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Bill Gives Counties Right to Refuse Toll Crossing

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Bills entered in the Senate and House of Delegates in the General Assembly expands the requirement to Western Shore counties that the state receive the express consent of a county government before building a new toll road, toll bridge or toll highway in their jurisdiction.

The bill could target efforts to build a third Chesapeake Bay toll bridge crossing to augment the current aging spans.

The bill have received broad support so far, including St. Mary's District 29B Del. Brian Crosby.

The counties on the Eastern Shore already have the consent requirement and have expressed willingness to veto a new span that impacts their counties.

Here in St. Mary's County the commissioner board has already expressed its opposition to a bridge span that would connect with Somerset County, citing increased impacts on stressed roads and interference with the Navy's mission at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

A recently released state study map purports to show multiple potential crossings connecting both shores with one terminating in Lexington Park, the most traffic congested portion of St. Mary's.

There are four potential connections with neighboring Calvert County from Dorchester County, with one in the northern most part of the county, two to the north and south of Prince Frederick and one in the Solomons or Lusby area.

The bill does not allow counties to prevent a bridge being built if it has no tolls attached to it.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the county had been negotiating back and forth for the past year with the state about its inability to handle a third bay span.

"We have already told the state we will not be able to accommodate the third bridge," Morgan said. "It [the proposed terminus] runs right into the middle of the airfield on base.

"They can't get the bridge across from us no matter what."

He said the outing of Lexington Park as a potential bridge connection would only serve to stoke more public uproar over something that was nearly impossible.

"I don't think it'll make it to Calvert either," Morgan said

Crosby discounted the map and its alleged crossings, saying that he knew of no efforts to put in a crossing from St. Mary's.

"There are no discussions on that," Crosby said. "This is just so they couldn't slap a toll on us without our consent.

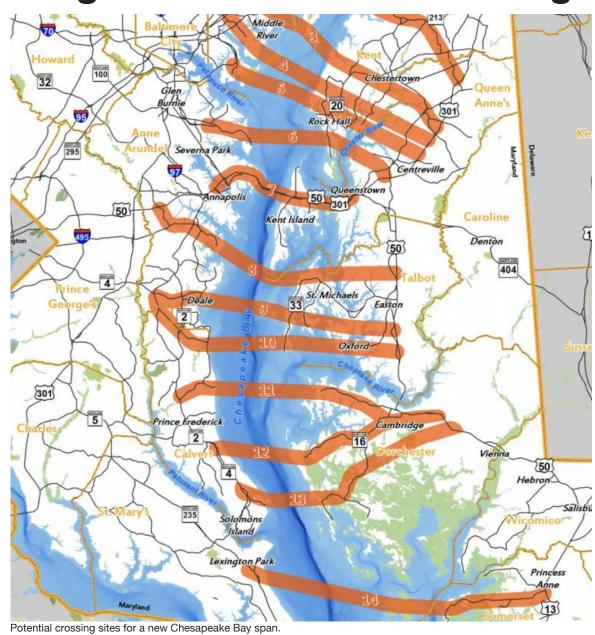
"A bridge from Lexington Park makes no sense especially since we don't have a new Thomas Johnson Bridge. This just expands our rights."

Meanwhile, state projections show the current bay span will continue to worsen under increasing traffic burdens; a 2015 report stated that by 2040 the average traffic on the bridge will increase by about 31 percent to 92,800 vehicles each day. That figure is expected to jump to 94,300 vehicles by 2020 during Fridays in the summer season.

A new, single, eight lane bridge, to replace a demolished older span, is estimated to cost \$25.34 billion, according to state figures.

Gary Hodge, a former Charles County Commissioner, has worked to craft the bill through his consulting company Regional Policy Advisors.

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Bill Targets Fentanyl, Overdose Deaths



Sen. Jack Bailey

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

A bill introduced in the state senate by Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist. 29) would provide stiff criminal penalties for anyone who distributes fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opiate, that results in the death of the person ingesting it.

If SB 570 passes into law it would make a person who was found culpable in an overdose death guilty of second degree murder, the text of the bill reads, and allow for a prison sentence of up to 40 years.

The bill exempts anyone from legal action who lawfully prescribes or administers fentanyl.

The bill also targets variations of fentanyl which are being seen more and more at street level overdoses

Fentanyl has become one of, if not the most, lethal opioids found to be responsible for overdose deaths, outstripping heroin and other synthetic opiates such as oxycodone.

In St. Mary's County there were 17 fentanyl-related overdose deaths from January through September last year, slightly less than the 23 in 2017 for the same time period, state figures show.

There were 14 fentanyl related deaths in Calvert County for the first nine months of 2018, according to numbers from the state, while there were 11 for the same time period in 2017.

Health officials in Southern Maryland have said that the sheer power of



fentanyl, often used to medicate cancer patients under controlled conditions, is such that first time-users often die as a result of ingesting the drug.

Also, the fentanyl being distributed illicitly is of dubious quality, being combined with other dangerous substances of which the user might not be aware.

