To what extent will your performance of your services depend on what the client does? What if the client doesn't do what they say they will? You can and should address these issues in your written contracts, but just in oral conversation, you need to make clear what you expect out of the relationship and the customer needs to know the ground rules of the engagement.

By the way, do not vary from your standard terms unless you specifically put that in writing. If your standard contract calls for a payment of a certain percentage of the bill upon certain events and you want to do something different with a customer, make sure you write it down and both of you sign it.

TIP #4: EMPLOYEES OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS?

One of the major issues to be determined by the new business owner is whether your employees are full-time employees who work only for you or whether they are independent contractors who also work for others. The Internal Revenue Service is focused on this issue because so many business owners have mistakenly classified their employees as independent contractors that catching and punishing employers for this is easy. This subject, alone, deserves an article. However, to summarize, if someone works for you full-time at your direction, they are employees and you must withhold taxes from their paychecks and pay over the taxes to the government. If they do not work for you full-time and collect salaries from other employers and meet other criteria, they can be classified as independent contractors. In that case, when you pay them, you do not withhold taxes. They are responsible for paying their own taxes. The IRS loves to challenge the classification of employees as independent contractors since most business owners do not back up their classifications with evidence and the IRS can easily re-classify employees, requiring the employer to pay back taxes on amounts not withheld that should have been, along with penalties and interest.

To protect yourself and your business, any employer who deals with independent contractors must have an independent contractor agreement signed by the contractor and employer that recites all the IRS guidelines and represents that the contractor and employer are following such guidelines.

Tip #5: PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

You are in business to make money. Not focusing on your form of invoices or requests for payment almost invites disputes with customers. How will you be paid for your services? What if the customer is not satisfied with your services and refuses to pay you. What will you do? You need to focus on a policy to use under all circumstances. Imagine all of the "horribles" that could occur with your customers and address how you will handle those up front directly to the customer. The rule to follow is no surprises for your customers or for you.

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Winter Turkey Season Sees Harvest Increase

Maryland Hunters Bagged Birds in 22 Counties

Hunters reported taking 82 wild turkeys during Maryland's 2020 winter turkey season, which was open statewide Jan. 23-25. Two were bagged in Calvert and 13 in St. Mary's (the most in the last six years).

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reports turkeys were harvested in 22 of the state's 23 counties, with St. Mary's and Garrett counties reporting the highest numbers.

The harvest was higher than the 73 turkeys taken last year. Adult males, or gobblers, comprised 42% of the harvest with the remainder being adult females and juveniles. Seventy-three percent were taken with a shotgun, but some hunters harvested their bird with a crossbow or vertical bow.

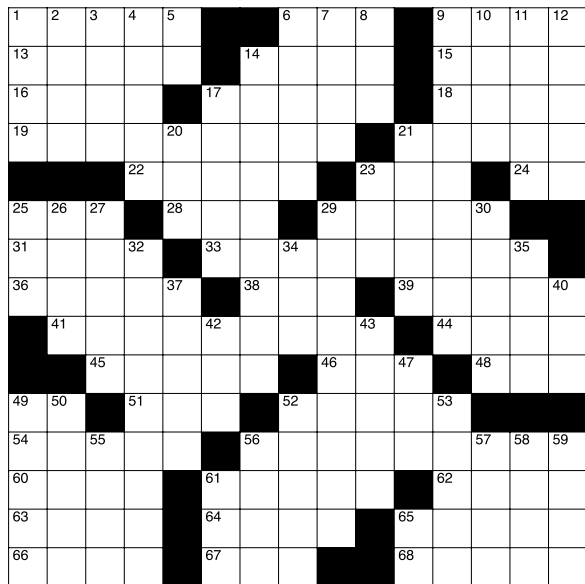
The winter turkey season was established in 2015 to provide hunters an additional hunting opportunity while minimizing conflicts with other hunting seasons. Turkey populations at one time were limited in Maryland. In the 1980s and 1990s, an extensive program to trap and relocate wild flocks successfully established populations in every county.

Press Release from MD DNR.



