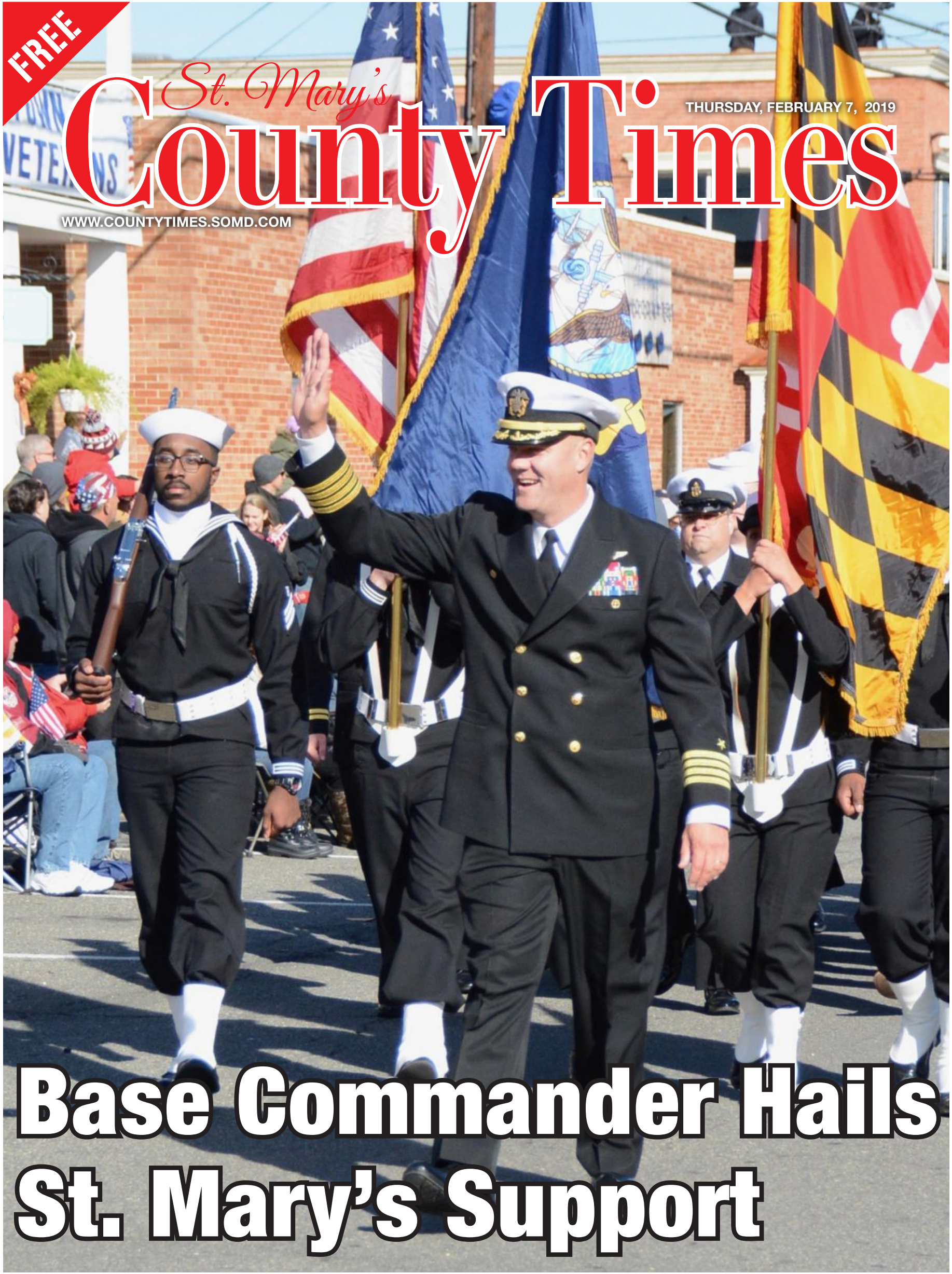


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Commercial Center Planned For Sand and Gravel Site



The concrete plant on Route 235 is planned to be replaced by a new commercial center with two new restaurants

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For decades a concrete plant has operated on Route 235 just across from the Wildewood community, but that plant may be replaced by a redevelopment project that would bring thousands of square feet of commercial space including two large restaurants and a convenience store.

The project, known as the Southstar Redevelopment, is part of the Oak Crest Center planned unit development established in 1990; the plans then were to bring in commercial space as well as office and industrial space uses.

The current plan proposes a convenience store of 5,376 square feet, a car washing facility at 1,248 square feet, a refueling station at 5,280 and two restaurants

one measuring 5,520 square feet and the other 8,520 square feet, county planning staff reports show.

The project is set for a review of the conceptual site plan Feb. 11 before the St. Mary's County Planning Commission.

The proposed plan also calls for an extra entrance from Route 235 to the commercial center, county documents state.

The convenience store is likely to be a Royal Farms establishment according to renderings submitted to the county by the project's developer, St. John Properties; the entire development would be situated on 6.77 acres immediately north of the intersection of Route 235 and Oak Crest Road.

A traffic study completed in June of 2018 estimated that the convenience store would generate 447 trips, while the new restaurant sites would generate between 50 to 83 each.

The county planning documents did not state which restaurant franchises would take up residence at pad sites if the development were approved.

The redevelopment project would take place in the northern section of the Lexington Park Development District, the largest of the two development districts in St. Mary's.

The other development district is Leonardtown.

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Emergency Response Restricted During Snow Storm

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The dispatching of emergency vehicles, such as ambulances and fire apparatus, was restricted to calls of a life-threatening nature only during the recent snowfall, the county's emergency operations chief Steve Walker revealed this week to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

However, during that event there was no medical professional at the county's emergency operations center to make that determination, Walker also said.

That will have to change, he said.

"That situation will never happen again," Walker told The County Times after speaking with the county commissioners. "We were fortunate."

Normally the county uses the option known as Code Blue – a term for high winds that are so bad that emergency operations must be suspended entirely

for fear of toppling a vehicle such as an ambulance– that is advertised to citizens via press releases, text messages and social media.

But county residents were not notified of the restriction this past snow event, Walker said.

Also, he said, Code Blue does not cover other weather events such as snow.

"It was a spur of the moment thing," Walker said of the request from county rescue chief Sean Davidson being granted. "It was very limited."

Walker said Davidson's original request was to suspend all rescue dispatches.

The danger lay, though, in no medical professional such as a paramedic being at the emergency dispatching center while the restriction went into effect.

Emergency dispatchers are not qualified for, and should not be burdened with, making decisions about whether a call for service was for a life-threaten-

ing situation, Walker said.

"We would have dispatched if there had been a life-threatening situation," Walker said. "That's 100 percent."

Following the snow event, Walker said he was in contact with medical authorities at the state about what procedures should have been in place; having a medical professional on hand was necessary.

Walker said there were no calls for a life-threatening situation during the snow-induced dispatching restriction.

Walker told commissioners of the restriction during the snow event at a briefing regarding the county's emergency response plan; Commissioner John O'Connor said in reading the document that he "couldn't find who is responsible for suspending emergency medical services in the county."

Walker said the emergency management department would rely on the county commissioners for guidance in



County Emergency Service Director Steve Walker

establishing protocols for whether or not to dispatch.

"You are the ones who will decide how we will make that decision moving forward," Walker said. "I'm going to demand that we have a paramedic in the room to decide whether they should or should not dispatch."

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CSM President: Success Leads to Tightening Budget

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maureen Murphy, president of College of Southern Maryland (CSM), said as more students successfully graduate or earn marketable credentials from the regional institution they don't stay to take on extra courses.

That actually reduces the college's budget, she told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Tuesday meeting.

In the past five years the number of people who have graduated from CSM's three campuses in St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles has risen 36 percent; 4,711 have been from St. Mary's according to the college's latest numbers.

"These are very good numbers," Murphy told the county commissioners. "By doing the right thing students aren't hanging around as long... we're getting people through the pipeline and we're seeing a decline in revenue as a result."

But the college has no plans on changing its trend of getting students the skills they need and nothing they don't, she said.

Since its inception the college was supposed to be funded equally by county, state and college revenues; but virtually half of the college's operations money is provided through tuition and fees, Murphy said.

"Our county and state appropriations are lower than we would like," she said.

A study commissioned to determine the college's impact on the local economy showed that it led to students getting 5,320 jobs for a total of \$303.8 million in earnings generated.



Dr. Maureen Murphy

"CSM is pretty darn good," Murphy said. "We do a lot of good work."

Of the 23,000 students who attend classes at CSM, Murphy said, 31 percent are from St. Mary's County.

To make its funding more effective, Murphy said, the college was seeking to amend the state legislation that made it a regional institution; this would give the leadership at the college more options in spending.

"That's so we can have more flexibility with our money," Murphy said. "We're very restricted, we're not always able to put resources where we need them."

"So many things are tied to location rather than to function."

CSM has campuses in Leonardtown, Prince Frederick, La Plata and Hughesville.

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Sheriff's Office Now Collecting Medical Sharps

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the St. Mary's County Health Department, is now collecting personal medical sharps for safe disposal.

Community members may now safely dispose of medical sharps (such as syringes, lancets and auto-injectors) as well as expired, unused and unwanted medications in the collection boxes that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the front lobby of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, located at 23150 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown.

This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Please unwrap/remove packaging from all sharps prior to drop-off. For disposal of large quantities of medical sharps, please call the St. Mary's County Health Department at 301-475-4330.

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MetCom Reports Progress on Water Towers



Hickory Hills Water Storage Tower

The Metropolitan Commission (“MetCom”) provides public water and sewer services to parts of St. Mary’s County. MetCom operates 28 water supply and distribution systems throughout the County, including 67 wells, supplying approximately 1.4 billion gallons of water annually. Likewise, MetCom owns and operates 5 wastewater treatment facilities treating a combined average of 1.5 billion gallons, a daily average of over 4.1 million gallons of waste. MetCom also manages two private sewage treatment facilities under operating agreements with the facility owners. Following the new 500,000 gallon Hollywood elevated Water Storage Tower (“WST”) placed into operation on December 27, 2017, MetCom is moving ahead with two (2) additional WST’s and associated production wells located in Charlotte Hall and Hickory Hills. Both projects will include state-of-the art radio communication technology.

The new Charlotte Hall elevated WST near the Maryland Transit Administration Park and Ride Facility on MD Route 6 serves the Charlotte Hall Town Center area. This particular tower will provide 400,000 gallons of storage and a 250 gallon per minute well. The new facility will ensure adequate fire suppression, address storage lost due to a damaged ground storage tank and provide water storage for domestic use. The approved capital construction budget of \$3.107M was funded through a low interest loan from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Water Appropriations and Use Permit was obtained from the Water Management Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment’s (“MDE”) Certification of Potability for the well was received on January 15, 2019. The water quality testing has been completed and the facility has been placed into operation. The project was made successful through the efforts of MetCom staff, contractor, Caldwell Tanks, Inc. and designer, WRA.

