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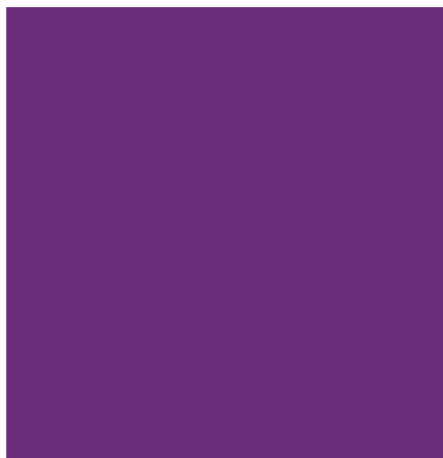
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LOCAL

“I WILL CONTINUE TO URGE REPUBLICANS TO WORK WITH DEMOCRATS TO REOPEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,”
 CONGRESSMAN STENY HOYER ON THE PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.



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MedStar St. Mary's Hospital welcomed the first baby of 2019.



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Local Lions Club members provided Christmas gifts to a needy family this year.



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Reassessments Show Statewide Increase St. Mary's Change Below State Average



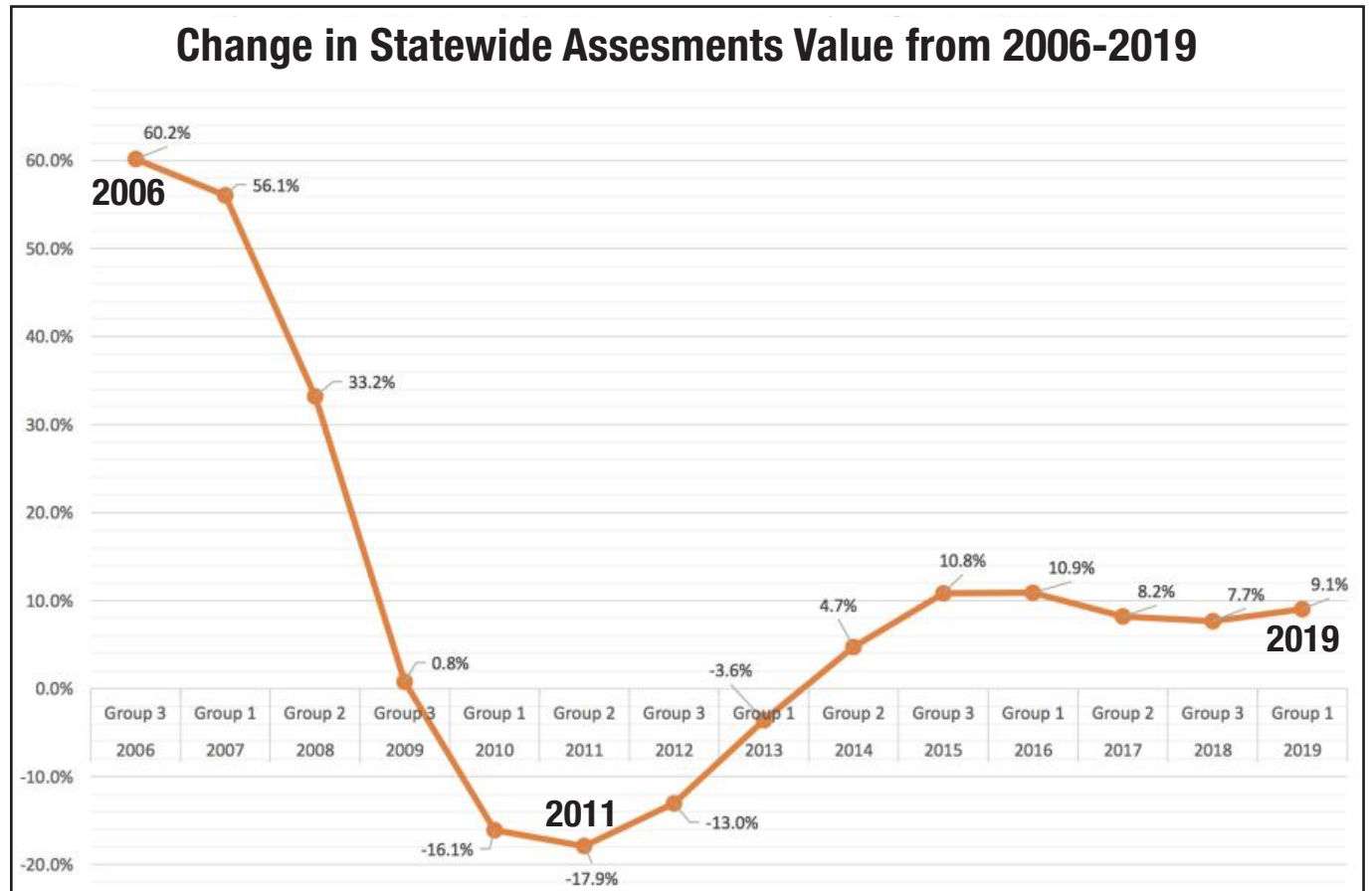
The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) has announced its 2019 reassessment of 696,947 residential and commercial properties. The overall statewide increase for "Group 1» properties was 9.1%; this is the first reassessment since 2008 where all 23 counties and Baltimore City posted an increase. The properties in "Group 1" are reassessed by the Department every three years and account for one-third of the more than two million real property accounts in the state. This represents an average increase in value of 8.2% for all residential properties and 12.5% for all commercial properties since they were last assessed in 2016.

St. Mary's County showed an overall 6.27 percent increase, with residential properties increasing by 5.9 percent and commercial properties by 10.2 percent, all lower than the state average. St. Mary's wound up the lowest of the three Southern Maryland counties, showing a smaller increase than Calvert (7 percent) and Charles (12.2) percent. Charles outpaced the state average.

St. Mary's average reassessment increase was 31.8 percent lower than the state average and Calvert's was 23.1 percent lower. Thirteen of the state's 23 counties were higher than Calvert and 16 higher than St. Mary's.

The 2019 assessments for Group 1 properties were based on an evaluation of 64,807 sales that occurred within the group over the last three years. If the reassessment resulted in a property value being adjusted, any increase in value will be phased-in equally over the next three years, while any decrease in value will be fully implemented in the 2019 tax year. For the 2019 reassessment, 87.5% of Group 1 residential properties saw an increase in property value.

"Thank you to all of SDAT's real property assessors throughout Maryland for the hard work and dedication they have displayed this year to ensure that Maryland's properties continue to be assessed fairly and uniformly," said SDAT Director Michael Higgs. "As part of our ongoing tax credit awareness campaign, our Department is also dedicating



an entire page in each reassessment notice to provide information about the Homeowners' and Homestead Tax Credits, which save Marylanders more than \$260 million in taxes each year."

The Homeowners' Tax Credit provides relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes that are owed based on their income. Residential property owners who complete a one-time application and meet certain eligibility requirements can also receive a Homestead Tax Credit, which limits their principal residence's taxable assessment from increasing by more than a certain percentage each year regardless of their income level. Although statewide legislation caps the increase at no more than 10% per year, many local governments have established property tax caps at lower percentages. To see a breakdown of Homestead percentages at this time, you may reference table R-4, which is attached to this release.

Property tax assessment notices were mailed out to Group 1 property owners on Thursday, December 27, 2018. A map of which properties fall into Groups 1, 2, and 3 and their respective years for reassessment can be viewed here. For additional statistics and information, please visit the Department's Statistics & Reports webpage.

Press Release and data from the SDAT

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Hoyer Meets with Those Impacted by Shutdown



Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-5th District) met Dec. 28 with constituents impacted by the Republican shutdown, including representatives from the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and local business owners with federal government contracts.

“The reckless Republican shutdown has very real consequences for thousands of Marylanders,” said Congressman Hoyer. “I appreciated the opportunity to hear from federal employees and local business owners about the impact of the shutdown on their livelihoods, morale, and productivity. The Republican shutdown means thousands of federal employees are furloughed or forced to work without pay over the holiday season. Our federal workers – who ensure the well-being and safety of the American people – deserve better. In addition, government shutdowns severely impact small businesses with federal government contracts, undermining their abil-

ity to generate revenue and pay employees and making it nearly impossible for them to plan for the future.”

“I will continue to urge Republicans to work with Democrats to reopen the federal government,” continued Congressman Hoyer. “I’ve co-sponsored legislation that House Republican leaders could bring to the Floor right now to reopen government. It’s unfortunate they continue to refuse to do so. This is not the way Congress should operate. We must reach compromise, reopen the government, ensure federal workers receive the pay they are due, and provide certainty to the American people.”

Congressman Hoyer met with representatives from the following small businesses: Lord and Tucker Management Consultants, LLC; Securemedy, Inc.; Organon Advisors, Inc.; JRA & Associates Contracting, LLC; AMA Consulting; and T47 International, Inc.

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Local Senators Support Peace Cross Monument

Miller, Waugh Join Supreme Court Brief



Sen. Steve Waugh

Sen. Mike Miller

Citing historical and architectural significance along with its importance to the local community, thirteen Maryland state senators have filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court seeking reversal of the decision of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to remove the Bladensburg Peace Cross. Among the signers were Calvert senators Semite President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller (D: 27th) and Sen. Steve Waugh (R: 29th).

Joining both the American Legion along with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the senators are

pursuing a review of an October 2017 ruling of the Fourth Circuit of Appeals that the cross represents an impermissible “establishment of religion.”

According to the brief, the senators argue on a number of fronts including: 1) The Peace Cross is a prominent shared civic space central to the communal life of Bladensburg and Prince George’s County. 2) The history of the Peace Cross is important to the communal identity of Bladensburg and Prince George’s County. 3) The Peace Cross is an architecturally significant monument and removing it would deprive Bladensburg and Prince George’s County of a historic artistic creation.

The bipartisan group of senators also includes: Senator Gail Bates (R-Carroll and Howard), Senator Joanne C. Benson (D-Prince George’s), Senator Ulysses Currie (D-Prince George’s), Senator James “Ed” DeGrange, Sr. (D-Anne Arundel), Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D-Baltimore County), Senator Douglas Peters (D-Prince George’s), Senator Victor Ramirez (D-Prince George’s), Senator Justin Ready (R-Carroll), Senator James Rosapepe (D-Prince George’s and Anne Arundel), Senator Bryan Simonaire (R-Arundel), and Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D-Montgomery).

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New Year's Resolutions – Not Again!