In 2017 St. Mary's County State's Attorney Richard Fritz began high profile prosecutions of defendants accused of

providing opioids that resulted in the deaths of those who ingested it; pursuing six indictments for second-degree 'depraved heart" murder.

While some of the defendants were convicted of or pleaded to other charges in the cases, including manslaugther, none were found guilty of the most serious second-degree murder charges.

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Emergency Chief: Radios Much Improved

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

After years of complaints from fire and EMS personnel throughout the county, the emergency radio system from Harris has significantly improved, said Steve Walker, director of the county's Department of Emergency Services.

Walker, in an interview with The County Times, said that in the past six months the number of complaints about lack of signal or other failures with the system have dropped off significantly.

"We're working hard to stabilize the system and we are," Walker said Tuesday. "It's working well."

Walker said the county is now near the end of a long acceptance phase for the entire system, which includes new towers for transmission; the entire system will cost upwards of \$30 million.

Walker said upgrades to handheld radios and other system upgrades have eliminated many of the problems.

John Nelson, president of the St. Mary's County Fire Board, agrees.

"We have not had the issues we

were having over the last couple of years," Nelson said. "They've really improved; many issues that were ignored for a long time were finally addressed."

Nelson, who is also a state fire investigator, brought many of the concerns about the system to county leaders in the summer of last year.

He noted two key, high profile failures that had sparked more fears over the system's reliability.

The first major incident of the summer was at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Air Expo in June in which all the first-responders in the county had to use back-up systems as the radio system went out for hours.

Their emergency pagers also did not work; first-responders had to rely on text messaging on their cell phones.

The next radio system malfunctions occurred July 22 when emergency radios failed in the northern end of the county.

"We just want to ensure the system works and is reliable," Nelson said this week.

Just this past fall the Commissioners of St. Mary's County signed onto a



Improvement to hand held radios, such as longer antennae, have made the Harris system in use by the county more reliable.

back-up, state supported system called Maryland FiRST which promised interoperability with fire and EMS operations throughout the state and which could be used as an alternative to the Harris system in an emergency.

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Town Council Adopts Downtown Plan

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Town Council formally adopted a plan to strategically improve the downtown area for greater economic development potential at their Monday business meeting.

The plan, produced by Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc., advocates for a more walkable community in downtown Leonardtown, including clear walking paths as well as signage distinguishing the various parts of downtown.

A significant portion of this would be achieved through leveraging the key assets the town possesses including the waterfront property at the wharf and the town square, the report states.

Façade improvements for town businesses and shops are another key strategic goal in the plan as is creating a working group to develop a strong branding strategy for the downtown.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the county's Department of Economic Development, said the county supported the strategy the town was adopting.

"Leonardtown is very important for to

attract small businesses and new professionals to the area," Kaselemis said.

The strategic plan also calls for expanding the hotel in town, the Executive Inn and Suites, located just off the main square, to make it a meeting space to be a part of future development.

Mayor Dan Burris said Monday that a civil case in St. Mary's County Circuit Court involving the hotel had recently concluded with the judge signing off on the final foreclosure of the property.

The hotel had gone up for auction on the courthouse steps in March of last year with a buyer from Baltimore making the highest bid.

The buyer was Stan Zimmerman, operating under the corporate moniker of Dancing Avocado LLC; the price was \$1.85 million at the courthouse sale.

The hotel is currently not operational; Burris said the new owner was likely looking for another party to take over management of the property.

"Hopefully in the next few months we'll have a fully functioning hotel in town," Burris said.

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The hotel in Leonardtown is currently shutdown but leaders hope it will reopen under new

Commissioners Briefed On Special Police Bill

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

A bill proffered by Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist.29A) would establish a pilot program for special police officers (SPO) in St. Mary's County.

The bill states that such special security guards could be used to protect local government-owned properties, including schools.

A special police office is a security specialist with arrest and police powers restricted to the property they are assigned to guard.

Sheriff Timothy Cameron told commissioners at their regular business meeting that the impetus behind a special police officer program came at a time when vacancies at the sheriff's office were at an all time low, about 27 sworn officers short.

Since that time the sheriff's office recruitment efforts have closed that gap.

"They would not be school resource officers," Cameron said of an SPO. "Their job would be to keep their eyes on the horizon looking for anyone who might do harm."

School resource officers (SRO) deal with students and staff at schools as part of their overall school security duties.

The push for more school security has taken center stage locally and in

Annapolis at the Maryland General Assembly since last year's shooting at Great Mills High School that took the



Tim Cameron

lives of two students.

The SRO on duty at the school Cpl. Blaine Gaskill responded in seconds on March 20 of last year to stop the shooting.

Though the program could be used to bolster school security, Cameron told commissioners that he still preferred to hire retired police officers for the job.

Cameron said retired police officers already came with the training and the law enforcement certifications from the state to be able to provide the kind of security schools needed.

He said he would prefer to hire them "because of the commonality where they came from," referring to their law enforcement training.

"If it keeps our kids safe, I'm for it," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt of the bill.