George Erichsen, MetCom’s Executive Director stated: “We are very pleased at the recent progress of these last two projects, and are now pressing forward to begin the construction of a much larger two million gallon water storage tank in Hickory Hills that was approved in prior years. The new facility has an approved budget of \$ 6.297M for the storage tank and \$0.997M for the well. This project is also funded through a low interest loan from the Department of Housing and Community Development.” Final land acquisition was completed on November 1, 2017. Plans and specifications are nearing completion, a Grading Permit has been obtained, and a Construction Permit Application Acknowledgment from MDE was received on January 1, 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2019, following the formal bidding process.

To learn more about our projects, please visit our website at www.metcom.org and choose Capital Improvement Projects under the Engineering tab.

Press Release from St. Mary’s County Government

Trauma Kits Coming To County Schools



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Using grant funding from the state, St. Mary’s County public school officials will be putting out bids to purchase trauma kits to be placed in every school.

School security director Michael Wyant reported to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County Tuesday that it was one more step in making schools more secure in the aftermath of last year’s shooting tragedy at Great Mills High School that left two students dead and another injured.

The trauma kits will include medical supplies that are used to stem critical blood loss or treat what is known as tension pneumothorax, more commonly referred to as a sucking chest wound.

These are wounds that are most often caused by gunfire.

The trauma kits will come with bandages to treat gunshot wounds or other serious trauma as well as tourniquets that can be tightened on a victim’s extremities to stop bleeding.

“Those will be the primary contents,” Wyant told The County Times in a later interview. “There will be at least one [trauma kit] in every school and particularly in high schools there will be one on each level.”

The square footage of a school could also determine whether more than one trauma kit are placed there, Wyant said.

Automated external defibrillators, used to reverse cardiac emergencies, are already in county schools, Wyant said, and current plans will place the trauma kits next to them.

Working with the sheriff’s office and county’s emergency ser-

vices division, Wyant said school safety and security staff have already been trained in the use of trauma kits; all the school systems nurses have also been trained during the last in-service day.

The next step, according to Wyant, is to offer voluntary training to any school system employees who want it.

Last week the St. Mary’s County Board of Education authorized the purchase of more ballistic laminate to help slow down incoming gunfire against school building windows; while not completely bullet proof, the laminate does take a considerable amount of damage.

“It’s being realistic about what we can do to protect our students and staff,” Wyant said.

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Tri-County Council Welcomes New Members

Full Council Meeting Held in Annapolis



TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL for SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Jack Bailey; Maryland Sen. Arthur Ellis; Maryland Delegate Brian Crosby; Maryland Delegate Debra Davis; Calvert County Commissioner Thomas "Tim" Hutchins; Charles County Commissioner Gilbert "BJ" Bowling; and Charles County Commissioner Thomasina Coates.

"I was pleased to join the Tri-County Council to discuss the severe impact the government shutdown has on federal employees in Southern Maryland. I am relieved that the president is finally willing to reopen the government and allow federal employees to get back to work and receive the paychecks they are due," said U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer. "I will continue to

work with the Council to improve the lives of families in Southern Maryland."

Attendees heard from TCCSMD Executive Board Chairman and St. Mary's County Commissioner Todd Morgan, and the keynote address was given by Wendi Peters, special secretary of Smart Growth.

The Full Council is comprised of Southern Maryland elected officials, state representatives, a Southern Maryland Municipal Association councilmember, economic development directors, planning chairmen and members-at-large from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

In the keynote address, Peters presented an update on where the state is with the new state development plan, A Better Maryland.

"We are moving forward formulating strategies to address the input we have received and will present a dynamic, evolving plan that will provide a framework to support a thriving economy and environmental stewardship throughout the entire state," said Peters.

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) was formed in 1964, as a cooperative planning and development agency to foster the social and economic development of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. The purpose of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is to serve as a forum for the resolution of region-wide issues and the attainment of regional goals.

Press Release from TCCSMD

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) held its annual Full Council meeting Jan. 24, 2019, at Hotel Annapolis in Annapolis.

The meeting was an opportunity for new members of the Full Council to learn about TCCSMD's mission and programs, as well as meet the leadership team. More than 60 people attended the meeting and there has been a Full Council meeting for more than 50 years.

New members in attendance were Maryland Sen.

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Democratic Leaders Announce Legislative Priorities

Agenda focuses on building a stronger middle class

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller and House Speaker Michael E. Busch, joined by leaders from the Senate and House Democratic Caucuses, have announced priorities for the 2019 legislative session, focused on strengthening Maryland families across Maryland. The legislation, detailed below, focuses on policy changes for prescription drugs, health care, fairer wages, public safety, the environment, and more.

“Maryland Democrats are taking commonsense steps to protecting our middle class,” said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. “We will make prescription drug costs more affordable for more Marylanders, while protecting their health care access, and ensuring that everybody can afford to live in our state with a great education system and a cleaner environment.”

“Leaders in the House and Senate are focused this year on building Maryland’s middle class so that every family has the opportunity to prosper,” said Speaker Busch. “Access to affordable healthcare, a good job and a quality school should not just be a slogan - they should be reality for every Marylander. This legislative package will move us closer to achieving that goal.”

The agenda includes the following initiatives:

- Curbing the cost of prescription drugs for our Seniors - Prescription drug spending is expected to accelerate to an average of 7.0% for 2019 as fewer brand-name drugs will be losing patent protection. Per capita prescription drug spending in the United States is more than twice that of 19 advanced industrialized nations. We will pass legislation to establish a commission to increase transparency for the cost and choices of prescription drugs, as well as legislation to cap the out of pocket drug costs to State retirees.
- Protecting health insurance, including key ACA reforms such as protecting the ban on pre-existing conditions – The Attorney General has ad-

vised that, if the Affordable Care Act is overturned by the Supreme Court in Texas v. United States, hundreds of thousands of Marylanders would be at-risk to lose insurance or have their rates significantly increased because of a pre-existing condition (including pregnancy and cancer). This bill will create a statutory right for individuals to health insurance without being discriminated against because of health status.

- Protecting our family’s health by limiting tobacco use to those over the age of 21 years of age - Endorsed by the Legislative Black Caucus, this legislation will raise the age required to purchase tobacco and e-cigarettes from 18 to 21 years old. E-cigarette vaping among teens has risen 78% year over year – the Food and Drug Administration has called the rise an epidemic. Six states and Washington D.C. have passed similar measures, and Virginia’s legislature is considering it as well.
- Boosting working families’ incomes by increasing Maryland’s minimum wage to \$15 – The General Assembly will pass a \$15 per hour minimum wage – following the lead of jurisdictions like New York, New Jersey and Washington D.C. Our \$10.10 hourly minimum wage has now been exceeded by 11 other states – when big businesses like Amazon (\$15), Costco (\$14), Target (\$12), and Walmart (\$11) are already paying their workers more. This change will benefit 600,000 Marylanders.
- Banning 3D & Ghost Guns - For Maryland to continue being a leader in reducing gun violence, our laws need to evolve with new technology. That is why Democrats in the General Assembly will move to ban the possession of 3D printed gun blueprints and untraceable “ghost” guns. Both types of unregulated firearms pose extreme threats to public safety, as they don’t have serial numbers, and, if made out of plastic, are able

to pass through metal detectors unnoticed. By banning these weapons, we are closing a loophole where a prohibited individual can access a gun and potentially use it to commit a crime.

- Reducing child care costs for parents by increasing the child care tax credit: The cost of child care in Maryland continues to skyrocket – nearly \$14,000 per year on average and is the 5th highest in the country. Maryland’s existing child care tax credit has remained unchanged for almost 20 years – a family making more than \$50,000 no longer qualifies for it. Our proposal increases funding by more than \$20 million per year, modernizes the credit, and benefits approximately 110,000 Marylanders who are currently struggling to pay for adequate child care.
- Cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, by banning Styrofoam and other pollutants- Maryland will become the first ‘foam free’ state by banning polystyrene, a synthetic polymer often used in Styrofoam packaging. Making Maryland ‘foam free’ will continue our commitment to a cleaner environment and reduce the



Sen. President Mike Miller

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Paramedic Charged in Narcotics Theft



Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A paramedic serving with the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad has been charged in the theft of opiates from a secure locker from the squad's own building on Lawrence Avenue.

Thomas Patrick Raley has been charged with destruction of property and theft under \$100, according to an application for a statement of charges filed by Cpl. Dale Reppel of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation into the alleged theft

began when Chief Medic Paul Koch of the rescue squad told Reppel that one of the company's two paramedics, David Scott Cooley, had found a lock box containing opioids had been breached improperly.

Police reports stated the seal on the box had been broken and had been glued back together in what seemed to be an effort to conceal the breach.

The last time Raley had logged out the medical box, according to court papers, was Dec. 15 and the seal had not been broken.

Police determined that a 5mg vile each of morphine and midazolam had been taken; video surveillance at the squad's headquarters showed Raley entering the facility Dec. 17 through a back door and moving to the secured area where the controlled dangerous substances were kept for medical use.

The footage showed Raley was in the vicinity of the drugs for about one minute and left the facility without talking to anyone there.

When Reppel questioned Raley about

why he took the opioids, Raley initially said he did know why he did so; several days later Raley called Reppel and admitted he took the narcotics and that he had a substance abuse problem, court records showed.

Raley said he was going to enroll in a drug treatment facility.

Raley was charged via a criminal summons.

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St. Mary's Sheriff's Blotter

Shooting Investigation Suspect Arrested

On February 1, 2019, **Marcus Anthony Mills** was located and arrested. Mills,



age 31, with no fixed address, has been identified as a suspect in the shooting that took place in late 2018. Mills has been charged with Attempted Murder.

On December 19, 2018, at approximately 10:30 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 46500 block of Expedition Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival it was discovered the victim, a 33 year old male from Callaway, was suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was inside his vehicle at the time of the shooting. The victim was transported via helicopter to an area trauma center, and is in stable condition. The investigation is being continued by the Criminal Investigations Division. The shooting does not appear to be a random act of violence.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Austin Schultz at (301) 475-4200 extension *1953 or by email at Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com.

Beware of Payroll Scam

Employers in St. Mary's County are asked to be aware of a recent payroll scam affecting employees.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is investigating recent cases where employees' personal email accounts were spoofed by one or more scammers, requesting that an employee's direct deposit account number be changed to a different account number.

In some of the instances, the new account number was based at a financial institution outside of Maryland.

Local employers are encouraged to double-check with their employees to verify any requests to change direct deposit accounts, and not to verify the

request through email, which may be spoofed.