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

We want to wish each of you the very “Happiest New Year” and hope 2019 is the year all of your dreams come true! We hope you and your families enjoy good health and may each day be filled with your Lord’s love and may his graces reign down continually upon you throughout the next twelve months!

Well, now that the Christmas rush is in the past with all the presents opened, the Christmas tree and all of its ornaments taken down and the Christmas turkey reduced to sandwiches with cranberry sauce or strawberry jam to give them some flavor, it’s time to get back to reality, pay off all the bills the holiday generated, and, oh yeah, get ready to prepare your records for the tax man once more. Whew, how quickly the wonderful spirit and joy of the season comes and goes!

Yet, there is still one other issue that awaits us at this time of the year, and of course, it is the annual rite of making our own personal New Year’s Resolutions! So why do we perform this regular futile exercise each year knowing full well we will most likely fail sooner or later despite all of our best efforts to hold to these sincere, sacred promises we make!?! Making and failing to honor New Year’s resolutions is not an evolution that came about in our recent past. It turns out this practice comes from an old tradition steeped with religious origins found mostly in the Western Hemisphere. Historical records reveal they were often used by religious peoples seeking redemption throughout the Eastern Hemisphere as well. Generally, resolutions originated as an individual’s personal resolve to change an undesired trait or behavior, or to accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve one’s life.

In ancient Babylon, citizens made promises to their gods at the beginning of each year that they would return borrowed objects or pay their debts. Romans would start their year by making promises to the god Janus for whom the month of January is named. In Medieval times, Knights took the “Peacock Vow” at the end of the Christmas period to reaffirm their commitment to chivalry. Even Jews during Judaism’s New Year of Rosh Hashanah are expected to reflect upon their wrongdoings over the previous year and make an earnest attempt to seek and offer forgiveness in the coming year.

Many Christians attend “watchnight” services for the year ahead by praying for forgiveness and making promises that they vow to keep. Often, their need for repentance carries over to the liturgical season of Lent which focuses more on making sacrifices rather than an awareness to live up to one’s responsibilities. However, regardless of one’s creed, the emphasis is to reflect annually on one’s self-improvement.” It’s universally accepted we all want something better in our lives and there is no better time to seek improvement than right now!

Americans have built a great reputation as achievers. We are very success oriented. We

consider ourselves winners and we are known for our accomplishments! So, each year at this time, we approach this changing of the calendar with a great sense of renewal and determination “to get it right” when making resolutions, some of which we have not changed over the years. But this is the year we will attain success as we once more vow not to make the same mistakes again!!! A majority of our resolutions are concerned with valid personal needs to reduce smoking, eating, or drinking. The average resolutioner, if that’s the word, tends to fail within days or weeks of initiating his or her promise to correct their habits. The reasons we fail is often due to setting our goals too high or having expectations that are too great. Over time, we begin to lose interest as we realize we are not making headway in our pursuit of greater health and happiness and write it off as too great a challenge! Often, we’ll just shrug our shoulders and say, “oh well!”

Can we do something to fix this continual problem of under achievement? Yes, and it is very simple if you truly want to be successful with this year’s resolutions. First look at what you are trying to accomplish; are you setting too many goals all at once? his can be an automatic failure right out of the box, so limit your struggles to a very few that will have the most impact on your wellbeing. Establish goals in small chunks and make their accomplishment progressive so that your success can feed on itself. Once you meet an attainable level you set for yourself, increase it again slightly and go for it once more! An old adage, “Nothing beats success than more success!”

Take time to plan better and have a reasonable strategy to accomplish your mission. Make a chart to capture your progress and provide you with visible feedback of how well your plan is working. If things are not going as well as you want, “Stop” and figure out why and adjust! If you discover your time frame is too short, then extend it! It’s your plan and you need to be flexible. Surround yourself with folks who have similar goals and aspirations, learn to work with them and take advantage of group support for one another. The Weight Watcher’s group always see an uptick in membership immediately following the Christmas/New Year’s Holidays. We are not advocating this organization, but you might try visiting a local gym where you will find many folks pursuing similar means of improving their health and appearances.

Place favorite past photos of yourself in places around your home to remind you what you are attempting to get back to! Remember all the compliments you received when making progress previously and dwell on how good their words made you feel! Or get a large piggy bank and every time you avoid a second helping, or a yummy dessert, or a cold beer, reward yourself by putting a sum of money in the pig for the purchase of those new clothes you may need or a visit to a beautician or a men’s hair stylist. It’s an excellent way to pamper yourself without violating the goals you have set for yourself. Whenever giving something up, look

for ways to do something positive to make up for these sacrifices!

Some additional suggestions you might consider helping improve your sense of yourself thereby creating visibility of your own self-esteem [these ideas should help you in your pursuit to become a better person]:

- Help someone who has less to celebrate these days than you.
- Call a friend or family member that you have not spoken with in a while due to some hurt feelings.
- Speak to someone who is really down on their luck and provide them with words of encouragement and follow up to see if you can help even further.
- Continue with the “Secret Santa” theme into the New Year by paying for a stranger’s meal without them knowing it was you [speak to their waiter or waitress prior to them receiving the bill] – you will be astonished at how good this will make you feel about yourself and wouldn’t the world be a better place if more people did this!?!]
- With any monies you save through your willingness to give up food and drink in an effort to improve your health, pick out a good charity in your community and become one of their heroes and support them as best as you are capable.
- Realize that it is okay to fail as we are all human and this is a result of our “nature”, but always remember to get up each time, dust yourself off and get back into the fray of life as we now know it. No one said this would be easy and no one promised us a happy, fun filled life. We have to all make it as best as we can!

To conclude, can these suggestions offered here really make a difference? Maybe not, but if more folks would make good resolutions and keep them, think of what could come of it. We would in all likelihood see an even smaller percentage of the number of adults who are still suffering from their smoking habits, or even a smaller number of DUIs being issued to motorists driving here on our roads every day. Maybe for the first time in our history, the average body weight for our adult men and women would fall and help lower the number of people seeking medical assistance due to poor health. And, although a real stretch, wouldn’t it be great to see the horrendous opioid use by our youth and young adults finally come under control and we can start to save so many of these beautiful people from the possible tragedies they are faced with!

This is a New Year and it truly is a time of hope for which we can all pray and dream for better days to come. And it’s a great opportunity for us to create better New Year’s Resolutions that are genuine, realistic and attainable. They are goals that can be easily reached if you properly prepare, tell yourself you can do this, and then put them in motion with a sincere determination to finally follow through with your best efforts. Good luck in 2019! It will be a great year!

St. Inigoes Couple Welcomes First Baby of 2019

New Year's Day brought one more reason for Rachel and John "Jay" Howson IV to celebrate: their second child, John "Jack" Yates Howson V, was born at 7:55 a.m. Jan. 1 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

Rachel wasn't due until Jan. 3, but woke up around 5 a.m. feeling uncomfortable, and shortly thereafter her water broke. The couple had been out late at a New Year's Eve party and Jay admits he had only had a few hours of sleep when Rachel's labor started. Since labor with their first child – 2-year-old sister Zelena – had lasted for 36 hours, the couple was surprised their second baby was coming so quickly.

"I was determined not to have him in the car," Rachel said. "The birth was totally natural, but not because we planned it that way."

Rachel and Jay didn't have to wait long to meet the newest addition to their family. Jack was born just two hours and 37 minutes after Rachel's labor pains started.

Rachel, a stay-at-home mom, and Jay, a physicist at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, didn't know they were having a boy and were equally surprised to be welcoming him on New Year's Day.

"I noticed when we signed in that ours was the first name under 2019," said Jay.

Jack was the only baby born at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital on Jan. 1.

"He's been getting a lot of attention," said Rachel.



Rachel and John Howson of St. Inigoes hold their son Jack who weighed 9 pounds and 11 ounces and is 22 inches long

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- CDS Possession
- Transport Handgun in Vehicle
- Handgun on Person
- Assault Second Degree
- Obstruction and Hindering

Courtney is currently incarcerated at



Marcus Courtney

the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no bond status.

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office PIO

Foot Pursuit/Handgun Violation/CDS/Warrant:

On December 28, 2018, Tpr T. Howard attempted a traffic stop in the area of Pacific Drive, Lexington Park, MD when the suspect crashed the vehicle and fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit the operator was apprehended. A strong odor of marijuana was emitting from his person and he gave a false name. His true identity was revealed and he was found to have active warrants through MSP Leonardtown and SMCSO. A search of his vehicle revealed a loaded handgun under the driver's seat and suspected marijuana. The suspect was identified as De'Atre Marquise Perkins (23 of Temple Hills, MD). Perkins is prohibited from possessing a firearm since he is considered a Fugitive From Justice. He was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center where he was charged with multiple counts of handgun possession, and marijuana greater than 10 grams. (18-MSP-056488)

The following people were arrested for Driving under the Influence:

- On 12/28/2018, William Gregory Baker, 37 of Lusby, MD was arrested by Tpr R. Kaszubski
- On 12/29/2018, Michael Ryan Dodge, 38 of Lusby, MD was arrested by Tfc J. Mulhearn
- On 12/29/2018, Dwight Kyle Rodgers, 27 of Chaptico, MD was arrested by Tfc J. Mulhearn
- On 12/31/2018, Michael Douglas Mackenzie, 23 of La Plata, MD was arrested by Tfc A. Oylar
- On 1/1/2019, Keshawn Joseph Cornell Morgan, 19 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Howard
- On 1/1/2019, Zane Allen Bainter, 20 of Mechanicsville, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Howard
- On 1/1/2019, Shawn Joseph Houser, 39 of California, MD was arrested by Cpl. J. Pilkerton

The following people were arrested for Open Warrants:

- On 12/27/2018, Trenton Deonn Barnett, 29 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tfc B. DiToto for Motor Vehicle Theft.
- On 12/27/2018, Donald Bert Gray, 51 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tpr M. Whitman for FTA-Driving on a Suspended License.
- On 12/29/2018, De'Atre Marquise Perkins, 22 of Temple Hills, MD was arrested by Tpr T. Howard for Driving While Impaired by Alcohol and Driving without a Required License.
- On 1/1/2019, Travis Oneil Johnson, 33 of Lexington Park, MD was arrested by Tfc M. Johnson for 2nd Degree Assault and Theft less than \$100.
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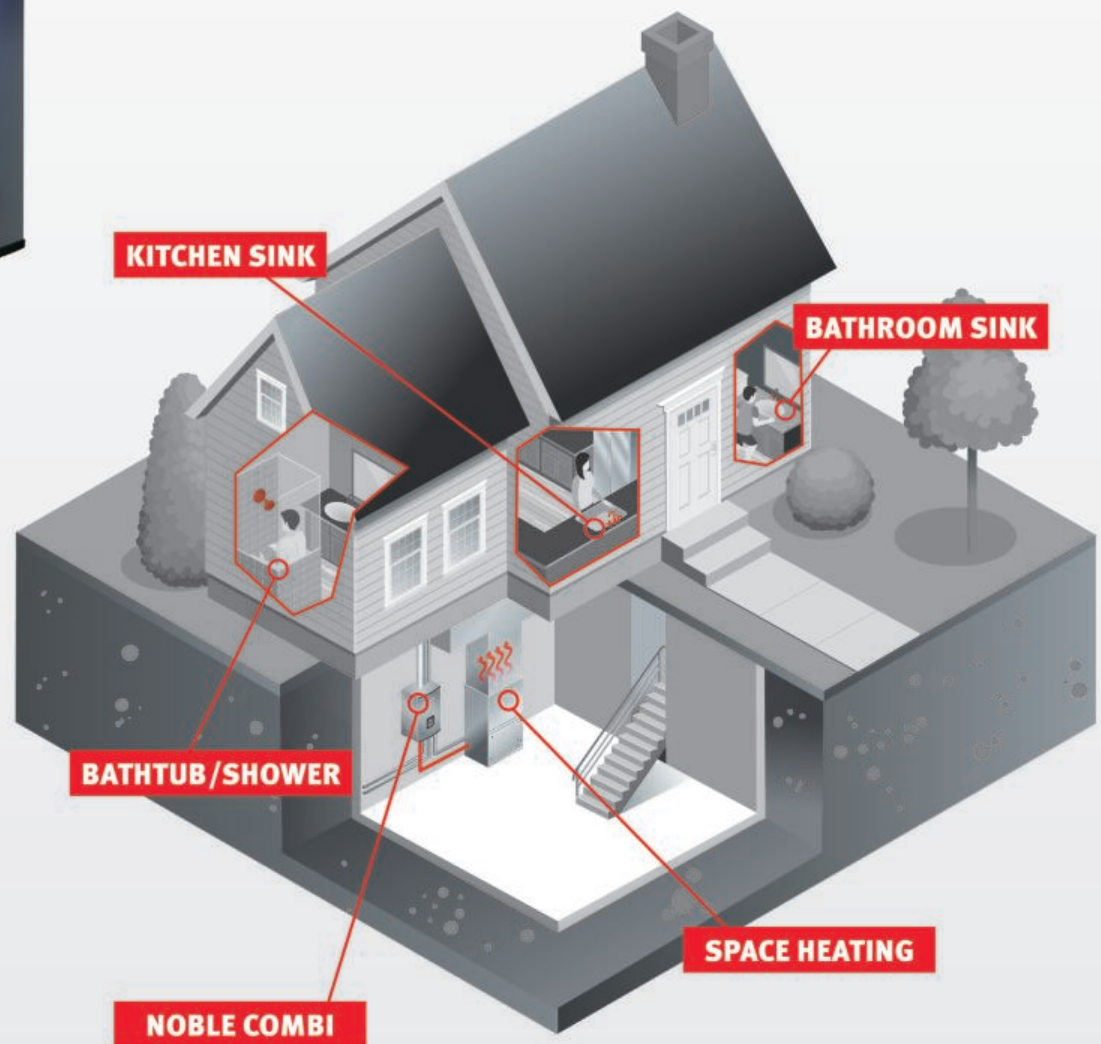
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Stamp Design Contests Now Open

Artists are invited to submit their original works for the 23rd Annual Maryland Black Bear Conservation Stamp and 45th Annual Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp design contests. These popular contests are open until March 8, 2019.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources will judge the entries March 16, 2019, in conjunction with the annual Eagle Festival at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge.

The Black Bear Conservation Stamp contest is open to both residents and nonresidents. Each contestant may submit one entry for a nonrefundable \$10 fee. Proceeds are used to compensate farmers who experience agricultural damage caused by black bears.

New this year, the Migratory Game Bird Stamp contest is also open to both



residents and nonresidents. Each contestant may submit up to three entries with a fee structure of: \$15 for one, \$20 for two and \$30 for three. Proceeds help fund game bird and waterfowl research and projects.

All entries must be original works, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published paintings, drawings, prints or photographs. To enter, contestants must mail their designs with required fees and forms by March 8, 2019.

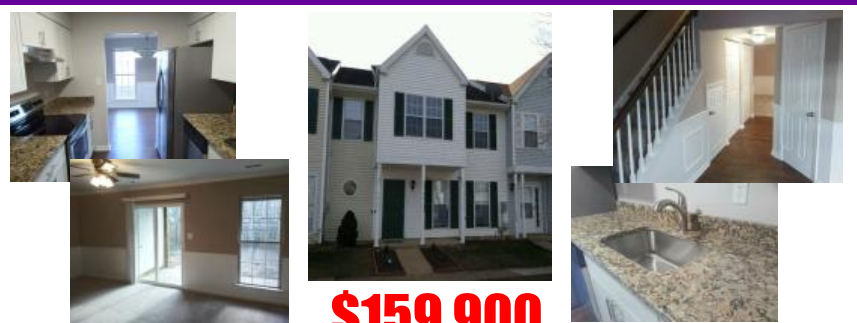
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- Families must fill out applications online at cpc-application.com during the open enrollment period. For the 2019-2020 school year, the online application process opens at 10 a.m. on December 20, 2018, and closes at 12 p.m. midnight on January 31, 2019.
- Families need to enter a valid email address and create a password to create a free account. The application also features a mobile friendly platform. This account will need to be monitored for information regarding submission status, acceptance/wait list notifications.
- All applications must be completed online. The order in which the application is submitted does not impact the selection process. It does not matter whether a family submits an application on the first day or the last day since the lottery is a random, computer-based drawing. On-site computers will be provided at the school between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. M-F, if needed for application process, beginning on January 3, 2019. The application is available in multiple languages.
- The lottery will be run on February 8, 2019.
- Kindergarten families will be notified by email upon completion of the lottery of their acceptance or wait list status. All other families of students in grades 1-8 will receive an email of their wait list status, and will be offered seats as they become open through the summer months.

For more information, please contact the school's main office at 301-863-9585, extension 0.

Press Release from SMCPSS

Tech Expo Coming Soon



The Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center (Forrest Center) will host its nineteenth annual Forrest Center Tech Expo on Thursday, January 17, 2019, 5:30-8:00 p.m., at the school site located at 24005 Point Lookout Road, directly across from the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown, Maryland.

The purpose of the Forrest Center Tech Expo is to familiarize students and parents with Career and Technology Education (CTE) career options offered by the St. Mary's County Public Schools. This is an opportunity to meet the staff at the Forrest Center and to learn about the 23 completer programs (including the MIFRI Fire and Rescue/EMS program at an off campus location) and the

four elective classes currently offered. Middle school and high school counselors will be available to answer questions about career clusters and to assist students in planning their academic program. The Forrest Center will provide special presentations for parents to explain the registration process and how to incorporate Forrest Center programs into their student's schedule.

For more details, contact the Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center at 301-475-0242. In the event of inclement weather, the alternate date for the Forrest Center Tech Expo will be Thursday, January 24, 2019, from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Firearms Season for Deer Reopens Jan. 4



The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced the winter portion of the firearm deer hunting season opens Jan. 4, 2019, in Deer Management Region B, which includes all of the state except the westernmost counties. Hunters with a valid hunting license may use firearms to harvest sika and white-tailed deer during this season.

The season is open Jan. 4 and 5, 2019 in all Region B counties and Jan. 6, 2019 – on private lands only –

in Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, St. Mary’s, Washington (Zone 1), and Worcester counties. On Jan. 6, 2019, shooting hours end at 10:30 a.m. in Kent and Montgomery counties.

“The late firearms season is popular with many hunters as it provides another opportunity to hunt after the holidays,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “The resulting deer harvest helps us meet

our deer population objectives in Region B.”

Hunters are encouraged to consult the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for recent changes to bag limits, regulations and registration procedures. During firearms season, Maryland requires deer hunters and their companions to wear daylight fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink in one of the following manners: a cap of solid fluorescent daylight orange or pink; a vest or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 250 square inches of fluorescent daylight orange or pink; or an outer garment of camouflage daylight fluorescent orange or pink worn above the waist and containing at least 50 percent daylight fluorescent color.

Hunters should carefully inspect all tree-stands and always wear a full-body safety harness while climbing in or out and while in the stand. The department strongly recommends using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prussic knot, attached to a line that is secured above the stand that allows the hunter to be safely tethered to the tree as soon as they leave the ground.

Maryland hunters are encouraged to donate any extra deer they may harvest to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. New this year, hunters may claim a tax credit of up to \$50 for each legally harvested deer that is processed and donated to a nonprofit food sharing program. The maximum credit in any one tax year is \$200 per hunter. The approved form to claim this credit is available online.

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News

NAVAIR Gives Wounded Veterans a Second Chance to Serve



Joseph Okrasinski discusses how Army and Navy culture differs.

Tracy Hurtt was surprised by her first few months as a civilian. Before retiring as a sergeant first class in 2013, her whole life had revolved around the military, first as a family member then as a soldier.

"I struggled with not belonging to something that was bigger than I was," she said about her retirement. "I wanted to continue to serve."

In 2014, Hurtt was recruited by the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Veteran and Wounded Warrior Program and today is the deputy Integrated Product Team lead for Marine Aviation Logistics-Enterprise Information. "Because of the program, I am still able to contribute," she said.

Hurtt shared her experiences and perspectives at "Warrior to Workforce – A Personal Story of Transition Challenges and Successes," a forum sponsored by the NAVAIR Individuals With Disabilities Action Team (IWDAT) Nov. 13 along with five other veterans who found employment at NAVAIR through its Veteran and Wounded Warrior Program.

The program focuses on providing employment opportunities to honorably discharged veterans who have a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more resulting from injury or disease received in the line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict.

Wounded warriors' attributes, skills and backgrounds are key assets, said Integrated Systems Evaluation, Experimentation and Test (ISEET) Department Director Robin Locksley who spoke at the event.