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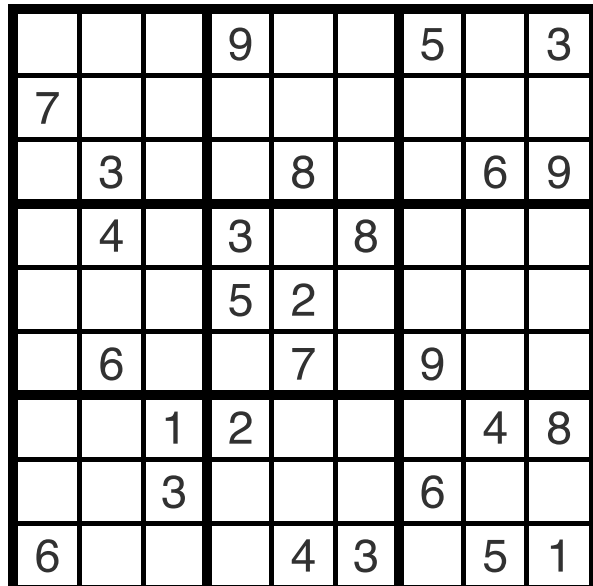
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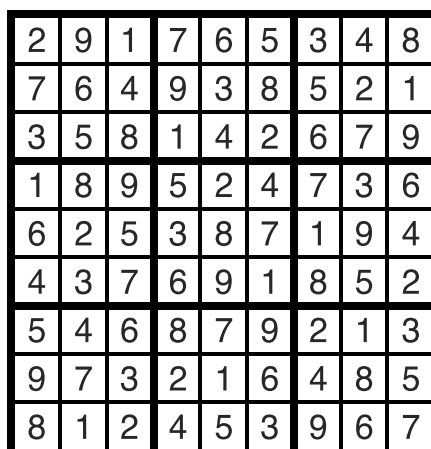
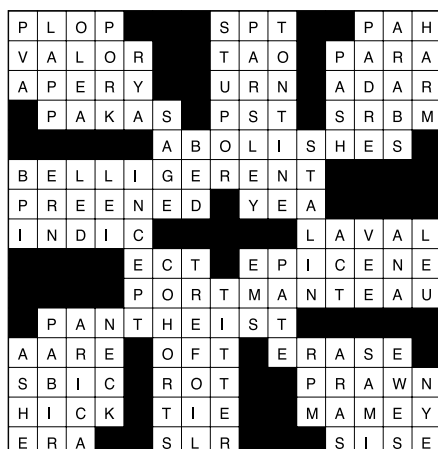
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- 6. Overhang
- 7. Identifies something close at hand
- 8. Sign language
- 9. Unbroken views
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Stretch out to grasp
- 12. Alcohols that are unfit for drinking
- 14. Humorous stories
- 17. Long song for a solo
- 20. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 21. City of Lights
- 23. A place to sleep
- 25. Advanced degree (abbr.)
- 26. The back
- 27. Furniture-makers Charles and "Ray"
- 29. Songs to a lover
- 30. Gland secretion
- 32. 10 meters
- 34. Disfigure
- 35. Stores grain
- 37. Sacred book of Judaism
- 40. Catch
- 42. Promise
- 43. Challenges
- 47. Russian space station
- 49. Banking giant
- 50. Served as an omen
- 52. Drenches
- 53. Type of sword
- 55. Minor planet
- 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 57. Japanese ankle sock
- 58. Obtain in return for services
- 59. Waste matter
- 61. A proposal to buy at a specified price
- 65. Unit of loudness



Level: Intermediate

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Pet OF THE WEEK



MEET COURAGE

LIFE IS JUST BETTER WITH A DOG IN IT!

Hi there, my name is Courage and I'm FUN, FEARLESS, and FAITHFUL! I'm so AMAZINGLY SWEET. I always greet everyone with a WAGGING TAIL and a BIG SMILE on my LOVING FACE. I'm only about a YEAR OLD and I already want to be your devoted companion. It's in my DNA! So now I'm hoping to find an active home where I can take long walks with my NEW FAMILY! Please make that call to come meet me and BE MY MIRACLE! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

PLEASE CHOOSE ME!

And remember, if there is room in the heart, there is room in the house.

Come meet me and the wonderful gang at Tri-County Animal Shelter (6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville) or call **301-932-1713**. To see more of my amazing friends available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD.



Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ARNI ROSDP

Answer: Rain Drops

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



Dear Readers,

I will be back with a full column next week – still having a few days where I am not up to par. The finger is much better, it is the antibiotic regimen that is making me dizzy and queasy most of the time, so I can't seem to focus on print for any length of time. Very hard for someone who also loves to read constantly.

So, I just wanted to check in and tell you I'll be back soon. Thank you for all your good wishes.