If you have been the victim of fraud in St. Mary's County, call the Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008 or use the online reporting tool at <https://www.firstsheriff.com/CitizenReport/>

Arrests

Drug Arrest- On January 27, 2019, Dep. M. Beyer, made contact with **Paul Edward Moore**, age 36 with no



fixed address, in the 21000 block of Great Mills Road, in Lexington Park. Moore had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. While being taken into custody Moore was found to have a suspected Suboxone strip, and a container with suspected Xanax pills on his person. Moore was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and served his outstanding arrest warrant. CASE# 5375-19

Assault- On January 29, 2019, Cpl. Handy responded to the 48000 block of Freehold Drive in St. Mary's City for the reported assault involving a knife. Investigation determined **Ann Marie Owens**, age 42 of St. Mary's City, was



in a verbal argument with the victim when she grabbed a knife and was heading towards the victim in a menacing manner. A second victim intervened and grabbed Owens by her wrist; as a result the victim sustained minor injury from the blunt side of the knife to the victim's forearm, and to the top of the victim's hand from the tip of the knife. Owens was arrested and charged with two counts of Assault 2nd Degree and two counts of dangerous weapon. CASE# 5967-19

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Wolfe Retires from Historical Society



Susan Wolfe, Executive Director of the St. Mary's County Historical Society since 2007, retired on January 31. During the last 12 years, Wolfe led the society to collect, preserve, research and interpret the history of St. Mary's County. She will be relocating to Seaford, Delaware.

Wolfe refers to this period as her "post-retirement gig." She and her late husband, Leroy, moved to the county in 2002 from Charles County after they retired from the Library of Congress and

the Potomac Electric Power Company respectively. Before accepting the job at the Historical Society, Wolfe was secretary to the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission and recorder for the County Commissioners. She was also member of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum board of directors and the CSM Nonprofit Institute Executive Learning Circle.

Organized in 1951, the Historical Society now has close to 700 members living in 35 states and Canada - all with a passion for St. Mary's County history. Located at Tudor Hall in Leonardtown, the society has a Research Center, Archives, bookstore, and exhibits. They also run the Old Jail as a museum and tourist information center through a lease with the county.

Wolfe and her husband were thrilled to have been welcomed so warmly into the county and to have met so many wonderful citizens and visitors looking for historical and genealogical information. She also gives special credit to staff and the outstanding volunteers who are the lifeblood of the society.

First Friday Featured Lovin' Leonardtown



Special Olympics athlete Kegan Zimmerman. Photo credit: Wednesday Davis.

A little snow on the ground and the chill in the air were no match for the many who turned out on February 1st for yet another fabulous evening. The theme of the night, "Lovin' Leonardtown", was included in specials at many of the small shops, restaurants, and art gallery/ studio events.

The generosity of our community was also extended by the opening of a collection box fundraiser for local resident and Special Olympics athlete Kegan Zimmerman. This drive will run through the month with donation boxes located at Bourbon & Bows, New View Fiberworks, Shepherd's Old Field Market, St. Mary's County Arts Council, The Rex, and other locations throughout town.

Contributions to help Kegan compete and represent Southern Maryland at the 2019 World Games in Abu Dhabi in March are also gratefully accepted at: www.somd.org/kegan-zimmerman-world-games. Kegan has not only sur-

vived many life-threatening challenges but has flourished to become a strong speaker and Special Olympics advocate as well as being just an all-around positive person who is extremely proud to represent his community.

Many other activities and events highlighted the night, more than we can mention here, see the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page for highlights and plan on joining us from 5-8 PM on March 1st for the next event! The Leonardtown Business Association (LBA) would like to thank everyone who attended and all of the merchants who participated as well as the First Friday volunteer team and our very special sponsors of all levels. Make Leonardtown your "Special Place To Be" every First Friday, keep an eye out for future announcements. www.firstfridaysleonardtown.com

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Correction

In the recent Senior Living Guide published by The County Times a listing for a Drums Alive activity was shown starting Feb. 2; this is incorrect. The starting date is Feb. 27.

Conference for Nonprofits to Focus on Innovation

Consider 'New Ways of Solving Old Problems'



Keynote speaker will be CSM Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute Director Thomas Luginbill.

Innovation will be the focus of the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Ninth Annual Nonprofit Institute (NPI) Conference Feb. 21 at CSM's La Plata Campus. Representatives from the region's nonprofit organizations are invited to attend this event that is designed to spark ideas of how these organizations can derive greater values from their

resources.

"This year's NPI Conference will introduce attendees to ideas, methods and resources that will help to stimulate their thinking and lead them to discover new ideas or new ways of solving old problems," said Charles County NPI Coordinator Cara Fogarty.

Morning breakout sessions will focus on leadership, strategic planning, management, fundraising and marketing. The conference will feature local and statewide exhibitors who offer programs, grants and resources for nonprofit organizations. Time will be set aside after lunch for attendees to meet with exhibitors. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Professional Services Hub, a joint program of NPI and Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) offering basic legal, accounting/financial and insurance-related counsel from LSM alumni.

Keynote speaker will be CSM Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute Director Thomas Luginbill.

"There are so many great nonprofits in Southern Maryland, and they are all doing wonderful things for our community," Luginbill said. "My goal for

this conference is to motivate innovative action ... It's hard for all of us to do a critical self-assessment on how we can make improvements in our personal and professional lives. New strategies, innovative projects and reprioritization in an organization's programming can be seen as unnecessary; however, breaking out and thinking innovatively is necessary to push an organization forward into the future."

In addition to focusing on new approaches and innovation, this year's conference is also designed to be an opportunity for area nonprofit representatives — nonprofit board members, chief executives, staff, sponsors, volunteers, community and business leaders, young professionals and consultants — to step back for a day and rethink their organization's direction while networking with others who are dealing with similar challenges.

"Throughout my career, I found it very valuable to attend conferences. I found that taking a break and listening to others helped to stimulate my thinking," said St. Mary's County Coordinator of CSM's Nonprofit Institute Harriet Yaffe. "At the close of many conferences, I left with a renewed sense of optimism and

creativity."

Exhibitors and organizations participating in the conference include Leadership Southern Maryland/Nonprofit Institute Professional Services Hub, Volunteer Maryland, Maryland Governor's Grants Office, Rural Maryland Council, Community Foundation of Southern Maryland, Foundation Center/Foundation Directory, the Small Business Development Center, WorkForce Center at CSM, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, the Charles County Charitable Trust, the Maryland Insurance Administration and Community Mediation Centers of Southern Maryland.

The Ninth Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CSM's La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry, at 8730 Mitchell Road. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information and registration, visit www.csmd.edu/community/institutes/nonprofit-institute/conference-information/registration.

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SMECO Sponsors 25th Annual Math Competition

More Than 200 Middle School Students Compete



Third place team: Leonardtown Middle School, St. Mary's County

From left, team members Mika Jones, Ben Dodge, Chloe Hair, and Avery Thompson, and coach Kathryn Smith. Avery Thompson also placed second in the countdown round.

The 25th annual regional MATHCOUNTS competition challenged more than 200 students from 21 schools throughout Southern Maryland to test their math skills at Calvert Middle School in Prince Frederick on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

A competitive technological world requires a proficiency in mathematics as a foundation for success in science, technology, and engineering. MATHCOUNTS aims to boost student interest in mathematics by making the subject challenging and entertaining. Each year, more than 500 regional competitions are held in middle schools across the country, with winners advancing to state competitions and then to the national competition.

According to its website, MATHCOUNTS alumni are more likely to continue with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), with 3 out of every 4 alumni studying a STEM field in college—nearly three times the national average. And MATHCOUNTS builds the critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for success: 95% of teachers believe that MATHCOUNTS problems are effective at improving their students' problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

The local MATHCOUNTS competition features rounds of mathematics problems to challenge students one-on-one and as teams over the course of the three-hour event. First is the sprint round, a 30-question test that students complete individually. The competitors go next to the target round, where they have four sets of math problems and six minutes to complete each set of two questions.

In the individual competition, which is based on combined scores in the sprint and target rounds, Kyle Page from Northern Middle School in Calvert County placed first and Seth Hilton from Plum Point Middle School in Calvert County placed second.

The top 12 scorers finish the competition by facing each other in the countdown round, a single-elimination tournament in which students must respond verbally to questions in a matter of seconds. Avery Thompson from Leonardtown Middle School in St.



Fourth place team: Spring Ridge Middle School, St. Mary's County

From left, coach Gary Robinson, and team members Ria Sharma, Marc Hauenstein, and Peter Imhof. Not pictured: Veronica Zhou.

Mary's County finished first in the countdown round and Hogan Joo from Northern Middle School in Calvert County placed second.

In the team round, foursomes of students answer 10 questions in 20 minutes. In the team competition, Northern Middle School in Calvert County won first place; team members included Hogan Joo, Barbara Kaczmarek, Kyle Page, and Steven Vilcheck, coached by Carole Butler. Plum Point Middle School in Calvert County placed second; team members included Seth Hilton, Andrew Lamb, Tristen Millsaps, and Aidan Moreland, coached by Jonathan Moreland. Leonardtown Middle School in St. Mary's County won third place; team members included Ben Dodge, Chloe Hair, Mika Jones, and Avery Thompson, coached by Kathryn Smith. The team from Spring Ridge Middle School

in St. Mary's County took fourth place and Windy Hill Middle School in Calvert County took fifth place.

Sponsors for the local MATHCOUNTS competition are SMECO and the Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's county public schools, with the support of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Volunteers from SMECO helped score the tests. Winners of the Southern Maryland chapter competition will go on to compete in the statewide contest at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The top four individual competitors from each state competition receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the national competition in Orlando, FL, in May.

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First place team: Northern Middle School, Calvert County
 From left, coach Carole Butler, and team members Hogan Joo, Steven Vilcheck, Kyle Page, and Barbara Kaczmarek. Kyle Page also placed first in the sprint/target round and Hogan Joo placed second in the countdown round.



Second place team: Plum Point Middle School, Calvert County
 From left, team members Andrew Lamb, Tristen Millsaps, coach Jonathan Moreland, and team members Seth Hilton, and Aidan Moreland. Seth Hilton also placed second in the sprint/target round.



Fifth place team: Windy Hill Middle School, Calvert County
 From left, coach Jesse Holton, team members Jasmine Simpson, Addison Fortenbery, Jackson Goehle, Ahnaf Anowar, and head coach Tracy Greenwell.



Countdown Sprint and Target Winners
 From left are Kyle Page from Northern Middle School in Calvert County, Avery Thompson from Leonardtown Middle School in St. Mary's County, Hogan Joo from Northern Middle School in Calvert County, and Seth Hilton from Plum Point Middle School in Calvert County. Page placed first in the individual competition, which is based on combined scores in the sprint and target rounds. Hilton placed second. Thompson placed first in the countdown round and Joo placed second.

Base Commander Says Pax



Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, welcomes guests to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society 2018 Fund Drive kickoff in the VX-1 Hangar at Pax River Feb. 28, 2018. (U.S. Navy photo)

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Capt. Jason Hammond, commanding officer of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, said the place he took command of is vital to the future of the country's military preparedness and unique among places he has served.

He has also been vocal about just how special the work at Pax River NAS is.

"This base is building what enables the tip of spear," Hammond said. "The value of this base is tremendous.

"We [Pax River NAS] are integral to our nation's future."

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In his job he has taken great care to ensure the base runs smoothly; cementing key relationships with community and elected leaders.

Improving the flow of employees from St. Mary's and Calvert counties on and off base has been a central point of his two-year tenure as base commander.