Locksley, who is an executive champion of the IWDAT, said the experience veterans have at NAVAIR sends a positive message on the value of military service. "President George Washington said, 'The will-

ingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.'

"That still rings true today," Locksley said.

"Since the inception of the NAVAIR Wounded Warrior Program in October 2010, more than 3,000 wounded warriors have been placed at NAVAIR, making invaluable contributions to its mission every day," he said. The program has since evolved to the NAVAIR Veteran and Wounded Warrior Program which is an outreach initiative for all veterans seeking NAVAIR career opportunities.

As a result of their training and discipline, wounded warriors bring an unparalleled tenacity and heightened commitment to teamwork, explained Precision Strike Weapons (PMA-201), Naval Acquisition Development Program (NADP) life cycle logistics intern, Ryan Daniels, a wounded warrior and speaker at the event. "There are some characteristics of leadership you can't learn without being in the service first. It pairs well with NAVAIR," he said.

These qualities, however, are difficult to document in a résumé. Many veterans find translating their experiences to in-demand skills daunting, according to Logistics and Industrial Operations Warrior Integration and Support Program Manager Sonny Fann. "Veterans have diverse backgrounds that often don't align with what NAVAIR does," he said. "Hiring managers and supervisors need to look a bit deeper for transitional skill sets that wounded warrior candidates offer and find alignment with NAVAIR position requirements.

The greatest value veterans bring to any organization are their personal attributes such as mission orientation, leadership ability, critical thinking skills and life experiences."

For instance, Fann explained, a master sergeant's skills include leading and managing diverse groups in extremely complex situations to accomplish a mission. "A master sergeant has the ability to apply his or her experience to a position like a program manager or operations officer. The challenge is not just the jobs on the résumé, but understanding the experience behind the job and how it relates to a position," Fann said.

The NAVAIR Veteran and Wounded Warrior Program is a much-needed bridge for veterans, according to Joseph Okrasinski, a speaker at the event. In 2005, he was in one of the first groups to retire early after Operation Iraqi Freedom. "The support was not in place so there was little guidance. We had to find employment on our own. I saw the complexity of the hiring process and the difficulties other veterans went through," he said.

His greatest concern was transitioning from the military—he didn't know how to take his skills and apply them to a civilian job. Okrasinski ultimately pursued a career in human resources and is now serves in the Total Force Strategy and Management Department at NAVAIR.

Philip Seale, a wounded warrior who is currently a NADP life cycle logistics intern on rotation at U.S. Marine Corps Light/Attack Helicopter Program (PMA-276), also spoke on the challenges of applying his experience as an infantryman to a civilian job during the first months of his retirement. "I had difficulty landing my first job after leaving the Army because I didn't capture all of my skills on a résumé," he explained. "You have to 'peel back the onion' to reveal your qualifications."

Hiring managers and supervisors can also help wounded warriors make successful transitions to civilian employment. "Supervisors can seek to understand each person's situation and place the wounded warrior in a position of success," Fann said. "That may include reasonable accommodations, such as telework or other resources available through the NAVAIR Reasonable Accommodations Program Office."

Providing opportunities for wounded veterans to serve after leaving the military is crucial in the work to reduce their suicide rates. More than 6,000 veterans took their lives each year between 2008 and 2016, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention's Veteran Suicide Data Report, 2005–2016, Updated September 2018. "Our organization is not about recruiting people, but about saving lives," explained Fann. "Many wounded warriors struggle physically. The difficulties impact not only them, but their families as well. We help them understand that they are not alone."

"Wounded warriors have pride and valor," Locksley said. "They want to make a positive contribution to society. Most of all, they want to provide for themselves and their family. It's a win-win for the command and for veterans. These veterans are examples of that."

2018 Year in Review Part 2

July - December 2018

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

July

This past summer was a scorcher and as the mercury rose so did frustrations over traffic snarls **along St. Andrews Church Road and at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 235.**



The opening of the St. Mary's Marketplace shopping center at the corner of the county's busiest intersection in January was hailed for the new economic opportunities but road work to support the project was unfinished and it was delayed over constant bad weather and other problems.

At the time State Highway Administration said the project was up to Klein Enterprises and the contractor to finish.

"The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) access permit for this project was issued in August 2016," SHA spokesperson Charlie Gischlar wrote in an e-mail to The County Times. "This project has been granted an extension so far and will need another extension in August."

Gischlar said the road work on St. Andrews Church Road was solely up to the developer.

"Since it is not an MDOT SHA project, it is difficult to determine the completion date," stated Gischlar. "The completion date is dependent on the progress made by the developer's contractor, and factors such as weather, utilities or design issues, which can produce unanticipated delays."

Apparently, the improvements needed to the roadway were more complex than either SHA or the developer had expected.

"The current issues impacting progression of work relate to curb elevations and conflicts with a Verizon duct bank that was not identified during the developer's design phase," according to Gischlar. "It was discovered, in the field, that the proposed grades of the median curb do not match the slope and elevations of the existing roadway surface. The proposed elevations are too high and will require a significant amount of milling of the asphalt in some areas and almost no milling in other areas." By winter much of the traffic construction had been completed.

Tragedy continued to strike when at a powerboat regatta in Leonardtown on Breton Bay, a driver was killed in a high-speed crash.

Charles David Downs, 58, died as a result of his injuries said Candy Thomson, Natural Resources Police spokesperson.

"The bow of his boat rose too high and it flipped and ejected him," Thomson told The County Times. "He was going about 80 miles-per-hour."

Downs was pulled from Breton Bay unconscious by a 7th District Volunteer Fire Department rescue boat, Thomson said, and he was evacuated to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown.

He was then flown by helicopter to MedStar Washington Hospital Center where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Downs is the fourth death attributed to water racing in Maryland since 2015, she said: one in 2015 in Queen Anne County and two in Charles County in the Potomac River.

The regatta was sponsored by the Southern Maryland Boat Club and sanctioned by the U.S. Coast Guard; though the boats were attaining high speeds there were no competitive racing heats.

Great Mills High School students also marched in Annapolis after enduring the tragedy of violence in March.

Jaxon O'Mara, a senior, and her companions spoke out at a rally July 21 in An-



napolis for greater controls on gun ownership but just days before she was able to establish a rapport with Gov. Larry Hogan on the same issues.

O'Mara had been petitioning the governor for weeks for an audience; she was pleased to get it.

"I was very surprised at how receptive he was," O'Mara told The County Times. "We also talked about his relationship with the NRA (National Rifle Association)."

"He said he wasn't interested in an endorsement or more money from the NRA." O'Mara said she spoke with the governor July 19 about implementing safe storage laws regarding firearms; requiring owners to lock them away and not just keep a trigger lock on them.

She also spoke with the governor or strengthening child access laws regarding firearms.

Under Maryland law adults can be held liable for a young person up to the age of 16 for having unsupervised access to firearms.

The student who shot and killed Jaelynn Willey March 20 at Great Mills High School was 17 years old; he used his father's legally owned Glock 17 9mm pistol.

August

By the close of the summer, conflict between **oyster aquaculture** lease holders and residents who had used local waters for recreation where the leases now sat, had come to a head.

The county was poised to enact a moratorium on commercial dock use by any new oyster leases approved by the state in an attempt to get the state's attention on how the Department of Natural Resources was allowing the leases to proliferate.

Debra Raley, who lives on Curleys Road in Ridge, did not protest the initial five-acre oyster lease in Calvert Bay but began to resent the encroachment of other leases that have been approved.

A new eight-acre lease could have almost 1,700 cages for growing oysters in the 500 feet off the shoreline directly in front of her family's property, DNR documents show.

"My mother [who owns the closest property] got a letter and decided not to pro-



test,” Raley told The County Times. “We wanted to do our part to clean up the bay.”

Other leases in Calvert Bay could be large enough to accommodate more than 6,000 cages on 27 acres; their coming in so close to the shoreline threatens the safe use of the waters by others, Raley said.

“My grandchildren won’t get to enjoy it the way I did,” she said. “Calvert Bay is going to be an oyster farm.

“It’s for 20 years [the leases] and they aren’t being moved.”

Frederick Meatyard, himself an oyster farmer, said the moratorium would “greatly stunt the growth of his business” and that any inconvenience from oyster leases was “no different... than the Harris Teeter on Route 235” which was still allowed to operate.

Members of the fire/EMS community continued to warn about **failures in the county’s radio dispatch system**, developed by Harris communications.

John Nelson, who is also a state fire investigator, sent a letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County requesting a meeting between the two groups to discuss the ongoing problems.

The first major incident of the summer was at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station AirExpo, Nelson said.

The June 2 event found all the first-responders in the county having to fall back on back up systems as the radio system went out for hours.

Their emergency pagers also did not work, Nelson told The County Times; first-responders had to rely on text messaging on their cell phones.

The latest incident of radio system malfunctions occurred July 22, said Nelson, when emergency radios failed in the northern end of the county.

“They were not receiving any signals,” Nelson said. “That started at 5:50p.m. and finally got resolved by about 10p.m.”

Nelson said he has been gathering timelines of various failures of the system and wants to present it to elected leaders.

“There’s definitely consistent problems... but it seems to happen at random times,” Nelson said. “These issues have been continuous and we’ve been speaking about it for years.”

Some county commissioners said the Harris system was still undergoing its testing and acceptance phase into county service but in several months they were expressing doubts about the Harris system as they signed an agreement to tie into a statewide system as a backup radio communications system.

At St. Mary’s College of Maryland, **Tuajuanda Jordan, college president** came



under fire from complaints that she created a hostile working environment and berated staff; moreover she was accused of misallocation of state resources.

The County Times began making inquiries into the investigation after it received an anonymous e-mail accusing Jordan of berating college employees and using staff members to run personal errands for her.

The author of the anonymous e-mail stated their complaints had also been sent to

members of the college’s Board of Trustees.

“Individuals that have spoken up have experienced retaliation,” the accuser stated in their missive. “Dr. Jordan has been using her staff to transport her sister, who is not a college employee, to the metro station on a regular basis.”

The investigation into Jordan found that there was some improper use of state funds but that there were no events serious enough to warrant any disciplinary action.

September

By the beginning of the fall, Hollywood residents found themselves battling development in their neighborhood that they believed would have made traffic even worse and the roads unsafe.

It involved a new car dealership on Route 235 that would abut another controversial, yet to be built, commercial center at the intersection with Hollywood Road.