Shelby, the wanderer.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020

Queen of Hearts LVRSF Fundraiser

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

Please join us and take a chance to pick a card, find the Queen of Hearts, and win the jackpot. Event will be held every Thursday night until the Queen is found, with the jackpot rolling over each week there is no winner. Tickets are sold from 4pm-6:45pm with the winner chosen at 7pm.

Friday, Feb. 7, 2020

Lovin' Leonardtown
Downtown Square
Leonardtown
5:00-8:00 PM

Come by for dinner, dessert, Open Studio/ Art Workshops, one-evening-only specials at participating shops and restaurants, and Opening Receptions at the local art galleries! Check the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond, we look forward to seeing you there!

Contact info: email Jen Stotler at HYPERLINK "mailto:membership@thelba.org" membership@thelba.org or call (301) 247-7611.

Community Day at St. Clement's Island Museum

St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Road
Colton Point
10a.m. to 4p.m.

Have you ever wanted to contribute to an exhibit at a museum? St. Clement's Island Museum is seeking historic documents, photos and other significant objects related to St. Clement's Island and the Colton's Point area from the 20th century and earlier.

We will scan photos and documents, leaving you with the originals, and we can photograph objects and people for potential new exhibits. Set up a convenient appointment by calling the museum at 301-769-2222.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020

The Other America

Lexington Park Library
21677 FDR Blvd
Lexington Park

Dr. Edwin J. Nichols, PhD, clinical psychologist and world renowned expert in the Philosophical Aspects of Cultural Difference will provide us with his analysis of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech and discuss the importance of understanding cultural differences in the work place, school and community. Supports the 2020 Summer Youth Community Works Initiative.

Contact: 240-421-2112- Reserve a seat at Eventbrite.com.

Rusty Pilots Seminar

St. Mary's County Regional Airport Terminal
44200 Airport Rd
California
9a.m. to 4p.m.

9:00 am to 12:00 pm: Rusty Pilots Seminar (WINGS credit too)

Info and registration at hangar.aopa.org/events/item/52/2826

1:00—2:00 pm: WINGS Presentation "A Data-Driven Approach to Lowering GA Accidents"

Info and registration at www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_publicregistration.aspx?eid=97885&type=0

2:00—3:00 pm: "How to Start and Run a Flying Club"

Info at www.aopa.org/community/flying-clubs;

no registration required

Food Truck on site at 12:00. Aircraft and automobile parking at Terminal.

Free Tax Preparation and E-filing

Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Station 39
21685 FDR Boulevard
Lexington Park
9a.m. to Noon

St. Mary's County AARP/IRS certified Tax-Aide Counselors will provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for low-to moderate-income taxpayers of any age in St Mary's County. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP. Walk-in services are available for those arriving from 9:00 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Each taxpayer must bring a copy of their 2018 prior year tax returns, social security card, and a picture ID. A detailed list of tax forms to bring is available at <http://smctaxaide.org>.

Prefer an appointment? Call 240-466-1740 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mother Catherine Academy Bingo

Mother Catherine Academy
38833 Chaptico Road
Mechanicsville
6:30 p.m. to 10:30p.m.

Doors open 4:30 Early Birds start 6:30 Regular Games start at 7:00
Call 301-884-3165

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020

Surviving Divorce

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Lexington Park
22375 Three Notch Road
6p.m. to 7:30p.m.

This ministry strives to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for these separated and divorced and those who still struggle with issues many years later.

To register or for more information, contact Judith at AT-THEWELL@IHMRC.CC or 240-298-4044.

2nd Dist. Breakfast All-You-Can-Eat—VFD & RS

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

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 the community safe.

More Info Call: 301-994-9999

Designer Purse Bingo

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge
37636 Mechanicsville Road
Mechanicsville
1p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Benefits the Southern Maryland Boot Scooters as they prepare for the 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's and the 12U Southern Maryland Senators Baseball team.

Designer purses (Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade) prizes and some cash games, Chinese auction, bake sale and much more.

Food/drink for purchase.

Tickets \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door.

Cash, check or credit cards accepted. To purchase tickets in advance, call Leslie Harvey at 240-577-2579.

Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Hall
Ridge
11:30am-5pm

\$12 a dinner
Baked goods available
301-872-4641

Monday, Feb. 10, 2020

Pax River Quilters Guild

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church
20850 Langley Road
Lexington Park
6:30p.m.