Route 235 leading to the base, as well as Great Mills Road, rapidly turn into early morning traffic jams that frustrate commuters, slow down efforts on base and rankle many others outside the base's fence line.

That is why Hammond has worked to restore a shuttle service on base; the funding is in place, he said, it just

needs to be implemented.

The shuttle service would allow employees on base to get around to different locations there, meaning they could leave their cars parked in one place at the installation.

Having the shuttle service could lead to reduced traffic coming on board, Hammond said, once people realized its effectiveness; they might become more comfortable with van and car pools.

"We're getting a base shuttle in place," Hammond said. "When we do that we start the process of encourag-

ing van pooling.

"I'd call this step one; we've only moved the needle a little bit."

Hammond is keenly aware of the role transportation plays in fulfilling the mission at the naval air station; ensuring workers can do their jobs.

"Traffic flow is extremely important, there's no way to manage it without the cooperation of the county," Hammond said. "Any efforts to improve the flow of traffic would be welcomed."

The Solomons annex in Calvert County is also another important part of the base, though it is widely known as a recreation center for active and retired military and their families.

From left, Horace Henry, Maryland Department of Natural Resources forester; Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River executive officer; S. Andrew Sochanski, remedial projects manager for the Environmental Protection Agency; Rick Grills, Maryland Department of the Environment Federal Facilities Division geology project manager; and Capt. Scott Starkey, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, plant a hackberry tree at NAS Patuxent River in honor of Arbor Day 2017. (U.S. Navy photo)

"That's part of my property," Hammond said as commander. "I own that."

Part of the Solomons annex acts as a fleet readiness center (FRC), essentially fixing and maintaining parts that aircraft squadrons need.

"There's a lot of work done there for support equipment on ships," Hammond said of Solomons annex. "It has a dual purpose."

Both facilities could use some work to upgrade them, he said, and the Navy is working on getting funding to make that happen.

The recreation center is funded through fees paid by vacationers; the FRC is funded through taxpayer money in defense budgets.

Hammond has been vocal about his praise for the local community's support of the Navy's mission at the naval air station, which is to develop tomorrow's naval aviation technologies to keep us competitive militarily with other nations around the world.

Of all the places he has served in his military career, Hammond said he has never seen the level of cooperation as he has here in St. Mary's County.

"It's the best I've ever seen," Hammond said. "It's full of people who understand our nation... St. Mary's County is a group of extremely patriotic people."

The one event that is prominent in Hammond's estimation of the patriotism of residents is their response to the crash of a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter at Breton Bay Golf Course outside of Leonardtown.

People rushed from their homes, risking their own lives, to pull injured crew members from the aircraft that had just fallen to the earth.

In the aftermath of the crash the roads in the community were lined with American flags and the crewman who died in the crash was memorialized by the community.

It's not just a group of citizens who support the military, Hammond said, it was a concerted effort by local elected leaders to support the mission at Pax River NAS.

"The county has adopted our AI-CUZ requirements," Hammond said of the air installation compatible use zone, which restricts development and redevelopment around the base to ensure against civilian harm in the event of an aircraft crash or mishap. "That's not true everywhere in the Navy.

"That whole structure is extremely strong in St. Mary's County."

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County last year cemented an arrangement with the base, known as an intergovernment service agreement (IGSA) that allows the base to use the county government's contracting process to get actions such as road maintenance done on base.

"That's a huge piece of synergy," Hammond said of the Navy's relations with local government. "They're faster and more efficient; it's new ground and it's showing promise.

"That is an absolute partnership and we need to expand that."

Hammond says his days are kept full managing all of the operations on the base; a significant portion of that is making sure the airfield is properly maintained.

One of his key accomplishments, he said, was the creation of a 15-year plan to ensure the airfield is not only maintained but keeps pace with the continuing demands of naval

NAS Vital to Nation's Future



Capt. Hammond receives a proclamation from the Maryland General Assembly celebrating 75 years of naval aviation at Pax River NAS. (U.S. Navy photo)

Capt. Jason Hammond, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer, thanks Mary Spotswood Stefko for her service in WWII during an official visit May 3, 2018. Stefko, a former Seaman 1st Class in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), was one of the original Sailors stationed at NAS Patuxent River having served from 1944-1945, and one of the first women to serve in uniform on the base. (U.S. Navy photo)

aviation.
Hammond took command of the base in September of 2017 and will leave his post in April, he said.
This will be his last duty station in

the Navy as he will be retiring.
Like many other captains who have taken command at the base, he said he is seriously considering staying here.

"I do love this area," Hammond said, who can view it from the skies as he still gets in his flight time. "I absolutely love my job.

"It's the absolute pinnacle of my career."

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School Board Approves Security Window Film

Intent is to Buy 'Significant Time'

By Dick Myers
Editor

The St. Mary's County Board of Education has approved the rollout of another part of their safety and security initiatives in the wake of last year's shootings at Great Mills High School. At their Jan. 30 meeting, the school board unanimously approved contracts for installation of security window film at all county schools and many of the windows and doors in them.

"You can't even tell it's there," said Director of Safety and Security F. Michael Wyant. He said the film, also known as ballistic laminate, does not make the windows bullet-proof. But it does slow down the bullets and requires more than one shot to shatter them. "It buys us time, significant time," Wyant said.

The exact cost of the security film is not yet known, although it was estimated at \$150,000 in a budget adjustment presented late last year to the county commissioners.

It is expected to take a year for all the ballistic lami-

nate projects to be completed. Contracts were awarded to two companies to help speed the process.

In his presentation, Wyant reported, "Each school is currently in the process of being assessed by Safety & Security personnel to determine the exact locations where the security film is required to optimize school safety. Therefore, the exact square footage for the entire school district is in the process of being compiled. Costs by location may vary significantly. As an example, the assessment has been completed for Leonardtown High School (estimated cost \$9,618), Leonardtown Middle School (\$10,095) and Leonardtown Elementary School (\$29,754).

The commissioners provided \$1 million in the current budget year for safety and security. Additionally, the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC) allocated \$182,000 for those programs.

Wyant reported in a joint meeting between the school board and the commissioners that the ballistic laminate installation was part of the overall project to

improve the safety and security of the vestibules of all the county's schools. He said, "Vestibule(s) will be the public access and main entry point for all individuals, including staff during school operating hours."

Wyant further reported, "The vestibule will be designed as a containment area for the purpose of staging and screening visitors prior to allowing access to the school building."

The safety and security plan also has a door monitoring program that includes electronic access points supplemented by an exterior door monitoring system.

The program also includes security cameras. When the report was made to the commissioners, nine schools still remained to receive the cameras.

Each school system in Maryland is required to submit a school security assessment to the state by June 15. Additional state funding is expected after those reports are reviewed to address deficiencies.

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Nursing Students Inducted into Honor Society



CSM nursing students are inducted into Alpha Omega, CSM's chapter of the Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society. From left in the front row are Kasey Long, Miranda Martin, Angela Middleton, Caitlin Nutter, Terrice Stewart, Leslie Thompson and Brittany Vallandingham. In the back row from left are Molly Abell, Hannah Aley, Jasmine Dyson. Abbie Everly, Jessica Fantaccione, Kayla Getgen, Jacquelyn Guadalajara and Kristina Guzzardo.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) inducted 15 nursing students into Alpha Omega, CSM's chapter of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society on Jan. 23.

"Admission into an honor society is an extraordinary accomplishment and is a recognition of years of hard work and dedication," Nursing Professor Dr. Karen Russell told the honorees during their induction and pinning ceremony. Russell and Nursing Professor Lynn Kennedy serve as faculty advisers for CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu.

"As honor society members, you are the leaders of your class, and represent the very best of our program," she added. "You are role models for other students."

Russell told the audience that the focus of healthcare is shifting from disease treatment and management to health promotion and disease prevention. As a result, she pointed out, nurses today have the opportunity to

work in a multitude of practice settings.

"Regardless of education or practice setting, nurses today must be equipped with excellent communication, assessment, teaching, management and care coordination skills," Russell continued. "They need to be full partners with physicians and other healthcare professionals in redesigning health care to meet the demands of an ever changing world."

To be inducted into CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter, nursing students must first become provisional members in their third semester of the program. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA, earn a B or higher in all courses required for the nursing program with no previous nursing course failures and reflect sound moral and ethical values with professionalism and integrity of the highest caliber. Additionally, the new inductees complete a service learning project and reflect on that project.

"This [induction] is just a small stepping stone on our way to graduation and I know I'm speaking for everyone when I say it's such an awesome feeling knowing that we worked so hard to get where we are today," said Kayla Getgen, vice president of CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter.

"Being a part of the honor society is exactly what the name says – it's an honor," she added. "Looking at all the faces in this room, the faculty, parents, siblings, children, significant others and everyone else, smiling back at us knowing we have accomplished something is another awesome feeling."

"I challenge each of you to think of this induction into the honor society as a beginning, not an end," Russell added. "It is the beginning of your continuous pursuit of knowledge, of lifelong learning. It is the beginning of thinking differently about yourself."

"You are professionals," Russell said. "You are leaders. You have chosen to become a member of a profession that for the past 16 years has been ranked the most honest and ethical."

Nursing students inducted into CSM's Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Delta Nu include:

- Molly Abell, of Mechanicsville
- Hannah Aley, of Mechanicsville
- Jasmine Dyson, of Waldorf
- Abbie Everly, of Lusby
- Jessica Fantaccione, of Mechanicsville
- Kayla Getgen, of Charlotte Hall
- Jacquelyn Guadalajara, of Great Mills
- Kristina Guzzardo, of Waldorf
- Kasey Long, of Avenue
- Miranda Martin, of Port Tobacco
- Angela Middleton, of Leonardtown
- Caitlin Nutter, of La Plata
- Terrice Stewart, of California
- Leslie Thompson, of Waldorf
- Brittany Vallandingham, of Chaptico

For more information on CSM's nursing program, visit www.csmd.edu/nursing.

To view photos from the event, visit <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/19janadninduction>.

Press Release from CSM

Fall in “Love” with the Newtowne Players

By Jeni Coster
Graphic Designer

Another Newtowne Players production is out and our local talent has stunned me once again. With Valentine’s Day just around the corner, “She Loves Me”, directed by Wade Thompson, is a must see. This charming romantic comedy is perfect for all ages, but would make an adorable date night. The cast and ensemble created a perfect blend of musical harmony and had the audience laughing, blushing and smitten by the end of the show.



Ilona (Jenny Meisinger), Kodaly (Hunter Martin) and Georg (Carlton Silvestro) line up to say “Thank You, Madame” to patrons as they leave the parfumerie (right to left Marina Broome-Eason, Autumn Mallory and Christine Kalil). (Photo by Greg Rumpf)

Carlton Silvestro flourished in his roll as Georg Norwak, a delightfully charismatic salesman. Working along side Ladislav Sipos (Jeff Maher), Steven Kodaly (Hunter Martin), and the flirtatious Ilona Ritter (Jenny Meisinger) at Mr. Maraczek’s (Larry Silvestro) parfumerie, the story follows the hilarious runaround between Norwak and the lovable Amalia Balash (Sarah Gravelle). Gravelle’s performance was outstanding, winning over the audience’s heart as she falls for her mysterious pen pal.