The main concerns were over the projected heavy increase in traffic and the three entrances to the site approved by the State Highway Administration, a right-in/right-out entrance on Route 235, an entrance on Sotterley Road and another on Old Three Notch Road.

Residents complained that these entrances, combined with the additional 13,000 traffic trips per day at the site due to the already-approved Hollywood Commercial Center at the same site, will make an existing dangerous intersection even more so.

Attorney Christopher Longmore, representing Dean Limited Partnership LLP, presented the project for the new Winegardner Automotive as meeting all the state’s and county’s regulations for approval.

The traffic study promulgated by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., the agent for the developer, showed that the car dealership, placed right next to the commercial center, would generate an additional 969 car trips per day on the site.

Several said they wanted the development, but that the entrances to the property should be changed.

They also questioned whether a development should be approved simply because it met all the legal requirements but posed a potential burden to the community at large due to its impacts.

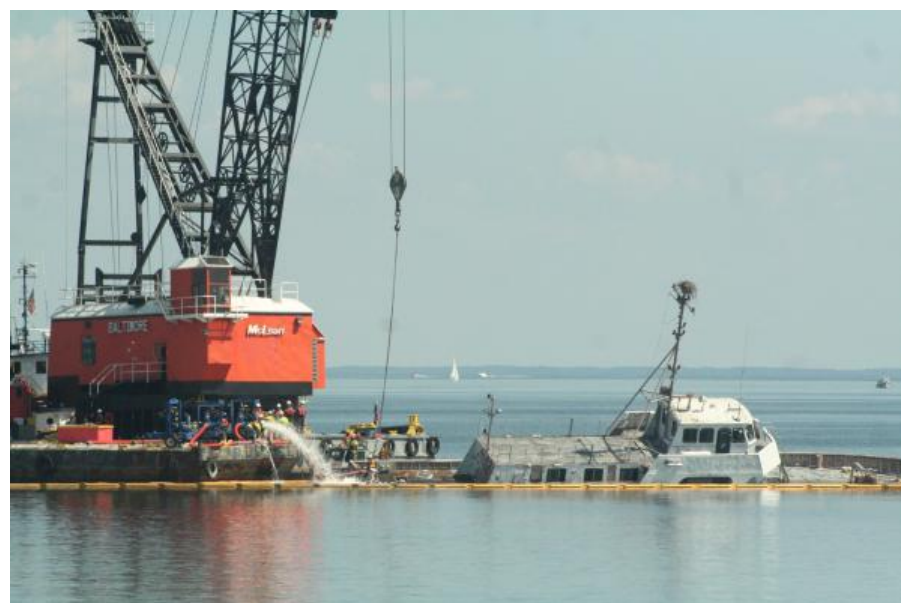
“We want this to happen, we just don’t want the entrances to be where they’re going to be,” said Gary Meekins. “It’s not a safe idea, people are going to die.

“Old Three Notch Road and Sotterley Road are failed intersections.”

The project would eventually be approved by the County Board of Appeals.

The fall was also full of nuisances.

From late August through December, a **108-foot former Navy training vessel**



owned jointly by two men, went derelict and found itself sinking into the Western Basin of the Patuxent River.

Petty Officer Andrew Kendrick, spokesman for the local U.S. Coast Guard detachment, said they had partnered with the state’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to hire a contractor to tow the vessel away in September; the operation began with a barge and crane that hoisted the 108-foot vessel out water but it was soon placed back in the river.

“They found it did not have a lot of structural integrity,” Kendrick told The County Times. “So it was not safe to tow out.”

Kendrick said the towing crew placed the vessel back into the water, minus about 700 gallons of oily water, where it sank even deeper into the river.

Kendrick said the Coast Guard and DNR were discussing next steps in removing the vessel but had yet to come up with a finished plan.

The two men who are partners in owning the boat, a retired yard patrol boat that once served as a teaching aid at the U.S. Naval Academy, had been charged with abandoning the vessel.

Ronald Ferry of Virginia and Jared David Kaplan Russell, of Takoma Park, each face a possible six months in jail or \$1,000 in fines if convicted of the charge.

Since it came to rest north of the river's West Basin, it has become a hazard leaking fuel oil; the Coast Guard has hired contractors to come out by boat and use absorbent pads to remove the pollutants.

The vessel remains in the Patuxent awaiting removal.

October

A husband and wife team just south of the Navy base in Lexington Park put a



starting date on their entrepreneurial enterprise this fall, the first of its kind in St. Mary's County.

For the past three years both **Steve and Cindi Thomas** have had a dream; to give the gun owners in Southern Maryland a place to shoot.

They finally broke ground on that dream at their home, Flat Broke Farm, not far off from Elms Beach with plans to build an in-door gun range.

They were surrounded by friends from the local community desirous of a place to shoot safely and by local and state politicians who have supported their cause.

The Thomas's are using their own capital to build the facility, with no government assistance.

Cindi Thomas promised it would be unlike any other range they had ever seen.

"It's going to be a combination of Cracker Barrel and in-door gun range," she said.

The husband and wife team, both internationally known champion competitive shooters, plan to build the in-door facility in the shape of a country barn with full amenities on the interior.

"This facility will be state of the art," Cindi said.

The **Town of Leonardtown** also got their wish this past fall when the county granted them control over the use of critical area land that was already within town limits.

The Town of Leonardtown now has oversight over any future use of about 200 acres of critical area land that was already within town boundaries after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County granted their request to take over stewardship of what is known as growth allocation.

The commissioners granted the town's request at an October business meeting.

"We believe this was a win-win for everyone," said Town Administrator Laschelle McKay, speaking to the county commissioners. "No land is being requested... this is an economic development tool that has no value until it's applied to a specific project."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said the allocation request would actually help preserve rural land, since it was initiated in the town, which is a designated growth area.

"What we've got is development going on in development areas," Hewitt said of the land's potential. "Not growth in the RPD (Rural Preservation District)."

Tragedy again struck with loss of life, this time in county government.

A longtime county government employee who was killed in a vehicle crash was someone others went to for advice or just to hear stories from his decades in public service, county emergency services chief Steve Walker said.

"He was a class act," Walker said of **Antonio "Tony" Malaspina**, who was the county's animal control supervisor for years. "He was an outstanding employee."

Malaspina was travelling south in his 2016 Ford F-150 on Mechanicsville Road, towards Budds Creek Road at about 4a.m. when the vehicle crossed the center line and exited the roadway, sheriff's office crash investigators reported. The vehicle struck a sign post, telephone pole, and ultimately an unoccupied building in the area of Bet Lane.

November

As the year was coming to a close **the community found itself coming together again to combat hate in the form of Ku Klux Klan literature being dropped in local neighborhoods.**



"It's a cause for concern that the KKK would be recruiting in the community," said Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron. "I think it would be difficult to recruit in this community.

"This has happened in the past; I think it's very likely someone not from here."

In St. Mary's County fliers were reported to have been distributed in Leonardtown, Scotland and in California, according to Jason Babcock, sheriff's office spokesperson.

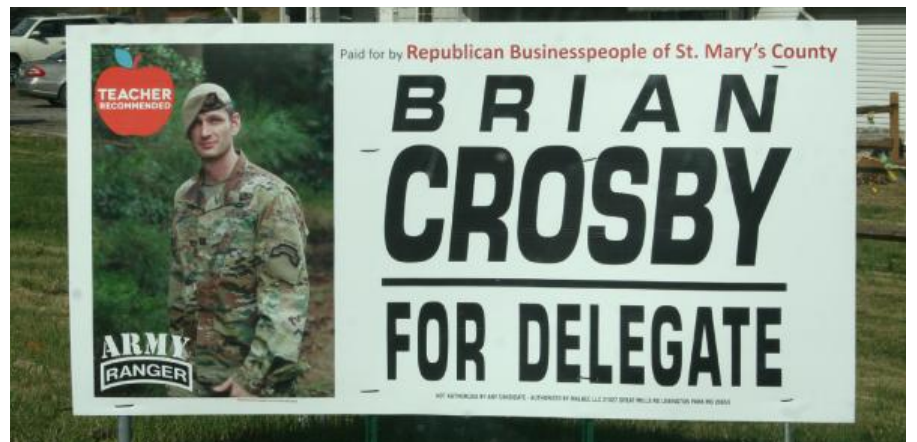
When residents discovered the fliers, left at the end of their driveways in the Academy Hills neighborhood, they informed the sheriff's office, Babcock said.

"We're not looking into it as anything illegal," he said. "There have been no threats made and there have been no threats to the community."

"There's no room in St. Mary's County for that," Morgan said. "We live in a civil society; hate is not going to be tolerated in St. Mary's County. "If you want to hate, we welcome you to leave."

The KKK has its roots in the post-Civil War South as a violent insurgency attacking black communities that had been freed from slavery as well as promoting hate against Jews and Catholics.

St. Mary's voters also cast their ballots Nov. 6, keeping the county in Republican red except for Del. Deb Rey (R-Dist. 29B) who lost her reelection bid to up and coming Democrat Brian Crosby.



Gov. Hogan's campaign against Sen. Steve Waugh succeeded in the primary election when his candidate Jack Bailey ousted the incumbent; Bailey again won handily in the general election against Democrat Thomas Brewer.

"It's a very humbling experience," Bailey said after learning of his victory at the Old Town Pub in Leonardtown. "I'm very honored and thankful for all the volunteers, friends, family members and everyone who worked to help me secure this victory."

Bailey was upbeat despite having lost one of the Republican members of the local delegation to Annapolis.

"I plan to work with the entire Southern Maryland delegation for the benefit of the constituents of District 29," said Bailey. "I look forward to working with Gov. Hogan and the members of the legislature and our local leaders."

December

In the year's final month parents waited anxiously to see how their children's schools fared in the state's new rating system, which gave a quick glimpse at achievement through a one-to-five-star rating.

In the state's new rating system where schools can earn a rating of one to five stars, St. Mary's County saw its share of four-and-five-star ratings and only a few with three stars.

There were no schools that received a two-or-one-star rating.

Leonardtown High School received five stars, while Great Mills and Chopticon high schools each earned four stars.

Only Esperanza and Margaret Brent middle schools and George Washington Carver and Park Hall elementary schools received three-star ratings.

Of the county's elementary schools, four earned a five-star rating: Lettie Marshall Dent, White Marsh, Oakville and Town Creek.

Both Leonardtown and Spring Ridge middle schools earned four stars.