The church is hosting the WARM Program this week. Allison Korb will be here to unravel the mysteries of thread and batting. Allison is a guild member with a long arm business so she has lots of quilting experiences. New Members and guests welcome. Pax River Quilters Guild is a 501(c)(3) organization and is open to the public. Visit our website www.paxriverquiltguild.com or our Facebook group page, Pax River Quilters Guild for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020

Taco Tuesday

VFW 2632
23832 Three Notch Road
California
5p.m. to 7p.m.



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

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

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

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Skit Group at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Center Stage Seniors is a group that performs skits for some of the Thursday luncheons at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This group meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Center to practice. They are making plans for the March 26 luncheon and have openings for different parts. If this is something that interests you, stop by this coming Thursday and check it out! For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Heart Healthy Eating at Loffler Senior Activity Center

On Feb. 10, Dietitian, Donna Taggert will present *Heart Healthy Eating* at 10 a.m. On that same day, she will offer free personal nutritional counseling at 9 and 11 if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539. To sign up for the *Heart Healthy Eating* presentation call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the reception desk at Loffler. Free

Ben Carson Video at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Loffler Senior Activity Center will present a video on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. that features an ex-

clusive interview in which Ben Carson, MD tells how he rose from poverty to fame. He offers career advice and outlines his steps to success. There are also interviews with other professionals in medicine as well as Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin who discuss Dr. Carson's successes. Register to see this video by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. 81 min, Free. Seating is limited.

Awakening Yoga

By popular demand, the Northern Senior Activity Center has added on a second Awakening Yoga class on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor Judi Lyons will guide you through your practice and mediation. This yoga class focuses on health-wholeness of mind, body and spirit. Experience gentle, yet effective, poses which improve range of motion and strength,

while boosting mood, energy, brain function and immunity. Try your first class with Judi for free! After that, class can be taken through the purchase of a fitness card; \$35 for 10 sessions. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Growing Through Grief

Join us at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 10-11 a.m. for a special presentation with Theron "TJ" Hudson, Bereavement

Coordinator with Hospice of St. Mary's. Mr. Hudson is a sought-after speaker who brings sensitivity and wisdom to his engaging presentations. He is a respected resource who helps others in coping with and transcending change of life experiences related to loss: such as living alone, loss of companionship, loneliness and isolation, caregiving responsibilities, and post-holiday blues. Space is limited, advance signup is required. To sign up for this free presentation, please visit the signup table. For more information on the presentation call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

AARP Smart Driving Course

The Northern Senior Activity Center will host an AARP Smart Driving Course on Monday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This course includes proven safety strategies that older drivers can use to compensate for changes as they age and allow them to drive more safely and confidently for as long as possible. The fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members with cash or check made payable to AARP. Class is 4 hours with a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is beef tips in gravy and can be reserved by noon the day before. The day of, a donation is encouraged for 60 and older; \$6 fee collected from others. To sign up and pay for this class in advance and to reserve lunch, please visit the front desk or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Art on Your Own Terms

The Lexington Park Library will host Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, February 10. 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.

Mindful Eating Conversations

The Lexington Park Library will host Mindful Eating Conversations on Tuesday, February 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. and the Charlotte Hall Library will host Mindful Eating Conversations on Wednesday, February 12 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Do you and food have a love-hate relationship? Would you like to know how to experience all the yumminess and benefits food can offer your body? In honor of Heart Healthy Month Erin Jewell from the University of Maryland Extension will be visiting us to share information about mindful eating. Mindful eating means listening to how hungry and full you are using all five of your senses. It can help you avoid eating too much and too little due to emotions boredom distractions and other reasons why we choose to eat. Stop by the table in the library lobby with your questions and curiosity.

Understanding Credit Debt and Credit Reports

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Understanding Credit Debt and Credit Reports on Tuesday,



February 11 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Brian Koenig from CESI will discuss credit and some credit types along with ways to use credit wisely. Learn to distinguish between good debt and bad debt. Registration required. Ages 16 and up.

Cricut Layering Techniques

Leonardtown Library will hold Cricut Layering Techniques on Wednesday, February 12 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. This is an Intermediate Cricut program. Attendees will learn how to upload digital images to create multilayered projects. Participants will also learn to select and manipulate text, fonts, and images, and how to cut and apply a layered project. Registration required.

Brooklyn Nine-Nine Trivia

Lexington Park Library will hold Brooklyn

Nine-Nine Trivia on Wednesday, February 12 from 6 - 7 p.m. Come and prove yourself an Amazing Human/Genius with Brooklyn Nine-Nine Trivia at the library! Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Between the Covers

St. Mary's County Library will hold the book group Between the Covers at Panera (45250 Worth Avenue, California) on Saturday, February 15 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This bi-monthly book group will discuss a subgenre of romance at each meeting. February's topic will be historical romance. You may choose your own book selection or read one of our suggested titles. Check out <https://www.stmalib.org/events/book-discussions/> for more information.