Ilona (Jenny Meisinger) and Amalia (Sarah Gravelle) discuss Amalia’s big date with her “Dear Friend,” whom she has never met. (Photo by Greg Rumpf)

The show had a large cast and ensemble, each character contributing to the comical dialogue, flirty atmosphere, and bubbly musical numbers. The numerous set changes also made the show very engaging and easy to follow.

“She Loves Me” takes you through all the emotions in a classic love story, pulling the audience in with every song.

“She Loves Me” runs through Feb. 17, with showtimes on Thursdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available on The Newtowne Players website at www.ntpshows.org or by calling 301-737-5447.

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1. I’M NEVER GOING TO DIE
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4. IT’S TOO EXPENSIVE
5. MY FAMILY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING

Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is “nobody is getting out of this alive.” In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust, just focus on how you want to protect those you care about. Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust, your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

How about the excuse that you have no estate to protect? Do you have a home? A car, a boat? A bank account? Personal property like furniture, jewelry? All of that becomes part of your estate. If you don’t make plans to distribute your property in a will or a trust, the state will decide for you.

I have heard the excuse that everything is in joint name so there is no reason to have a will or a trust. And, it is the case that if property is titled in joint name with right of survivorship, upon the death of one person, the joint owner takes all the property. The excuse is common with spouses. The problem is, of course, spouses often travel together. There are no assurances that both spouses will not die together—if they do, then what? You’re back in the same position without a will or a trust—letting the state decide where your property will go. And, what if your property is titled as “tenants in common” not as joint tenants with right of survivorship? In that case, each of you owns 50% of the property so if one dies without a will, the property will not go automatically to the other but instead the state will decide where 50% of the property will go. By the way, please check the title to your property so you know how it is held.

Many people I talk to think that putting their child on the deed to their property solves their problem about not having a will or a trust. But, there are tax and other consequences of doing this. Let’s say you bought a house for \$50,000 and market value is now \$100,000. If you put your child on the deed now, that child “takes” their interest in the property at the value you

paid for the property, not at market value. That means, if the child sells the property when you die, the child will have to pay tax on the difference between \$50,000 and \$100,000. If the child takes the property when you die, however, the child takes the property at market value and when they sell it for \$100,000, no tax is owed. And, there are other reasons not to put your child on your deed. Once you do so, you expose yourself to the child’s creditors. Those creditors may have claims on all the child’s property, including property formerly owned solely by you.

Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. For example, suppose you want to leave everything you have to your spouse and, if she or he is also deceased, to your three children in equal shares. Sounds pretty simple. But, I have had clients with that intention who end up leaving twenty-five percent of their estate to their spouse and each of their three children instead. Or, most common, if you have two children and one is deceased when you die, it is easy to cut out any children they have, your grandchildren, through the language you use in the will or trust. This is a time when expertise is needed to make sure your intentions are clearly stated.

Whoa. The excuse that “my family will take care of everything” is simply not true. It is amazing how many families fight during the probate process, with or without a will. And, I am not talking about fights over huge estates. Otherwise normal families allow themselves to be torn apart arguing over property—without a will or a trust, the arguments can take on epic proportions. “Dad loved me best” and wanted me to have the gun collection, “Mom told me she wanted me to have the diamond ring”. Old wounds re-open, childhood memories come flooding back and family nightmares are common during the probate process. Some people think that the best approach is to leave everything to one child, counting on that child to distribute everything to his or her siblings. Keep in mind that if you leave all your property to one child, that child is under no obligation to share it with siblings unless you specifically put your intention in writing. Even if that child is attentive to your wishes, what if that child has a spouse who wants all the property for themselves? The only way to resolve the situation is to speak through a will or a trust and make known your wishes while you are alive.

The bottom line is protect your loved ones. Make a will or a trust and do it now.

FYI, I would be happy to present a free seminar on estate planning to your group. Just give our office a call. Join me on February 21st at 11am for a free estate planning seminar at my office, 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat. See you there.

Winter Turkey Season Results Announced



The King by Andrew Gue

Hunters reported taking 73 wild turkeys during Maryland's 2019 winter turkey season, which was open Jan. 17-19 statewide. Six were bagged in St. Mary's, three in Charles and one in Calvert.

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, turkeys were harvested in 22 of the 23 counties, with Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties reporting the highest numbers.

Adult males, or gobblers, comprised 56 percent of the harvest, with the remainder being females, or hens, and juveniles, known as either a jake or a jenny. Eighty-five percent were taken with a shotgun, but some hunters harvested their bird

with a crossbow or vertical bow.

This harvest was slightly lower than the 87 birds taken last year. The winter turkey season was established in 2015 to provide hunters an additional hunting opportunity that would not conflict with other hunting seasons.

Turkey populations, at one time, were limited in Maryland. In the 1980s and 1990s, an extensive department program to trap and relocate wild flocks successfully established populations in every county.

Press Release from MD DNR

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A View From The BLEACHERS

Atlanta, 2019; Brooklyn, 1947

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
 Contributing Writer

Another NFL season has ended. March Madness is over a month away. The NHL playoffs seem a far-off oasis. The NBA hasn't reached its All-Star break. Pitchers and catchers have made travel reservations, but none have yet reported to spring training.

Oh baby it's cold outside...and for sports fans the post-Super Bowl psychological swoon is biting hard. If only B.B. King or Muddy Waters had of put sports fans' blues to song.

Perhaps it's best they didn't. An anthem would validate the unbecoming sympathy grab and distract from what the uncluttered sports calendar is: an invitation to reflect.

And with that...February thoughts from Atlanta, post-Super Bowl LIII...

The first thing that comes to mind is African American History Month. And the first name? Jackie Robinson: the most important player in MLB history and arguably the most important athlete ever. Robinson would have turned 100 years old on January 31. In April 1947, he courageously took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African American to play in the major leagues.

The racist vitriol that Robinson endured – verbal assaults, hate mail and death threats - is shameful. But he kept playing – with uncompromising dignity and exceptional skill. Opinions changed and other African American players soon followed – Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Frank Robinson and Ernie Banks, to name a few. Eventually (a word too often used to describe the pace of social progress), the Supreme Court found school segregation to be unconstitutional in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) and the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 ended segregation in public places and made discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin unlawful. Robinson isn't the lone impetus behind this progress, but he gave us a strong nudge toward a better America in Brooklyn in 1947.

I thought about Robinson, and the influence one exceptional person can have, when contemplating the latest Pro Football Hall of Fame class and the Super Bowl participants. As something of a Hall of Fame induction speech junkie, I'm fascinated

by this one common component: a coach, teacher, parent, guardian or spouse, without whose influence said player may not have played a down in the NFL.

Two stories that stick with me have local connections. During his induction speech, former Kansas City Chief defensive back and Washington coach Emmitt Thomas talked about his mother's death when he was eight and credited his grandfather with being the reason he made it – in life and football. The other is former 'Skins offensive lineman Russ Grimm. While attending the University of Pittsburgh, Grimm, then a linebacker, was "encouraged" by head coach Jackie Sherrill to move to offensive line after several players graduated. Grimm didn't initially like it, but stayed the course and became the very best player on the most famous offensive line in NFL history – The Hogs.

As for the Super Bowl participants, there are two profound "if my career hadn't intersected with this person" stories. Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are both future first ballot Hall of Famers. Could one have been successful without the other? Sure, but together they are the greatest coach and quarterback ever.

The Rams may have something similar brewing. Three years ago, under then head coach Jeff Fisher, rookie QB Jared Goff was 0-7 as a starter and posted a putrid 63.8 quarterback rating. He was the next great quarterback bust. In two seasons under current head coach Sean McVay, Goff's quarterback rating has been over 100 and he's been to two consecutive Pro Bowls.

We all have our extraordinary people, the ones we would lavish with accolades and credit during our own "Hall of Fame induction speeches". We also have the opportunity to be that extraordinary person, the one that enables something grand, for others (and to receive credit in their "Hall of Fame speeches"). That hardly makes us worthy of a Jackie Robinson comparison, a man who influenced a nation and millions of people, but maybe by positively impacting one life and one person and making the world just a little bit better in the most modest way, we keep his spirit alive.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Navy Awards Contract to Build MQ-25 Hangar at Pax River



Boeing conducts MQ-25 deck handling demonstration in January 2018 at its facility in St. Louis, Mo. (Photo courtesy of The Boeing Co.)

The Navy awarded a \$41.8 million contract to B.L. Harbert International Jan. 30 to build the MQ-25 Unmanned Air System Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) hangar at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

The MQ-25A Stingray will be the world's first carrier-based unmanned aircraft and will provide an aerial refu-

eling capability to the Carrier Air Wing (CVW) to extend its range and make better use of Navy combat strike fighters that currently conduct tanking missions.

"Today's award brings us one step closer to rapidly delivering a critical capability to the CVW that will enhance its mission and provide greater flexibility to conduct blue water flight op-

erations," said the Navy's Unmanned Carrier Aviation (PMA-268) Program Manager Capt. Chad Reed.

The RDT&E hangar will include multiple bays to accommodate up to three aircraft with extended wings and one with folded wings, maintenance shops, crew spaces, administrative areas, and laboratory space for the government and

contractor integrated test team. It will also be equipped with an Unmanned Carrier Aviation (UCA) Mission Control System (UMCS) control station to operate the air vehicle as it undergoes testing.

Construction of the hangar is planned to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2020.

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Letters TO THE Editor

Shutdown Choices

To the Editor:

Recapping the “recent unpleasantness” (at least as I understand it) coming out of Washington, the problem was that a budget needed to be passed (minus funding for the Department of Defense, whose budget was already in place).

However, one section of the House of Representatives (remember, all budget bills begin life in the lower house) wanted specific funding for a physical border wall, while the other section professed to be in favor of border security, but would not include funds for a physical wall. On top of this Congressional discord, the president vowed to veto any bill reaching his desk which did not have funding for a physical wall.

Absent progress in the House of Representatives, the federal government shut down for 35 consecutive days, thousands of federal employees were sent home (except those deemed “essential”, and even these were forced to work without pay). Financial chaos and embarrassment ensued, as furloughed employees had to dip into savings, try to negotiate forbearance on loan payments, or scramble to take out bridge loans. There will be back pay (for not working? But that’s a different issue) but not necessarily for all affected parties.

Now a committee is at work to try and find some middle ground for a bill which would pass in the House of Representatives and, hopefully, in the Senate, also. Remember, both houses of Congress have to be in accord for a bill to make it out of Congress for the president’s consideration. And this committee work is just a shutdown “time out.” If nothing gets produced within the agreed upon time frame, supposedly it’s back to “Hello, Mr. Shutdown.”

Enter now a new potential hurdle. Broad hints are coming out of the White House that without funding for a physical wall, any bill presented for signature will be vetoed.