The new rating system was designed to give parents a concise view of how their child's school compared with others in their own counties and around the state.

But the new rating system takes into account more than testing and academic improvement; it also measures the attendance of students and the depth and breadth of courses they can take at their schools to come up with a star ranking.

Opinion surveys taken by both students and faculty are also factored into the school's overall rating.

Academic achievement measured by high stakes testing as well as student improvement over time makes up 65 percent of a schools overall rating; the remaining criteria make up 35 percent of the rating metric.

The county was also able to finally open up a small section of FDR Boulevard in California before the year was out.

The section runs from Rolling Road to First Colony and though it shows progress is still of limited utility.

"It's been 25 years since St. Mary's County built a road," said Commissioner Todd Morgan, who was the master of ceremonies for the ribbon cutting event behind the First Colony neighborhood. "And its been eight years that I've watched three-quarters of a mile of road being built."



The road was first part of the county's comprehensive plan dating back to 1985, Morgan said and commissioners were finally able to authorize the funding for it in 2010.

County commissioners back in fiscal 2007 put in nearly \$15 million for the entire road project but it was taken out of the capital budget the following year by a commissioner board that had changed leadership.

"It'll be a great stretch of road," Morgan said of its connection in the near future, which presumably is Chancellors Run Road.

John Deatrick, the county's public works and transportation chief, said the connection with Chancellors Run Road, which is one of the county's most traveled feeder roads, should occur by the spring of 2019.

"Amber Drive will be renamed to FDR Boulevard," Deatrick said. "And the connection all the way down to Pegg Road will occur hopefully by the end of 2021."

"But it will probably be closer to the beginning of 2022."

The new traffic pattern was not without its problems as several collisions occurred on the newly opened road after it was dedicated.

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Award Winning Bluegrass Band Returns to Southern Maryland



Lonesome River Band

Presented by the Sons of the American Legion and Jay Armsworthy, Lonesome River Band (LRB) will be appearing at the American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville, MD Sunday January 13, 2019. The concert starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and the legion is located on the corner of MD Rt. 231 & 381 in Hughesville.

After 36 years, the award-winning LRB continues to be one of the most respected names in Bluegrass music and one of the most influential acts of our time. Whether performing on the famous stage of the Grand Ole Opry or headlining major concert events & festivals, their vocal and instrumental talents seamlessly come together as they perform their trademark sound that fans continue to embrace. This award-win-

ning band is built on their familiar sound while adding a bold progressiveness to the music.

Leader, and original member of the Lonesome River Band, Sammy Shelor, is a 5-time IBMA Banjo Player of the Year and Virginia Country Music Hall of Famer. The rest of LRB is made up of singer-songwriter Brandon Rickman on the guitar; Jesse Smathers on mandolin who won the 2017 IBMA Momentum Award for Vocalist of the Year; the extraordinary Mike Hartgrove plays the fiddle; and bassist Barry Reed rounds out the band.

In 2011 they appeared as a special guest with Steve Martin and performed on the Late Show with David Letterman. The guys also got to sit down with the late-night host where Martin presented

Shelor with the 2nd Annual Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass along an award check to in a humorous exchange!

The stellar harmony vocals by Rickman and Smathers are certainly highlighted in the band's recent albums. In 2018, Lonesome River Band received an IBMA Album of the Year nomination for their self-produced "May Hayley's House" on the Mountain Home Music Company label. On their 2016 album, "Bridging the Tradition", it debuted at #2 on Billboard's Top 10 Bluegrass Album Chart. Also in 2016, band members Sammy Shelor and Mike Hartgrove performed with actor Martin Short when Steve Martin was honored with the 43rd American Film Institute's Life Achievement Award – the highest honor for a career in film.

LRB continues to evolve in the ever-changing landscape of Bluegrass and Acoustic Country music. Their long career is obviously filled with numerous Awards and Recognitions. The group has also received other awards from IBMA and many from the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music Association (SPBGMA) including Album of the Year, Bluegrass Band of the Year, Vocal Group of the Year, Song of the Year and Shelor as a 3-time SPBGMA Banjo

Player of the Year and 5-time win as the IBMA Banjo Performer of the Year.

The show begins at 2:00 pm with the doors opening at Noon. Tickets for the show will be \$20.00 per person and children under 12 are admitted free with a paid adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door, first come. Or to guarantee a seat, you can purchase tickets in advance by sending a check made payable to "Jay Armsworthy" and mail to P.O. Box 741, California, MD 20619. Tickets will be held at the door. Food will be available for sale before the show for a separate price.

The remainder of the series will present some of the best in today's Bluegrass music such as: Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out, Sunday February 10, 2019; and Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers, Sunday March 10, 2019. Troy Jones will continue to provide sound for each show.

Although not required, it is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Bank in Southern Maryland. The American Legion Post 238 is located on the corner of MD Rt. 381 & Rt. 231 in Hughesville, Maryland. For more information, tickets, and directions, go to www.americanlegion-bluegrass.com or call 301-737-3004.

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In Remembrance

Lillian Joanne Frazier Holley Beamon



Lillian Joanne Frazier Holley Beamon (affectionately known as "Joanne") of Scotland, Md departed this earthly life on December 25, 2018 in Leonardtown, Maryland. She was born on March 19, 1945 in Scotland, Md. She was the daughter of the late Ida Holley and Dennis Langley. Joanne graduated from George Washington Carver High School, Cortes Peters College in Washington, DC and Prince George's Community College. During her career, she worked for the DC Government and the Federal Government. She later retired from the State Department as a Business Specialist.

Joanne loved the Lord and was always willing and ready to talk about and carry out the work of the Lord. She started her Christian journey at St. Luke United Methodist Church. She enjoyed shopping, traveling, and spending time with her family. This included spending time with her grandchildren who often enjoyed spending quality time with her during their spring breaks.

Joanne was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother that loved her family endlessly. Hearing her voice will truly be missed by all.

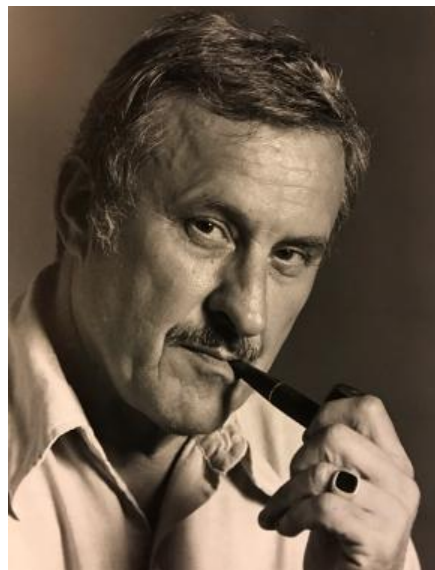
Joanne was preceded in death by her parents Dennis Langley and Ida Taylor. She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted husband of 53 years Linwood Beamon and two children Linwood Jr. (Lynette) of Fort Washington, Md, and Anthony (Tomeka) of Clinton, Md. She also leaves five grandchildren: Zaakirah Beckford, Shaniqua Tate, Christina Beamon, Wynter Beamon, and Anthony Beamon Jr. Four brothers: Stanley Langley (Elaine), Stephen Langley, Dennis Hutcherson, Joseph Taylor and one sister, Sandra Holt. Three brothers-in-law: Harry Pruden (Estelle), Robert Pruden, and Alton Pruden. Two sisters-in-law: Beulah Taylor (Bernard) and Mary Crockett. She also leaves cherished memories with a host of nieces,

nephews, relatives and friends.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Theodore Robert Skrabacz



Theodore Robert Skrabacz, 86, of Lexington Park, MD passed away December 24, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 29, 1932 in East St. Louis, IL to the late Walter and Mary Rodak Skrabacz.

In 1953 Theodore enlisted in the United States Navy then transferred to the Coast Guard and again to the United States Air Force where is proudly served his country for over 20 dedicated years before retiring as a Tech Sergeant in 1973. On December 3, 1955, he married his beloved wife, Shirley Ann Cullison at Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills, MD. Together they celebrated over 63 wonderful years of marriage. In 1956 he graduated from St. Louis University, Parks Air College with an Associate's degree in Aviation and Technology. He had a private pilot's license, was a flight instructor, and loved to fly. He was happiest when he was in one of his planes soaring high in the sky. He passed his love for flying to his children. He also enjoyed traveling to Virginia, Florida, Hawaii, California, Texas and Las Vegas, NV. He and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary cruising the Caribbean. He loved spending time with his family, especially all his grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife, Shirley, he is also survived by his children: Richard Skrabacz (Robin) of Swansboro, NC, Michael Skrabacz (Karen) of Leonardtown, MD, Theodore Skrabacz, Jr. (Sheryl) of Leonardtown, MD; Joseph Skrabacz (Sharon) of Niceville, FL, Theresa Hutzelmann (Eric) of Milford, PA, James Skrabacz and Sheila Skrabacz, both of Virginia Beach, VA; his sister, Delores Nering of O'Fallon, IL;

14 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; his sister-in-law: Leigh Alvey; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings: Helen Ziemba, Stella Kersulis, Jenny Golic, Eddie Skrabacz and Raymond Skrabacz.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Gregory Skrabacz, Steven Skrabacz, Michael Skrabacz, Jonathan Skrabacz, Daniel Skrabacz, and Eric Skrabacz.

Family will receive friends on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a Funeral Service celebrated by Jaroslaw Gamrot 1:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Holy Face Catholic Church Cemetery in Great Mills, MD.

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

Condolences to the family may be made at <http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com>.

Lois Patricia VanPelt



Lois Patricia VanPelt, 89, of Lexington Park, MD passed away December 20, 2018 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on May 4, 1929 in Bladensburg, MD to the late William and Ida Smith Mangum.

Lois was previously employed by WalMart as a sales associate for eight dedicated years. Her hobbies included BINGO, crocheting, and watching her favorite soap operas, the Young and the Restless and the Bold and the Beautiful. She loved her family and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them.

She is survived by her children: Lawrence Johnson of Fort Stewart, FL, Ida "Lettie" Randall of Lexington Park, MD, Lorraine "Patricia" Stephens (David) of Waldorf, MD, and Anthony "Tony" VanPelt of Waldorf, MD; 15 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Anthony H. VanPelt, her children: Pamela Simpson and Malcolm Johnson; and her siblings.

Family will receive friends on January 4, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service celebrated by Reverend James Bell at 2:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Maryland, 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, Maryland 20695.