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In Remembrance

Steven Lane Hite



Steven Lane Hite, 46, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on January 31, 2020 in Baltimore, MD. Born on December 14, 1973 in St. Louis, MO, he was the loving son of the late Janice L. Nimmer and Donald R. Hite. He is survived by his Step Father David C. Nimmer. Steven was the loving husband of Theresa Ann Hite, whom he married on August 13, 2006 in Lusby, MD. He is survived by his step children Elizabeth Freeman and George Freeman, III both of Lexington Park, MD, and 1 grandchild on the way. Along with his siblings Pam Gendell (Greg) of Annapolis, MD, step sisters Susan Insisiengmay (Thirasit) of Virginia, and Kristen Titus (Andy) of Virginia.

He graduated from Northern High School in 1992. Steven served in the United States Navy for 2 years. While serving in the Navy, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Navy E Award. Steven moved from St. Louis, MO to St. Mary's County, MD.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Funeral Service will follow at 3:00 PM in the Funeral Home Chapel Leonardtown, MD with Bishop William McClean officiating. Interment will be private.

Patricia Ann Hemming



Patricia Ann Hemming, "Patty" 61, of California, MD passed away on January 31, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on February 25, 1958 in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Mary Hemming and Henry Hemming. Patty is survived by her daughter Heather Henson of Great Mills, MD; siblings Joe Hemming of Ridge, MD, Charles Hemming of Ridge, MD, Agnes Bentley of Mechanicsville, MD, and Joan Gotwald of Alexandria, VA.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Jeanette Hemming and Catherine Hemming.

Patty was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduate of Chopticon High School. Patty worked in acquisitions for a government contractor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Hemming, Bill Hemming, Bob Gotwald, Charles Hemming, Ray Sawjeko, and Jimmy Carter.

Reba June Hanson

After a long, beautiful life Reba June Hanson, 97, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully February 1st, 2020.

She was born on December 19, 1922 in West Virginia to the late Grover Cook and Byrdie Graybeal. Her humble character, love for the beauty in nature, and joy of living off the land came from her West Virginia upbringing.

June married the love of her life, Hobert Layton Hanson in 1939. Together they shared over 60 years of love and marriage. Hobert will be thrilled to have his "June Bug" join him in eternal life and undoubtedly welcomed her with a guitar or harmonica song.

June was thought of as an angel on earth with a beautiful, genuine, loving soul. She touched the world and graced all those around

her with her kindness, generosity, and wisdom. She had a servant's heart and compassionately served her community and anyone she saw in need. She treasured her family with her children, grandchildren, and her great grandchildren being her greatest source of joy. She also enjoyed crafting, antiques, cooking, and baking. She is most famous for her extravagant handcrafted dollhouses and delicious sock-it-to-me cake.

June is survived by her three children, Hobert L. Hanson, Jr., of Waldorf, MD, Janet Hutson of Bryantown, MD and Connie Fitzgerald of Bryantown, MD; 7 grandchildren (Mark, Lisa, Cherie, Robert, Christian, Shannon, and Danny), 17 great-grandchildren (Mark, Matthew, Michael, Billy, Heather, Chris, Drew, Jessie, Bailey, Will, Kate, Mick, Tyler, Mitchell, Ava, Stella, Tessa) and 9 great-great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends for June's Visitation on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. with a Funeral Service following at 2 p.m. Interment will follow immediately at the LaPlata United Methodist Church cemetery (procession departing from funeral home) where she will be laid to rest beside her loving husband.

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

All arrangements have been made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Thomas Lee "Tom" Meador



Thomas Lee "Tom" Meador, 77, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Friday, January 31, 2020 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

He was born on May 4, 1942 in Peterstown, West Virginia to the late Opie Meador and Lucille McGee.

Tom met the love of his life and best friend, Sandra and married her on September 14, 1963. They've been married for over fifty-seven (57) years and raised two (2) kind and caring sons who brought in wives of their own. Tom had a special bond with his daughter-in-law, Terry. She was the daughter of his heart. Tom laughed whenever he was asked about how long he was married and said, "Can you believe I put up with her that long." Everyone would laugh and remind him that Sandy was the one putting up with him.