So, what’s to do? Here are my thoughts:

1. All members of Congress work for us. We don’t work for them. We hired them to be federal employees when we voted for them. Our taxes pay for their salaries and for their numerous “perks” (again, a different issue, but one worthy of examining in the near future).
2. So, dear employees of mine, you get a bill out of both houses of Congress and to the president’s desk. If he vetoes what you of both houses have agreed upon, then rise up and override the veto. You have that power, and you work for us, not for him.
3. And if you fail in either of these reasonable requests, and if that failure results in another shut down, we, your employers, will do everything in our power to be sure you and your staffs join the ranks of the uncompensated, with our rationale being quite simple: You have shown your incompetence, you don’t deserve to be paid. And, as soon as we are able (make that November, 2020), we will replace you with workers who have a better understanding of the employer/employee relationship and who also have a higher level work ethic.

The choice is yours. Choose wisely.

*John A. Walters
Leonardtown, MD*

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



Floating like a Butterfly



I just recently found out that I am a butterfly. That sounds about right. One of the many clutter and organizational Facebook and online organizational and clutter control groups I belong to had a quiz. Unfortunately, my mind is normally so cluttered, it may take me a bit to remember which group this is.

Oh, I remembered the group with all the bug labels; it’s called Clutterbug, duh. The 4 “bug” personalities are: Butterfly, Bee, Cricket, and Ladybug. So, this is the definition of a butterfly’s (MY) life from Cassandra (Cas) Aarsen the founder: “A Butterfly is a very visual person who craves visual abundance and likes to see all their belongings for fear of “Out of Sight, Out of Mind”. You are probably a Butterfly if you have clothing on top of your dresser and on the floor, but your closet and drawers are practically empty (except for those items you don’t use or love). Butterflies prefer to have their items visible and displayed, rather than hidden in drawers and behind closed doors. Butterflies are often overwhelmed with the idea of organizing, because they have “failed” in the past with traditional organizing solutions that are tailored for people who prefer to “hide” their belongings. A Butterfly needs easy, fast macro-organizing solutions that are visible and/or clearly labeled. Butterflies struggle to use filing cabinets, containers with lids and other hidden and detailed organizing systems. Butterflies are easily distracted by their clutter and Bees and Butterflies have a greater emotional attachment to their belongings than the other Clutterbugs.” Yup, pretty much me.

And this is the mantra that Cas said that butterflies (I) need to work into my day, every day: “Don’t forget the ONE MINUTE RULE. If something takes less than one minute to put away, do it right now. Putting everything off until “later” gets you into trouble!” Cas is a COS, a Certified Organizational Specialist, so I guess she knows what she is talking about. And I suppose being labeled a butterfly probably applies to the rest of my life as well, since my best friend from college has always said that I have floated around through most of my life and not come out too badly. This explains everything! I now know the meaning of (my) life! And if you give me a few hours, I can probably get all these zinging, cluttered thoughts onto paper to explain it.

That’s okay, just knowing what I am, a proud, somewhat fluttering, somewhat very detailed butterfly is enough. Cas does say that you can be more than one bug at a time. The Bee is closest to me, because they also like visual abundance, but instead like very detailed organizational systems. The Ladybug and the Cricket both crave visual simplicity, though the Ladybug needs the simple organizing system and the Cricket needs the detailed system. I think I am a Butterfly when it come to all my crafting and art supplies, but a Cricket when it comes to closets and drawers.

Goodness, I better read up on all the Cricket tips now to make sure I am optimizing my organizational strategies. I (chirp, chirp) better hop right on this. I am rubbing my antennae (oops hands) - together in anticipation of purging my nest (I mean house) quickly. If I could just stop fluttering around and get started.

*To each new day’s adventure, Shelby
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Throughout 2019 the County Times will feature stories of St. Mary’s County “Hometown Heroes.”

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In Remembrance

Roberta "Birdie" Lee Keenan



Roberta "Birdie" Lee Keenan, 86, of Hollywood, MD passed away on January 30, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown.

Birdie was born on July 20, 1932 to the late Alice L. Lyon and Henson Lyon.

She was preceded in death by her husband "Shorty" Keenan.

Roberta was known as Grandma Birdie to her grandchildren. She was a homemaker, loved a good cup of coffee

and never turned down a sweet (especially McDonald's Apple Pies). She had her own unique eccentric style and always accessorized her outfits. She loved to shop at the Dollar General and Family Dollar. When she was shopping, she took great pride and joy in selecting just the right gift to pass out at Christmas. Birdie loved celebrating her birthday and all the holidays, but Christmas was her favorite. She loved the family meals that came with the holiday celebrations, she particularly loved oysters, soft crabs, and breaded shrimp. She had a hidden talent and love for painting and left some beautiful pictures for family members to treasure. Birdie loved to talk on the phone, she enjoyed her daily conversations with her family and friends. She was very proud of her grandchildren and loved to tell stories about them and their accomplishments.

Birdie is survived by her loving daughter, Marie K. Pilkerton of Avenue, MD, her two sisters Alice L. Lacey of Abell, MD and Shirley A. Morgan of Maddox, MD, son in law Joseph L. Russell Sr. of Abell, MD, her grandchildren Cynthia A. Pilkerton-Baird (Richard Wayne Baid Jr.) of Avenue, MD, Joseph "J.L." L. Russell Jr. (Becky Goddard) of Abell, MD, great grand-

children Jazzmyn Theresa Pilkerton of Waldorf, MD, Joseph "Joey" William Lloyd Pilkerton, Julianna "Julie" Ivy Susan Pilkerton, and Alexandra "Alley" Mary Jayne Pilkerton of Porter, TX, Rebecca Russell (Kyle Hill), Courtney Russell (Brandon), Destiny Russell, Tiffani Russell (Zac), Anthony Russell and Cody Russell, step great grandchildren JP, Brady and Abbie Goddard, one great grandchild Leighton Horne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Truman Lyon and Alexander "Thummy" M. Lyon, sister Kate E. Harris, her son Saunders (Sambo) Ed Lyon and her daughter Roselie L. Russell, son in law Harry V. Pilkerton Jr, and her grandchild Joseph "Bubba" Pilkerton.

Birdie also leaves behind her second family, the one she lived with and shared many of her holidays. The Dearstine, Cole, Russell, Wathen, Higgs, O'Hara and Cusic families. She had a special place in her heart for the members of these families and loved them dearly, especially the kids and the dogs (the "yellow one" name Remi was her favorite).

In this second family she also leaves to cherish her memory her "niece", caregiver and shopping partner that walked by her side for the last chapter of her

life, Terri Ferguson and her son Hunter Bowles.

Patrick Carney Wood



Patrick Carney Wood, 73, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on January 29, 2019 at his residence. Born September 8, 1945, in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late James Gibbons Wood and Lucy Yvonne Cusic Wood. Pat was brother to James Gibbons Wood (Elaine) of Hollywood, MD, Emily Norris of Me-

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Pat Wood was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. He graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1964. After high school, Pat was employed as a carpenter working alongside his brothers at Wood Construction. Once retiring from carpentry, Pat resumed his duties on the farm as a full time Tobacco Farmer. He was an avid hunter who loved any season of deer hunting or hiding in any goose blind around the farm. He enjoyed gardening, whether it was keeping up MaMa's Iris garden, planting his favorite marigolds, or simply tending to his massive vegetable garden. Pat especially enjoyed growing

pumpkins. He took great pride in entering his farm entries in the county fair. Pat was rarely seen without his camera. He took thousands of pictures throughout the years of the farm, the snow, of every deer, squirrel, baseball trophy, or any other accomplishment of his nieces and nephews. Pat was a devote catholic who loved the church and his family.

Contributions can be made to Mechanicsville Rescue Squad, Hospice of St. Mary's or Immaculate Conception St. Vincent De Paul Chapter.

Dora Elizabeth Adams

Dora Elizabeth (Delozier) Adams, 97, of Valley Lee, MD, passed away on February 2, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Dora was born on January 27, 1922 in Baltimore, MD, to Anthony and Nellie Delozier. Dora was the loving wife of the late Charles Henry Adams Sr., who preceded her in death on January 29, 1998. She is survived by 10 of her 12 children, Nancy (James) Schmidt of Aldie, VA, Barbara (Randy) McDonnell of Herndon, VA, Robert (Sandy) Adams of Valley Lee, MD, John (Chris) Adams of Drayden, MD, Patrick (Garnette) Adams of Ridge, MD, Michael (Betty) Ad-



ams & Daniel (Chantal) Adams, both of Valley Lee, MD, Sharon (Harvey) Yee of Chicago, IL, Annette Adams of Valley Lee, MD and Lisa (Kevin) Squires of California, MD. She was also blessed with 26 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. Dora was preceded in death by two of her children, Charles Henry (Patricia) Adams Jr., and Mary Catherine (Luther) Edwards, as well as all five of her siblings.

Dora was the oldest of six siblings. She grew up in Scotland and St. Mary's City, MD. She graduated as the valedictorian from St. Michael's High School in 1940. She married her husband on October 28, 1941 at St. George Roman Catholic Church, and raised their twelve children on their farm in Valley Lee. Dora was a lifelong member of St. George Catholic Church where she was involved in the Ladies of Charity and served as a Eucharistic minister and lector. After sending her last child to school in 1970, she started working in the cafeteria at Piney Point Elementary where she continued until 1983. Dora also volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital as the front desk secretary until she retired at the age of 89.

She loved to dance, play pitch, garden, cook/can, and travel. Some of her favorite trips were to Acapulco, Washington State, and Connecticut to visit her beloved sister-in-law, Sister Catherine Agnes Adams with the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her favorite pastime was to spend time with her abundant family.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 6 PM to 8 PM with a prayer service at 7 PM at St. George Roman Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. George Roman Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD with Father Paul Nguyen officiating. Pallbearers will be Charles Adams III, Nickolas Adams, Paul Lovett, Alex Jordan, Joshua Pebler, and Austin Samblanet.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice House in Callaway, MD or to the 2nd. Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad Valle Lee, MD.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Mary Edsel Copsey



Mary Edsel Copsey (nee Herbert), age 92, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at St. Mary's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, MD. She was born June 17, 1926 in Hughesville to the late Richard and Mary (Burch) Herbert.

Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband of 71 years, James W. (Mickey) Copsey, in 2016 and her brother, Richard Edward Herbert, in 2017. She is survived by her three daughters, Barbara Morgan (Glen Burnie, MD), Linda Cairns (Mechanicsville, MD), and Kathy Rose (Shawnee, OK); son-in-law, Richard Cairns (Mechanicsville, MD); sister-in-law, Mary Alma Herbert (Charlotte Hall, MD); 7 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren and 3 nieces.

Mary was a life-long resident of Charlotte Hall, MD, who loved gardening and who supported and assisted in the day-to-day operations of her husband's business, Mickey's Shell. In her later years, a phone call, a card or a visit was all it took to put a smile on her face.

Family and friends are invited to Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 on Friday, February 8th from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm to celebrate the life of Mary Copsey. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 10am at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., followed by interment at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

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

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Michael Dean Luffey,

Michael Dean "Mike" Luffey, 65, of Great Mills, MD passed away on Janu-



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ary 31, 2019 at his home.