Condolences to the family may be made at <http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com>

Kevin Joseph Michael

Kevin Joseph Michael, PhD, 53, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on December 26, 2018. Kevin was born on March 9, 1965 in Lanham, MD to the late William Frederick Michael and Margaret Mary Weir Michael.



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Kevin worked as an Engineer for the Census Bureau. He loved seafood, was an award-winning chili chef and was always exploring all of the different cities his kids moved to. Kevin was also a fan of classic rock music, trivia, and astronomy and enjoyed the outdoors during



warm weather. Kevin was to graduate in the coming spring with a PhD in Systems Engineering.

Kevin is survived by his children: Timothy Joseph Michael, David Joshua Michael and Ashley Lauren LaRocca. Also surviving are his mother, Margaret, brothers, Stephen Vincent Michael, Richard Jerome Michael, John Charles Michael, several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his fiancée, Cynthia Simpson and his dogs, Tucker and Skylar.

Memorial donations in Kevin's name may be made to <http://www.lls.org/leukemia>, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the ASPCA.

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

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

Bryant "Butch" Anderson Lehman

Bryant "Butch" Anderson Lehman, 73 of Hughesville, MD, passed away on December 26, 2018 at Hospice of Charles County, Waldorf, MD. Bryant was born on September 10, 1945 in Charleston,



Mary Jean Robrecht whom he married on February 16, 1963 in Leonardtown, MD and who preceded him in death on September 25, 1991. Gary is survived by his children; Annette Marie Gill (Douglas) of LaPlata, MD, JoAnne Roberts (Terrel) of LaPlata, MD and Laura Renee Reilly (Richard) of Annapolis, MD and 8 grandchildren.

Gary was a lifelong St. Mary's County MD resident. He attended Ryken High School for 2 years then graduated from Great Mills High School in 1962. Gary served in the United States Army for 6 years from 1962- March 31, 1969. His Duty Stations included Germany and Fort Meade, MD. He was employed as a Federal Firefighter for Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, MD for 25 years retiring in 1994. When he wasn't working as a firefighter at Pax River, he was a Waterman at heart both oystering and crabbing. He loved this lifestyle and was a true guru of the water. Gary was a great educator of the water, ways of the water, waterfowl hunting and hunting with his beloved "Bear", his yellow Labrador retriever! He was an avid gun collector, whose knowledge and enthusiasm for not only the guns but also the history behind them. He enjoyed carving duck decoys and going to yard sales. Gary was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Maryland Watermans Association and National Rifle Association.

WV to the late Bryant Lehman and Alice Mills Lehman. He proudly served his country in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. Bryant worked as a Proof Reader for the Government Printing Office, retiring in 2016. He became a beloved part of the community after his retirement and could be seen riding his bike all around the Hughesville area. Bryant also was a guitar player in several bands.

In addition to his parents, Bryant was predeceased by his brother, Flint Terrell Adair and his sister, Alma Graves. He is survived by his son, John "Rick" Ladrado of White Plains, MD and his brother, James Adair of San Diego, CA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or online at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>

William "Gary" Robrecht



The family will receive friends on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 11:00 AM -12:00 PM in St. George Catholic Church Valley Lee, MD where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 PM with Father Paul Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in St. George Catholic Church Cemetery St. George Island. Pallbearers will be; Douglas Gill, Terrel Roberts, Rich Reilly, Tyler Gill, Aaron Roberts and William A Goddard, Jr. Honorary Pallbearers will be; Bobby Lynch, Douglas Goddard Brent Matthew Robecht and Jimmy Robrecht.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 11454 Alexandria, VA 22312 and/or American Heart Association Southern Maryland Division Eastern Region P.O. Box 1508 Solomons, MD 20688.

Barbara May "Barb" Baumgartner

Barbara May "Barb" Baumgartner, 89 of Lexington Park, MD formerly of Topsham, Maine, passed away on December 28, 2018 in Lexington Park, MD. Born February 17, 1929 in Lewiston, ME, she was the daughter of the late Sara and Perly Gowell.

Barb was the loving wife of the late Henry "Pete" Baumgartner whom she married on June 14, 1952 in Brunswick, ME and who preceded her in death on

William "Gary" Robrecht, 74, of Piney Point, MD formerly of St. George Island, MD passed away on December 28, 2018 in LaPlata, MD. Born on June 30, 1944 in Washington, DC he was the son of the late Laura Josephine Robrecht. Gary was the loving husband of

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1974. Barb had a great Maine accent, she enjoyed spending time with family, quilting, bowling, gardening, baking and feeding the birds, she was hilarious, kind, loving, sweet and very generous always putting herself last. Her children and family were so very important to her. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's and/or the Humane Society.

Agnes Imogene Summers



Agnes Imogene Summers, 65, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on December 24, 2018 at her home. She was born on December 6, 1953 in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Victoria Quade Morgan and John Mitchell Morgan, Sr. Agnes

was the loving wife of George Edward Summers. She is survived by her daughter Amy Lynn Wathen (Timmy) of Charlotte Hall, MD, 3 grandchildren Shelby Wathen, Bradley Wathen and Timothy Wathen. Along with 1 great grandson David Wathen. As well as her siblings Leonard Vernon Morgan, Stephen Sylvester Morgan, James Harvey Morgan, Pearl Elizabeth Pfuhl, Joseph Ambrose Morgan, Mark Wayne Morgan, Robert Lewis Morgan, Marlene Cecelia Tippet, Ronald Matthew Morgan, Donald Francis Morgan, and David Allen Morgan. She was preceded in death by her siblings John Mitchell Morgan, Jr, and William Clifton Morgan.

Agnes was a life-long St. Mary's County, MD resident. She graduated from La Plata High School. Agnes was a homemaker and grandmother. Agnes worked for many years at different jobs. She worked at Hills Club, Korner Karryout and the Center for Life Enrichment. She cleaned homes, cared for the elderly and cared for her grandkids when they were young. She was a kind and caring woman who would help anyone she could. Her home was always open to anyone that needed a place to stay. She smiled often despite what life threw her way. Her greatest joys were her grandchildren. Agnes was known by many and loved by all. She will be dearly missed.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown,

MD, where a Funeral Service will be held at 12:30 PM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop William McClean officiating. Interment will be private.

Raymond Hill



Raymond Cornelius Hill age 75 of Pomfret, Maryland is survived by his loving family. Born December 22, 1943, Raymond passed away December 22, 2018.

Visitation/Viewing will be Thursday, January 03, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 3150 Middletown Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603. Services will follow. Graveside Service will be Thursday, January 03, 2019, 12:45 p.m. at Heritage Memorial Cemetery, 13472 Poplar Hill Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20601.

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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

Christmas Doll & Train Exhibit

St. Clément's Island Museum
Daily 12:00–4:00 PM through January 6

An exhibit of unique antique and collectible dolls, trains and toys at this festive holiday display. \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and military, \$1.50 children. 5 and under free.

Holiday Display

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum
Daily 12:00–4:00 PM through January 6

This year's theme is "Reading Lights the Way." Visitors view Lighthouse Digest cover exhibit, Flying Santa exhibit, and a number of other exhibits. \$7 adults, \$3.50 seniors, students and military. Children 5 and under free.

Calvert Marine Museum Closed

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store (14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons) is closed January and February to renovate the Education offices, Classroom and Learning Center on the mezzanine level. We look forward to opening our doors again in March!

UPCOMING

Class Reunion

Chopticon High School Class of 1969 is planning its 50th class reunion for the fall 2019. Members and teachers of this class are requested to contact us to update contact information. Sarah Blackistone Richardson, 240-925-1119, TheMightySBR@msn.com. Norwood Graves, 301-848-9525, Saramyl@verizon.net.

Thursday, January 3

American Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 221, 21690 Colton Point Road, Avenue
8:00 - 9:00 PM

All active duty personnel and veterans are invited to join our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month. 301-884-4071. www.alpost221.webs.com/ or e-mail alpost221@aol.com.

Friday, January 4

New Year, New You!

First Friday in Leonardtown
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Come for dinner, dessert, Open Studio/Art Workshops. One-evening-only specials at participating shops and restaurants, and Opening Receptions at the local art galleries (note: no Drum Circle this month, will continue in Feb.).

New Year's Resolution Support

45020 Patuxent Beach Road, California
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Trying to make a change? Celebrate Recovery is a free Christian 12-step program. We welcome those 18 & up struggling with grief, anger, depression, addiction, anxiety, or the addiction of a loved one. Come try a few meetings! Questions? ofhCR4u@gmail.com

Sunday, January 6

Turkey Shoot

Moose Lodge, Mechanicsville
1:00 - 4:30 PM

Sign up at noon; first round goes off at 1:00. Shoot for money and prizes. Jimmy Suite, 240-417-5767.

Monday, January 7

CABS

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown
6:00 PM

Companions and Buddies for Singles is an adult social group of friends. Meets every Monday except Holidays. Dues \$15/year; no dues first four visits. 240-794-8033. CABSorg.WixSite.com/CABS

Tuesday, January 8

Public Forum

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown
6:30 PM

The first public forum of the New Year hosted by the St. Mary's County Commissioners. Citizens who cannot attend in person, but wish to voice a concern, can do so on the county's social media platforms. <https://lexleader.net/commissioners-plan-public-forum/>

Wednesday, January 9

FAFSA Form

Leonardtown Library, 23250 Hollywood Road
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form is the first step toward getting federal aid for college, career school, or graduate school. A representative from the College of Southern Maryland will be on hand for two one-hour sessions to help with the completion of your FAFSA form. Registration required. 301-475-284

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"Bring it on 2019!"

Happy New Year to All! I hope this year brings health and happiness to all of you. Hard to believe we are living in the year 2019. The 2000s seemed so unbelievable and far away to me in the 60s. When we were young, there were cartoons, songs, and books predicting a Jetson type future. It's amazing to me how many of these dramatizations showed in one way or another a future where our race of humans was either a type of identical, gray uniformed automatons, or taken over by some devious, far-advanced race from outer space. I realize the political and social setting was changing fast in our youth. Were there any happy depictions of our future – it's funny how I can't think of any of those; only the dark,

gritty, explosive-filled future scenarios. Can't wait to see what is in store for the year 2020.