A fun-loving, happy, yet simple man, Tom cherished his family above all. He worked hard to support his family as a truck driver for Pepsi Cola Bottle Local #67 for more than 40 years. He made many friends throughout his career. He retired in 2001 and missed his work friends, but enjoyed spending more time with his loving wife.

Tom was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending his day surrounded by nature. He enjoyed hunting for wild game and was always willing to get up early to sit in the woods. He would put in a call to his sons, best friend, Andy Baker and his son, Andy and they'd put on their camo and spend the day traipsing through the woods. As dusk settled in, they would swap stories of "the one that got away" or better yet show off their trophy kills. If he was unable to hunt, Tom would head to the river to drop a line in the water. A day spent under a blue sky, surrounded by his family and friends was the perfect day to him. When you saw Tom outside you could guarantee one of his trustee dogs was following close by. His pups, Lucy and Bitsy, were his best friends and he loved them.

Tom was very concerned with his yard and loved to have a manicured lawn. Never one

to sit idly by, Tom mowed his grass, raked his own leaves and groomed his bushes year-round. The only ones he trusted with his yard besides himself was his sons and Shayne the next-door neighbor, even requesting in his final days for them to rake the yard.

They say the true legacy of man is through the actions he took while he was on this earth. If you knew Tom, you know he would give you the shirt off his back, put a smile on your face or hold you tight if you just needed a hug. He was a great man, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who will be missed for generations.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandra Kay Meador of Mechanicsville, MD; sons, Thomas Lee Meador, Jr. (Jean) and Brian Keith Meador and (Terry) Meador of Mechanicsville, MD; seven (7) grandchildren; and seven (7) great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, William, Edith and Gene and his best friend, Andrew Baker Garland.

Rev. James Albert "Jim" Dobbs



Rev. James Albert "Jim" Dobbs, 65, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Hospice House of St. Mary's County, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on July 8, 1954 in Washington, DC to the late Edmund George Dobbs and Mary (McGeggin) Dobbs.

Jim was a strong, fun-loving, charismatic man who cherished his family above all. He worked as a driver for AAA Transportation. He drove everything from an ambulance, limousine and party bus during his career. He made many friends throughout his years as a driver, during joyful moments and some during life's hardships offering only prayers for healing. Jim went on to become a reverend under the tutelage of Joe Orlando. Rev. Jim married many couples and felt great pride in his part in beginning their happily-ever-after.

If you asked Jim what he loved most in life, he would say family. He was a fighter who lived to help others. His cancer diagnosis brought out a spirit of optimism that helped him raise money and awareness through positivity and his yearly "Cancer-Free" picnic. Never one to backdown from a challenge, Jim's legacy will be to stand tall, face your problems and move forward.

Jim loved Maryland, lived his entire life there, and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. He was proud of his Maryland roots. As a Washington Redskins fan, he rooted for the burgundy and gold with everything he had on game days.

Jim is survived by his children, James Dobbs (Kate) of Triangle, VA, and Jessie Hewett (Daniel) of El Paso, TX; grandchildren, Avery, Autumn and James, Jr.; siblings, Michael Dobbs of LaPlata, MD, David Dobbs of Rosedale, MD, Thomas Dobbs of Rosedale, MD, Sharon Blevins of Shady Side, MD, Carol Boyd of Mechanicsville, MD and Susan Dobbs and numerous close friends he considered family. Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends for Jim's Life Celebration Visitation on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. There will also be a visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. before the Funeral Service held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020 officiated by Rev. Joe Orlando also at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, MD. Interment will be immediately following at

Trinity Memorial Gardens, Waldorf, MD.

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

All Arrangements have been made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

Carl Parran Guy



Carl Parran Guy, 71 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on January 30, 2020 at his home, with his loving family at his side.

He was born on January 18, 1949 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Clarence N. Guy and

Eleanor Mae (Farr) Guy.