He was born on October 24, 1953 in Leonardtown, MD to Charles M. Luffey of Lexington Park, MD and the late Lois Hanlin Luffey.

Mike was employed with Blazers Construction for many years and later with Honuapo (H-1) as a dedicated and dependable construction foreman. He was a master builder and mason and took great pride in his work. Mike enjoyed working on masonry and building projects for family and friends. As a lifelong St Mary's County resident he enjoyed fishing, crabbing and baseball. If you didn't find Mike working on a project he may be found at the ballfield. Mike started playing ball at a young age and later with the Brass Rail Struggler's baseball team for many years.

He later coached women's softball teams. Mike was an avid Redskins and Nationals fan and enjoyed the thrill of the game. Mike cherished every minute he spent with his grandson Ethan and especially their tractor rides together.

He is survived by his two children, Ross Lane Luffey of Great Mills, MD and Brianne Dawn Luffey of Great Mills, MD; his beloved grandson, Ethan Caleb Shaw of Great Mills, MD. He is also survived by three siblings, Linda Sanner of Lexington Park, MD, Karla Warren of

Lexington Park, MD, and Deanna Youdal (Richard) of Lexington Park, MD. In addition to his mother he is also preceded in death by his son Ethan Michael Luffey and brother, Charles Christopher (Chris) Luffey.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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

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Samuel Louis Sherwell, Jr.

Samuel Louis Sherwell, Jr., 76, of La Plata, MD passed away on January 30, 2019 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. He was born on November 10, 1942 in Salisbury, MD to the late Samuel Louis Sherwell, Sr. and the late Vera York Sherwell. Samuel was a police officer for the Maryland State Police (MSP) (1966-1987), the La



Plata Police Department (1987-1993, as an officer, and 1993-1999, as chief) and the Charles County Sheriff's Department (2000-2010) prior to his retirement in 2010. Samuel also served in the U.S. Navy from 1961-1965. He graduated from Wicomico High School, Salisbury, MD in 1961.

As an MSP officer, Samuel also served as a breathalyzer operator and a firearms instructor. He won many awards as an active member of the MSP, and later, the Town of La Plata Police Department Pistol Teams. Samuel earned a Governor's Citation in 1970 for disarming a distraught man.

Samuel enjoyed duck hunting, fishing, and skeet shooting. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Knights of Columbus.

Samuel is survived by his loving wife, Esther Sherwell of La Plata, MD; his children: Stephanie Sherwell of La Plata, MD, Alison Sherwell Robb (William) of Hughesville, MD, Kelly Sherwell of Waldorf, MD; his sister, Rosalie Nichols (Weeden) of Las Cruces, NM; his brothers, Jon Sherwell (Linda) of Salisbury, MD and R. Craig Sherwell (Kathleen) of West Franklin, NH. He also is survived by his brother-in-law, William Norris (Mary), and sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Murphy (William Lightfritz) and Mary Catherine Goode (Frederick).

Memorial donations may be made to: Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Barbara Jane Morgan



Barbara Jane Morgan, 86, of Leonardtown, MD passed away February 1,

2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center.

Born January 18, 1933 in Leonardtown, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Helen Jenkins Alvey.

Barbara is a lifelong reside of St. Mary's County and a graduate of Margaret Brent High School. She began her career as a switchboard operator worked for the telephone company. She spent many years working for herself as a housekeeper before retiring in 2004. She also spent many years working as an Avon representative. Barbara worked hard and loved life. On January 18, 2008, she married her beloved husband, William Clarence Morgan in Leonardtown Maryland after they met at Cedar Lane Retirement Community. Together they celebrated 10 wonderful years of marriage. She was always available for a game of Skip-Bo or to bake her family a delicious dessert. She enjoyed going to the beach, especially St. Clements Beach. She also enjoyed big band music and dancing. Barbara had a collection of pigs. She loved taking vacations with her family and spending as much time as possible with them, including going to Disney World.

In addition to her beloved husband, Barbara is also survived by her children: Cynthia "Cindy" Burch (Robert) of Compton, Frances Lilley (Lachelle) of Compton, Barbara Bates (Shaun) of Charlotte Hall, and Frederick Lilley (Debbie) of Mannington, WV; her grandchildren: Lisa Carroll, Heather Brock, Bobby Burch, Michelle Harding, Wendy Burch, Jennifer Bates, Kevin Bates and Brandon Bates and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her son, Gordon Alexander "GA" Lilley and sister, Catherine Spaulding.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Condolences may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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John W. Groller

John W. Groller, 81, of Mechanicsburg, PA, formerly of Coplay passed away Thursday January 17, 2019. He was the husband of the late Nina (Pitts) Groller. Born in Coplay, he was the son of the late Joseph and Rose (Mills) Groller. John served with the Dept. of Defense as both an Athletic Director and an MWR Director for over 40 years at Pax River, MD, Kings Bay, GA, and the Navy Depot in Mechanicsburg, PA. He was a Sergeant in the USMC, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the VFW in Mechanicsburg, PA, the Coplay American Legion, and the Mechanicsburg Elks. John was a world class ball player inducted into

both the PA and MD Sports Hall of Fame. He played shortstop for the Allentown Patriots. Surviving are daughters Vicki Brewer and Kim, wife of Donnie Pope, 2 grandchildren Kyle Brewer and his wife Hillary and Taylor Pope. He was predeceased by a brother Joseph. A graveside service for John and his wife Nina will be held at 11am on Friday February 8, 2019 at Coplay Cemetery, N. 9th and Oak Sts. Coplay, PA 18037. The Brubaker Funeral Home, Inc., 327 Chestnut Street, Coplay, PA is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brubakerfuneralhome.com. www.pennlive.com/obits

Roger Henry Herrell



Roger Henry Herrell, 71 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away at his residence on January 30, 2019. Roger was born in Washington, DC on May 6, 1947. He was preceded in death by his father Henry E. Herrell, mother Dorothy E. Hollifield Herrell and sisters Sylvia Herrell and Linda Jones. Roger was drafted into Vietnam war where he fought bravely on the frontline as a paratrooper with the 101st airborne. He worked as a construction asphalt Superintendent for 32 years and supervised the work completed at Fed-Ex Field for his beloved Redskins. In 2005 Roger was blessed with a heart transplant and had a wonderful 13 1/2 additional years with family and friends. Roger loved to play poker, go to the gym and was an avid football fan.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Patricia M. Herrell; his daughters, Angie Powell (Joe) of Chesapeake Beach, MD, Dana Floyd (Dave) of St. Leonard, MD, Jessie Clevenger (Anthony) of Lusby, MD, Crystal Fisher of Pasadena, MD and eight grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to: Gift of Life Program, 401 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

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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.

UPCOMING

Sweetheart Dinner

Reservations must be made by Feb. 10 for the Annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Mechanicsville (by Apple Basket). Entertainment by Jim Godbold, The Rockin' Elvis of Calvert County. Prime Rib and Turkey Tenderloin. \$30 person by Reservation ONLY; call Tom Keller 301-481-6388. www.mtzion-mech.org

Blood Drive

Hollywood Lions Club will be sponsoring their annual Red Cross Blood Drive at St Andrews Church Hall, 44078 St Andrews Church Rd California, MD on Friday Feb 15, 2019 from 8:30-2:30. Please contact American Red Cross at 800-733-2767 to schedule a donation or schedule on-line at www.redcrossblood.org and click on find a drive. Walk-ins are welcome as well.

Thursday, February 7

Grocery Auction

Mother Catherine Academy, 38833 Choptico Road, Mechanicsville
6:00 - 9:30 PM

Groceries from over-stocked distribution centers and major grocery stores throughout the area. Items offered in small lots and/or large lots—buy as little or as much as you like. Payment by cash, check, or credit card. Info: MCA—301-884-3165 or Ronnie Farrell—301-904-3402.

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Road, Avenue
8:00 - 9:00 PM

All active duty personnel and veterans are invited to join our monthly meeting. Visit www.alpost221.webs.com/ or e-mail alpost221@aol.com. Call 301-884-4071.

Friday, February 8

Community Day

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Rd., Colton's Point
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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 scan photos and documents, leaving you with the originals. Call to make appointment 301-769-2222.

Park Place Toastmasters Club

Church of the Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills in a non-threatening environment!

Let the Card Pick You

21770 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park
2:00 - 3:00 PM

Beacon of Hope Recovery and Wellness Community Center of Walden is a safe place where people in recovery from substance use and mental health can network and make connections with others. Inspirational cards provoke thought and conversation. Free. Everyone welcome. Call or text 240-298-0212. Email: ako-hut@pyramidwalden.com or stawney@pyramidwalden.com

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Brass Rail Sports Bar, Great Mills
7:00 PM

Ticket sales, \$1 each, begin at 4:00 PM. Drawing at 7:00 PM. 50/50 raffle each week. Jackpot begins at \$2,000+ and continues to grow each week until the Queen of Hearts is found.

Benefit the Archangel Scholarship Foundation Corporation in support of St. Michael's School, Ridge. Info/updates: Facebook page or: archangelfoundation.wordpress.com

Conquer Series Movie Night

26325 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Education and Awareness on the Epidemic of Pornography and Sexual Addiction. Movie nights Feb 8—Mar. 8. Each night two different DVDS and Q&A. Come one night or all five. Bring friends and family. Ages 14+ with parent. Tom 443-752-2795, Michele 717-940-6812

SMART Recovery Support Group

21770 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park
7:00 PM

Focus on tools and strategies to help with the recovery journey. www.smartrecovery.org. Call or text 240-298-0212. Email: ako-hut@pyramidwalden.com or stawney@pyramidwalden.com

Sat. & Sun., February 9 & 10

Valentine Party

Craft Guild Shop, 26005 Point Lookout Rd. (Rt. 5, next to the Antique Ctr.), Leonardtown
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Unique handcrafted items and a wide selection of items. Light refreshments. 301-997-1644.

Saturday, February 9

Southern MD Decorative Painters Paint-In

Immaculate Conception Church, 28297 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Painting a Susan Kelley project, "All Dressed Up." Guests welcome to paint; get supply info www.smdpaint.org/Calendar.html to view the project. Garnett Joy @ 301-884-2835 or email smdp.

LearnToPaint@gmail.com

SkillsUSA Maryland Regional Competition

Forrest Center, 24005 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown
10:00 AM - Noon

Students from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's County showcase what they have learned in their career and technical education classes. Contests held to determine who will represent the Southern Maryland Region at the SkillsUSA State Competition in May. Public invited. 301-475-0242. Inclement weather date, February 16.

Cupid's Furry Valentine's Pictures "Pet Event"

Leonardtown Ford, 26322 Point Lookout Rd, Leonardtown
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$10 donation. Receive a 4x6 framed photo of Cupid and your Furry family members! Proceeds benefit Second Hope Rescue, Inc. Valentines costumes will be available for your furry family members. Refreshments Available.

Dog and Cat Adoption

Pepper's Pet Pantry, Solomons Towne Center behind CVS
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Pepper's Pet Pantry host this event with local St. Mary's and Calvert County animal rescue groups. 410-326-4006.