Oh my, I didn't mean to start out with a gloomy column, especially since ringing in the New Year with friends in DC was so much fun. On New Year's Eve, I got to go to my first hockey game – which was exciting. The Washington Capitals played the Nashville Predators. You probably already know how that ended. No, I am not a jinx, though I was the only one wearing a blue Capitals hoodie out of 20+ people. . .hmmm. So much good food, good drink, good fun and laughter before, during, and afterwards helped take the sting out of the loss. You can pick me out in the photo we took at Clyde's

Restaurant easily: the pale one with the prednisone-moonie face.

So, what is in store for all of us this year? I am hoping we all get to try a few new things this: maybe something to challenge us. I am already starting organizing expert, Peter Walsh's 7th year of 31 days to organize challenges. Peter posts a new video each day in January of a relatively easy challenge that you can undertake in as little as 15 minutes or for as long as you wish. Most all of the challenges I have done over the years have stayed organized an intact. That may be because I find other areas to stash all the other stuff. But all my drawers and closets and inside cabinet areas are rockin' the original organization still.

My husband and I have started walking again too. Not real far, but enough to get rid of our morning calories anyway. We are *hoping* (there's that word again) to start going to the Northern Senior Center fitness center. Every time so far that I have made plans to do this my stupid body does something drastic and precludes me somehow – so I guess I'll up the Prednisone (aka: The Devil's TicTac's).

One thing I am going to have to cut down or cut out are those specialty Café

Mocha Latte's at one of my favorite convenience stores in our area: Wawa. It is so hard. We are in Mechanicsville, so if you are heading out of St. Mary's County there is a Wawa that way. If I am heading points south, there is the Wawa at the corner of 5 and 235. I really think the coffee smell must be piped outside. The baristas make them way too good, which in turn creates a craving for them, and a mentality that somehow, I must have done *something* to earn a treat.

I guess I better get going and get my errands done. Which way to go first, north or south? If I make sure the air vent in the car is on re-circulation, I should be fine. The coffee smell won't get me that way. Who am I kidding, all I have to do is see the Wawa sign and I am a goner. Wait, I know exactly what the problem is with the Latte's – I've been getting the whipped cream on top. That's it – NO whipped cream! Okay, Wawa here I come. This is easy; setting goals is all about responsibility and moderation – I got this – bring it on 2019!!

To each New Year's adventure, Shelby
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- A stretching workout to keep the muscles flexible

Make-up with Therese: A New Year, A New You

Let's ring in the New Year with a make-up session! Mary Kay expert Therese Simons will be here at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. to show you what colors work best for you and the proper technique to apply make-up to enhance your best features. We will have a delicious selection of breakfast pastries, non-alcoholic mimosas and coffee from the local coffee house. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early! Cost for the class will be \$5. Payment is due at the time of sign up. For more information please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Video to be shown at Loffler

The documentary He named me Malala will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. This video shows an intimate portrait of Malala Yousafzai, who was wounded when Taliban gunmen opened fire on her in Pakistan's Swat Valley. The shooting of the then fifteen-year-old teenager sparked international media outrage. An educational activist in Pakistan, Yousafzai has since emerged as a leading campaigner for the rights of children worldwide and in December 2014, became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Register to see this video by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. 88 Minutes. Free.

Health Watch presentation at Loffler

Linda Weintraub will present Assessing Your Mental Health as part of Loffler's monthly Health Watch Program on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. When asked how you are feeling, it's not always easy to truthfully answer this seemingly simple question! Nevertheless, we would benefit from taking stock of what's going on in our lives and ascertain just how we are doing. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up for this free presentation.

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are about to be arrested, or similar type calls? Is your email cluttered with notices from banks telling you that you owe them money or that your account has been compromised and to "click this link" to reset your account? What about when you go to the grocery store or have to go out at night: ever been frightened by the circumstances you found yourself in? Join us for a presentation by Harold "Harry" Tafe, a retired police detective and international banking security expert to discuss these and other related security subjects at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Friday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. Mr. Tafe has a very unique style of presentation where he involves his audience in addressing their concerns. This will be time well spent. Advance registration required. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 to register.

R&B Line Dancing at Northern

For the first time at the Northern Senior Activity Center, welcome Marie Bond and Catherine Bush for their first session of R&B Line Dancing on Fridays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22 from 1-2 p.m. These ladies will guide you step-by-step as you learn some of today's trendiest line dances; including dances such as the Cupid Shuffle and the Wobble. Payment of \$12 for 6 classes/\$2 per class is made directly to instructors the day of class. To sign up for this 6 session class in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Beginner's Piano/Keyboard class coming up

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, the author of the "How to Play Gospel" book series and a leading expert on teaching gospel music (Check out his website at Jeffersonpresents.com) will again offer beginner piano/keyboard classes at the Loffler Senior Activity Center starting Tuesday Jan. 15 and continuing through Feb. 19. The cost for the lessons is \$100 for 6 sessions and includes instruction, texts and corresponding cd. Additionally you will need to invest in an inexpensive keyboard (\$50-\$100+ available at local stores and online.) Payment for the lessons can be made directly to Dr. Jefferson on the first day of class. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 8. For questions or to sign up, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the registration desk at Loffler.

Diabetes Self-Management

Living with diabetes is a full time job. The Garvey Senior Activity Center will offer a Diabetes Self-Management class on Tuesdays from Jan. 22-Feb. 26 at 1:30-4 p.m. The Diabetes Self-Management workshop gives attendees tools needed to take control of their disease. Topics covered include nutrition, stress management, medication management and many more! Space in the class is limited. Register by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050. There is no fee to attend; however, attendance at all six sessions is highly recommended.

★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Art On Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, January 7 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dark, winter months got you feeling down? 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.

Healthy Cooking with Chef Gayle

Leonardtown Library will hold Healthy Cooking with Chef Gayle on Wednesday, January 9 from 12 - 1 p.m. Chef Gayle Owens of Catering 2 You, will demonstrate healthy cooking with farmers' market produce. Cooking samples will be enjoyed by all. Learn new techniques for healthy, inexpensive and easy meals. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Southern Maryland Math Circle

Lexington Park Library will hold Southern Maryland Math Circle on Saturday, January 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Southern Maryland Math Circle provides fun, fascinating math activities to middle- and high-school students (and their families!) Run by the faculty at St. Mary's College of Maryland, this monthly gathering is sure to inspire a love of mathematical exploration to everyone who comes. Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Publishing Options for Writers and Illustrators

Leonardtown Library will hold Publishing Options for Writers and Illustrators on Monday, January 14 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Christina Allen, local author, illustrator, and winner of five national book awards, will share her experiences with the different publishing options for writers and illustrators. She will speak about the process of self-publishing, publishing with traditional book publishers, and starting her own micro-book publishing house, Corn Crib Publishing. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Income Tax Knowledge and Recent 2018 Tax Changes

Leonardtown Library will hold Income Tax Knowledge and Recent 2018 Tax Changes on Wednesday, January 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. Would you like to improve your personal income tax knowledge? This program will provide participants with an understanding of the 2018 tax changes; standard deductions, personal exemptions, changes to tax brackets, estate tax, child tax credit, itemized deductions and retirement savings. Join us in learning how to have a tax mindset all year long. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Teen Night: Glow in the Park!

Lexington Park Library will hold Teen Night: Glow in the Park! on Thursday, January 17 from 5 - 7 p.m. It's dark outside so it's a perfect time to come in to get your glow on. Create glow in the dark crafts and play glowing games. Open for teens and tweens ages 12 to 18.

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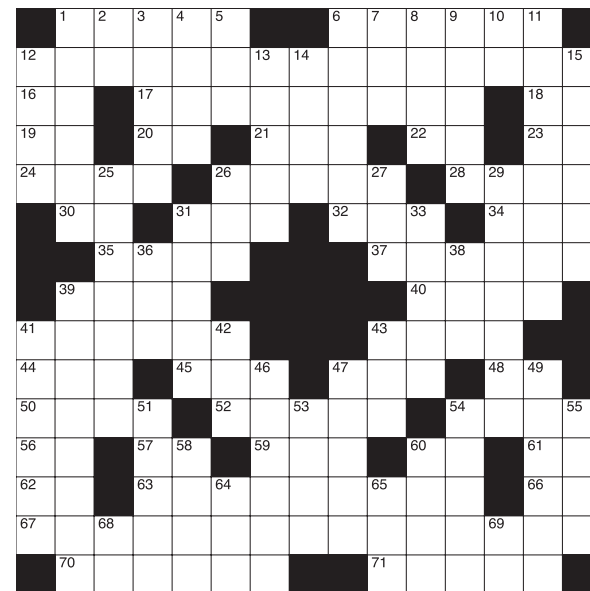
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- 6. Husband or wife
- 12. All the same
- 16. Exclamation of surprise
- 17. Lived in
- 18. Hawaiian entertainer
- 19. Of I
- 20. Belonging to me
- 21. One thousandth of an inch
- 22. Midway between south and east
- 23. Article
- 24. Pitchers have them
- 26. Steps
- 28. Mars crater
- 30. ___ route: on the way
- 31. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 32. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 34. These three follow A
- 35. Frail
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Level
- 40. Computers

- 41. Where spiders live
- 43. An enemy to Batman
- 44. Mineral
- 45. Body part
- 47. Give
- 48. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 50. European tax
- 52. Bleated
- 54. Capital of Norway
- 56. Pa's partner
- 57. Stephen King's clown tale
- 59. Atomic #50
- 60. Military policeman
- 61. One quintillion bytes
- 62. Where impulses manifest
- 63. Offers as a candidate
- 66. Spielberg film
- 67. Great job!
- 70. Live in
- 71. Cares for

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Form a whole
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Moves in water
- 4. Diminutive
- 5. Old English letter

- 6. "Save the Last Dance" actress
- 7. Dab
- 8. Digits
- 9. Female cattle's mammary gland
- 10. Yes
- 11. Improves
- 12. We all have one
- 13. Book of Esther antagonist
- 14. Invests in little enterprises
- 15. Organs that produce gametes
- 25. Mediterranean city
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Swollen area within tissue
- 31. "No ___!"
- 33. Soap
- 36. Chop or cut
- 38. "Atonement" author McEwan
- 39. Bullfighter
- 41. Of the universe
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 43. Not good
- 46. Large, flightless bird
- 47. Punitive
- 49. Makes less messy
- 51. Belts out a tune
- 53. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 54. An eye protein
- 55. Broad sashes
- 58. Actress Spelling
- 60. Distribute
- 64. Unpleased
- 65. Body art
- 68. Midway between north and east
- 69. Overdose

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