Carl attended Father Andrew White, S.J., School and often told people how his class was the first class to go from first grade through eighth grade. Carl is a 1966 graduate of Ryken High School and went on to attend St. Mary's College. He was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from 1970 to 1971. On July 29, 1972, he married his beloved wife, Christine Guy in Pocatello, Idaho. Together they celebrated over 47 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed at Griffin Carpet/Flooring Max as a dedicated and professional salesman until his retirement in 2011, after 39 dedicated years of employment. He and his wife enjoyed vacationing every year on Captiva Island in Florida. They enjoyed early morning shelling walks along the beach, relaxing by the pool with Carl's yummy pina colodas, and evening sunsets hoping to see the Green Flash. Carl loved the holidays, especially Christmas. He was known for his delicious cheesecakes he made for his family and select friends every Christmas. He loved to spend time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife Christine, he is also survived by his children, Andrew C. Guy (Lori) of Leonardtown, MD and Kristin M. Guy (Jamey Thompson) of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings, Mary Martha Griffin (Pete), Joseph C. "Teeny" Guy (Beverly), Richard Wayne Guy (Joann Gough), and Ronald N. Guy (Denise) all of Leonardtown, MD; his grandchildren, John Andrew Guy, Luke Roland Guy, Jesse James Thompson, and Latelle Jamison Thompson; and many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Rory T. Conley on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow in the church cemetery and will be private.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mr. Gordon Stellway, Mr. Dickie Huseman, Mr. Michael Price, Mr. James Hoffman, Mr. Gerald Hicks and Mr. David Stefanic.

Memorial contributions may be made to Father Andrew White, S.J. School, P.O. Box 1756, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Hospice House of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Lorrie Linnae Logue

Lorrie Linnae Logue, 56 of Leonardtown, MD formerly of Cobb Island, passed away on January 22, 2020 at her home.

Lorrie was born on September 3, 1963 in Sentinel, Oklahoma to the late James Logue and Marla Jayne (Sollars) Logue, of Clinton,

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MD.
Lorrie was a very fun loving woman who prided herself on her two children. There was never a dull moment when she was around. In her spare time she loved doting on her animals and watching nature.

In addition to her mother she is survived by her daughters, Felecia Tice (Stephen), of Clinton, MD and Marissa Tice, of Leonardtown, MD. She was preceded in death by her father and brother, Lonnie Logue.

Marsha Boswell McCauliff



Marsha Boswell McCauliff, 71, of Park Hall, MD passed away on January 19, 2020 surrounded by her loving family at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

She was born on April 10, 1948 in Goldsboro, NC to the late Marshall Daniel Boswell and Agnes Marie Dixon.

Marsha married her beloved husband, Francis William McCauliff III, in June of 1974 in Pepperell, MA. Together they celebrated 45 wonderful years of marriage. She worked as a Drug Addictions Counselor and Manager at the Marcy House until her retirement in 2007. Marsha enjoyed gardening, reading, crocheting and shopping. She adored spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Marsha is survived by her Sister Bonnie Moore (Hogan) of Princeton, NC. Children: Dena Ferrell of Beaufort, NC, Lisa Harris (Rick) of Kenly, NC, Meagan Matthews (Jamie) of Jersey City, NJ, Melanie Moser of Lexington Park, Francis William McCauliff IV (Leslie) of Decatur, GA. Grandchildren: Cynthia Renee McCauliff of Park Hall, Mia Marie McCauliff-Shores (Tim) of Park Hall, Justin Ham (Katie) of Jacksonville FL, Taylor Gorich-Ornelas (Ralph), of Wilson, NC, Valdevino O'Brien of Park Hall, Edwin Moser, Lexington Park, Dimitri Moser, Lexington Park, Aven McCauliff, Decatur, GA, Eily McCauliff, Decatur, GA. Great-grandchildren: Luke Harris, Kenly, NC, Olivia Ornelas, Wilson, NC and Emma Ornelas, Wilson, NC.

All services will be private.

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Judith Kae Jones



Judith Kae Jones, 73, of Bryans Road, MD passed away on January 27, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on August 26, 1946 in Maryland to Joe Thompson of Newburg, MD and the late Madelyn Thompson.

Judy was employed for over 40 years as a caring and customer friendly waitress. She was employed by the Moose Lodge 126 in Clinton, MD for many years, Shuler's Restaurant Inc., Genas Crab House, and the Clinton Inn. She enjoyed gardening, both flowers and growing vegetables. She was an excellent cook. Her specialties were meatloaf, pasta, and lima bean soup. Her hobbies included fishing, playing the slots, keno, lottery, and rising early to go to yard sales. She had an impressive collection of porcelain dolls and Norman Rockwell plates. Her greatest love was for

her family who she enjoyed spending as much time with as possible.

In addition to her beloved husband of 43 years, Dennis Wayne Jones, Sr., she is also survived by her children Dennis Jones, Jr. (Kelly) of LaPlata, MD, Vickie Boarman-Phillips (Robert) of Fredricksburg, VA; her brother David Thompson of Newburg, MD, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and many extended family and friends. In addition to her mother, she is also preceded in death by her son James Hood, brother Joseph Thompson, Jr. and her step-mother Mary Thompson

Interment will be private.