Amazon Movie Choice

21770 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join Beacon of Hope for movie time. Hang-out and watch movies with a positive message. Spend time with others in recovery. Free Call or text 240-298-0212. Email: ako-hut@pyramidwalden.com or stawney@pyramidwalden.com

Sweetheart's Dance & Chicken Dinner

Bowles Farm, 22880 Budds Creek Road, Clements
6:00 - 11:00 PM

Chicken Dinner 6:00. Dance 7:00—11:00. Music by The Wanderers. Must be 21 years of age. BYOB (no bottles). Set ups available; Door Prizes. 50/50 Raffle. \$30 person. Tickets: Kristie Norris (norriskk@yahoo.com; 240-538-1135) or Ricky McKinney (240-925-6101) or pick up at Mother Catherine Academy, 301-884-3165.

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park
6:00 PM

\$80 Buy in. Food and drink for purchase. Cash games start when there are enough interested players. Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Sunday, February 10

Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

American Legion Post 221, 21690 Colton's Point Road, Avenue
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All jewelry and accessories \$5.00. Huge Selection of Lula Roe.

Chicken Dinner

K.C. Hall, Ridge
11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

\$12/Dinner. Baked Goods Available. 301-872-4641

Monday, February 11

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

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park
7:00 - 11:00 PM

\$25 Buy-in = 4,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,000 chips and raffle drawing. Food and drink for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Tuesday, February 12

Septic Smart Workshop

26737 Radio Station Way, Suite C, Leonardtown
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Most septic tank issues be prevented with proper maintenance. Learn about grant funding for homeowners and how to protect your home and the environment. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments. Nicole Basenback at nicoleb@umd.edu. extension.umd.edu/events/tue-2019-02-12-1830-septic-smart-workshop

Wednesday, February 13

St. Mary's County Camera Club

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, 22156 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Monthly photo critique night to give and receive constructive comments! Bring images you would like to have reviewed, provide input, or just sit back and listen. Free and open to all. www.smccc.org

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

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

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Amazing Cane Classes

Ready to try something new and different at the Loffler Senior Activity Center? Then meet Bonnie Hollyer, lover of dance, creative arts and people. She has a plan for combining all these to show you a good time! First, bring in a plain old cane to transform into your own unique creation. Then learn some dance moves using your newly styled stick. This fun-filled, unique class combines creativity and fitness. Set to upbeat music that will make your toes tap, it is suitable for any age or ability and can be done seated or standing. Cost- bring in a plain old cane-that's IT! Three sessions: Tuesdays Feb. 5, 19 and 26 at 11 a.m. Sign up by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk by Feb. 1.

Valentine's Day Luncheon with Bruce Thomas

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 12 p.m. guest vocalist Bruce Thomas will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Bruce is a diverse performer who can effortlessly move through the musical categories of inspirational, swing, jazz, pop, and R&B. Please join us for his energetic and interactive performance while dining. Make sure to put on your best red outfit for the event! The special meal for the day will be orange juice, 5-spice chicken, parslid new potatoes, zucchini & tomatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, peaches and a special Valentine's Day

dessert. A donation toward the cost of your meal is appreciated if you are 60 years of age or older. For those under 60 the cost of your meal will be \$6. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Educational Video Series

George Washington Carver: An Uncommon Way will be showing at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Despite being born into slavery and having to live through poor health, poverty, and prejudice, Carver emerged as a great scientist and inventor, and is known, not only for his discoveries, but for changing the myth that one race was inferior to another based on intellect. There are 16 seats available, reserve yours by calling 301-737-5670, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk. 60 min. Free

Canvas Art: Valentine's Day Theme

Looking for a personalized gift or a unique decoration for Valentine's Day? Come join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. as we create a simple, but unique, piece of canvas art. We will supply all the materials and provide the instruction. No experience needed! Cost for the class is \$5 for each piece and payment is due at the time of sign up. Space is limited and fills quickly. To learn more, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Cigar Box Clock Class

It's time to get crafty, and make a clock at the Northern Senior Activity Center! Repurpose a wooden cigar box to make your very own, custom cigar box clock. This class is on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 1-3:30 p.m. and is led by artist and crafter, Barbara Ferrante. She will guide you as you not only assemble your clock, but inspire you to decorate the clock with paint, paper, shells, and other adornments that reflect your personal style. If you have an item you would like attach to your clock, bring it with you to class. The cost is \$20 and covers all materials. Space is limited and payment is due at the time of signup. To sign up and pay for this craft in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Special Guest Presentation by Carol McCabe Booker

In 1942, Alice Allison Dunnigan, a sharecropper's daughter from Kentucky, made her way to the nation's capital and a career in journalism that eventually led her to the White House. With "Alone Atop the Hill", Carol McCabe Booker has condensed Dunnigan's 1974 self-published autobiography to appeal to a general audience and has added scholarly annotations that provide historical context. Dunnigan's dynamic story reveals her importance to the fields of journalism, women's history, and the

civil rights movement and creates a compelling portrait of a groundbreaking American. Come join Carol McCabe Booker at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. as she presents this dynamic story. To sign up for this presentation, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Healthwatch Presentation

Cardiovascular Health will be presented by Linda Weintraub on Thursday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Do you know the symptoms of heart disease and what you can do to cut down on your chances of developing it? If you do have it, what are some things you can do to help yourself and what are some of the most effective treatments? Volunteer, Linda Weintraub will open up this discussion with you during this free presentation! Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

Contract Bridge, Anyone?

We have some room for Contract Bridge players at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Play takes place on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Senior Lounge. Questions can be directed to 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, but reservations are not required. Just stop in!

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Library Closed for Presidents Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, February 19.

National Issues Forum: What Should We Do About the Opioid Epidemic?

Leonardtown Library will hold a special National Issues Forum to discuss the question: What should we do about the opioid epidemic? on Wednesday, February 13 from 6 – 8 p.m. National Issues Forums (NIF) is a nonpartisan, nationwide network of locally sponsored public forums for the consideration of public policy issues. It is rooted in the simple notion that people need to come together to reason and talk — to deliberate about common problems. This National Issues Forum will present three options relating to the question: What Should We Do About the Opioid Epi-

demid? for deliberation. Each option is based on differing views about what we hold most valuable. Each represents a general direction and suggests a number of actions that can be carried out by different people or groups. Check out a copy of the guidebook from the Library in advance, and come ready to discuss! This is a Choose Civility Southern Maryland event.

Understanding 401 (k)

Lexington Park Library will hold Understanding 401 (k) Tuesday, February 19 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Nothing is more central to your retirement plan than your 401(k). It represents the largest chunk of most retirement nest eggs. Finding the money to save in the account is just step one. Step two is investing it, and that's one place where people get tripped up: You probably have money invested in a 401k or IRA, but maybe you have no idea how to actually read your investment statements. This workshop will help you to understand how investing in your 401K works, the terminology on your statements, and more. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Teen Night: Minute to Do It

Lexington Park Library will hold a special teen night – Minute to Do It on Thursday, February 21 from 5 - 7 p.m. Do you have what it takes to complete

each challenge in under a minute? Open for teens and tweens ages 12 to 18. No registration.

Pizza & Picasso

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Pizza & Picasso on Thursday, February 21 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Enjoy some pizza while making a magic photo cube. All materials are supplied by the library. Come join in the craftiness! Ages 10-12. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Understanding Credit and Debt

Lexington Park Library will hold Understanding Credit and Debt on Saturday, February 23 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Credit cards, auto loans, store cards, personal loans and mortgages are all common forms of consumer credit. While credit can work to your advantage, many people find themselves in debt after spending more than they can afford. Before you get rid of your debt, you need to know how credit card debt works. This workshop will address the different types of credit and debt, identify ways to use credit more wisely, and provide some tips for managing debt. Questions are welcome! Brian E. Koenig will present a class from Consumer Education Services, Inc. (CESI) Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

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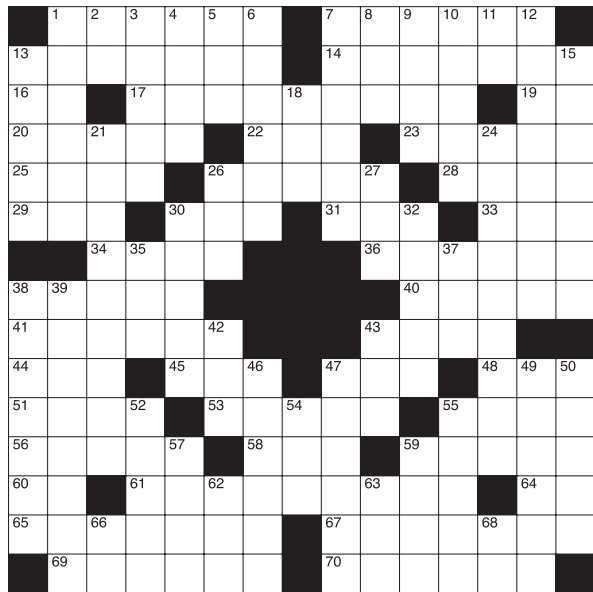
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- 11. One billion gigabytes
- 12. Smallest musical interval
- 13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- 21. Widely used
- 24. Makes into pages
- 27. Set up
- 30. Toilets
- 32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
- 35. A big deal on Wall St.
- 37. Western Thai people
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Revolver
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Hit the sack
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Red mineral
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Swiss wind
- 62. A way to chill
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. The top lawyer in the land

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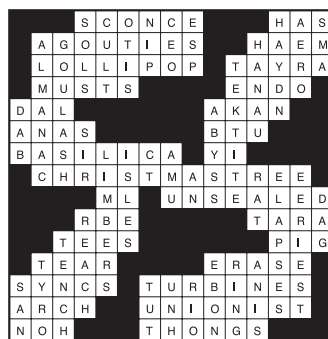
- 1. Got paid
- 7. Sets free
- 13. Domestic hybrid cattle
- 14. Quality of one's character
- 16. Doctor's helper
- 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007's creator
- 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton's younger brother
- 30. An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 41. Garment
- 43. Capital of Yemen
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain

- 47. Moved quickly
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Samoan monetary units
- 58. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 64. Barium
- 65. Type of molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nix
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Quantitative facts
- 4. Strong and healthy
- 5. Former measure of length
- 6. Dads tend to be this
- 7. Parts of a movie
- 8. An animal's foot
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Saudi Arabian money

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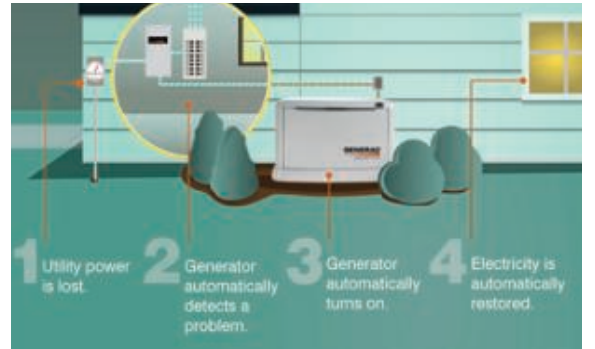


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