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

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Phillip Leo Harris



Phillip Leo Harris, 56 of Lexington Park, MD, entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 24, 2020 at Georgetown University Hospital after a rapid onset illness. Phillip was born on October 1, 1963 to Evelyn Theresa Harris and his father, Lemmie Jay Harris.

Phillip was a graduate of Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County. He worked for years as maintenance for Lincoln military housing at Pax River Naval Base. Phil worked more than he had time off; holding multiple jobs to care for his family. Phillip would always say "I got more time behind me than in front of me"; working until he became disabled in 2015. Phillip was well known to the community as a painter and auto detailer.

Phillip enjoyed spending time with his family and going to serve the Lord throughout the week. He was a member of Pray Praise and Promise Christ Church, as well as God's House of Refuge where he was an active member, playing the drums, which he loved. Phil loved helping people; always checking to make sure everyone was taken care of. He was crazy about his children and grandchildren. Phillip would never be seen without a cup of coffee, leaving behind a coffee stain on his mother's rug, which she refused to change because he would come right back through with another spill. He was devoted to helping his "Mama" and was always talking about being on the phone with his Cousin Anne. Anne could tell you that even though Phillip was sick, he never complained. He loved music and recently had a dream of starting a gospel band this summer.

Phillip was preceded in death by his daughter, LaTaka Denise Harris; sister, Joyce Catherine Harris; brothers, Dennis Ray Harris and Jerome Harris; uncles, Sylvester Bennett, and Charles Price.

He leaves to cherish his mother, Evelyn T. Harris; daughters, LaTorie and LaQuisha Harris; sister, SueAnne Price and brother, William Harris; his grandchildren, Ta'Zyia and Ta Kiyah Brooks, TaRahji Young and Elijah Harris-Pearson and a host of family and friends. The memories that we have for our father, son and cousin will live on forever.

A special thank you to Anne Butler for your support, helping Phil while most of his immediate family lives long distance and Linda Mason (mother of his children) for being a big support during his last moments of life. Thank you to each and every one of you for your love and support.

Condolences may be sent to www.briscoetonicfuneralhome.com.

James Richard Holly



James Richard Holly, 75 of Lexington Park, MD, peacefully departed this earthly life and entered into eternal rest on Sunday, January 26, 2020, in Leonardtown, MD. James, lovingly referred to as Richard, was born to the late Joseph Jackson Holly and Elizabeth Agnes Holly on May 16, 1944 in Leonardtown, MD.

Richard graduated from Banneker High School in 1962. He worked at Abell's Wharf and Brubacher Farm during and after graduating high school. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1963, where he served and was honorably discharged in 1970. He then began his career at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Patuxent River, MD and retired after 35 years of dedicated service. After retiring from the federal government, he was employed with Wally's Excavating and St. Mary's County Parks and Recreation until 2015.

Richard was a member of the Jolly Gents Sportsman Club for many years. Richard had many hobbies and interests, which included construction work, maintenance work, lawn care services, fishing, cooking/catering, and watching WESTERNS and game shows. He especially enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends.

Richard was a dedicated member of Our Lady's Church in Medley's Neck, MD where he served the Lord his entire life.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Rosalee E. Holly; daughter, Shannon Holly-Washington (Antwain); step-daughters, Renee Butler and Constance "Connie" Chase (Aaron); step-grandchildren, Brittany Gross, Deondre Lloyd (Linda), Brittany Chase, and Arionna Chase; and step-great grandson, Damari-on L. Gross-Johnson. He also leaves to cherish his memory his sister, Anna Moseley (Robert); brothers, Joseph Holly, Charles Holly, William Holly Sr. (Alice), John Holly (Cynthia); sisters-in-law Mary Ola Brooks, Delores Bailey (Norman), Annie Sims (Richard), Clara Collins, and Gloria Price; brothers-in-law James W. Taylor, John Taylor (Lois), James Thompson, and Gregory Thompson (Paulette) and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Charles (Jerry) Brooks and Thomas Holly; sister, Baby Girl Holly; sister-in-law, Mary (Pete) Holly; and brother-in-law, Alfred Price, Sr.

Family and friends will unite on Friday, February 7, 2020 for visitation at 11:00 am until Mass of Christian Burial at 12 noon at Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck, 41348 Medleys Neck Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment immediately following at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD-gate time at 2:30 p.m.



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