The bill would effect St. Mary's County only and would sunset in four years.

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County Announces Presidents Day Schedule

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY



All St. Mary's County Government and Metropolitan Commission administrative offices will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents Day. Administrative offices will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, February 19.

The St. Andrews Landfill, the six (6) Convenience Centers and St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will operate under normal hours on Monday, February 18. However, the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) will not provide services for the Senior Nutrition Centers and or

SSTAP appointments.

All St. Mary's County Library locations will be closed on Monday, February 18.

All three Senior Activity Centers will be closed. No Home Delivered Meals deliveries will be made.

The St. Clement's Island Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse museum and Historic Park will be open from noon – 4 p.m. on February 18.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Government

Concept Plan to Replace Concrete Facility Approved



The planning commission has given initial approval to a commericial redevelopment of the concrete plant in California

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The county's planning commission approved a concept site plan Monday night that would redevelop the concrete processing plant on Oak Crest Road in California just off Route 235 into a commercial property with restaurants, gas station and possible a Royal Farm convenience center.

Several of the planning commissioners praised the idea of the proposed development, called Southstar Redevelopment, but placed conditions on the developer to attain initial approval.

St. John Properties must first complete State Highway Administration (SHA) mandated traffic improvements in the first phase of the project before any business there can get a use and occupancy permit from the county government.

Also, St. John Properties must allow for space for sidewalks on the frontage of the property.

Chris Longmore, attorney for the applicant, said the developer agreed with the conditions.

"It's a good project for that site, it's [the concrete plant] an eye sore," said commission member Joe Van Kirk. "I still have problems with the traffic counts... I think it's going to be heavily, heavily trafficked.

"And I'm leery of those phased in road improvements."

The road improvements include some widening of Route 235 to include deceleration and acceleration lanes in and out of the site as well as an entrance directly to the site off of Route 235.

Some planning commission members were concerned about the fact that the developer had submitted a traffic improvement plan to the state but that it had yet to be approved.

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.

Martin Seibert, commission member, said they were wary of assurances that developers would complete all of the traffic improvements; the example of St. Mary's Marketplace's well-known traffic debacle on St. Andrews Church Road was a prime instance.

"They said at least let us open the grocery store first [before traffic improvements were completed] and I'll be damned if everything there opened and they were still piddling around with that road."

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State to Assist Federal Retiree Debt

The Maryland Comptroller's Office will offer assistance to Maryland federal retirees who owe Maryland taxes and were subject to an offset of their federal pension by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

On Feb. 1, the Treasury Department mailed notices to approximately 7,500 federal retirees in Maryland owing Maryland taxes as part of its Treasury Offset Program. The notice states that the Department of Treasury could withhold up to 25 percent from a retiree's pension until the debt is resolved.

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Compliance Division will work with federal retirees and the Department of Treasury on a case by case basis, but the Comptroller's Office will not offset federal retirees' pensions for state tax obligations.

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Infant Dies From Injuries Sustained In Crash

On February 9, 2018, Emma Leigh Clarke, age 3 months, a Calvert County Resident succumbed to the injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision that occurred on February 7, 2019.

Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 19200 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported motor vehicle collision involving three vehicles. The Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 2008 Honda Civic operated by Alexa Taylor Smith, age 23 of Owings, was traveling southbound on Three Notch Road in the area of King James Parkway. Smith attempted to make a U-turn at King James Parkway, and was struck by a 2013 Ford Escape traveling southbound, operated by John Wesley Lonkert, age 39 of Scotland, Maryland. After being

struck, Smith's vehicle entered the northbound lane where it was struck by a 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe operated by Joseph Dennis Spalding, age 58 of Hollywood, Maryland. Smith and a passenger were transported to an area trauma center, and a juvenile in Smith's vehicle was transported to Children's Hospital for treatment. Lonkert was transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital with incapacitating injuries.

At this time, driver error appears to be the contributing factor in the collision. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or events leading to the collision, are asked to contact Deputy First Class John Davis at (301) 475-4200 extension *8015 or by email at John.Davis@stmarysmd.com.

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Release

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Shooting Investigation in Lexington Park

On February 3, 2019, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 46800 block of Rogers Drive in Lexington Park for a reported shooting complaint. Shell casings were located in the area, and a residence nearby had been struck with projectiles. No injuries have been reported from this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Deputy First Class David Lawrence at (301) 475-4200 extension *8130 or by email at David.Lawrence@stmarysmd.com or Sergeant Shawn Moses at (301) 475-4200 extension *8087 or by email at Shawn.Moses@stmarysmd.com. Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Criminal Arrests

Stolen Vehicle- On January 31, 2019, Dep. Chase responded to the 20800 block of Flour Mill Court in Lexington Park, for the report of an individual in the area attempting to break into vehicles. A witness advised an individual, later identified as **Travis Dimitri Smoot, age** 31 with no fixed address, drove a truck



into the area, and parked the vehicle partially in the roadway and partially in a yard. Smoot was then observed walking the neighborhood and attempting to enter multiple vehicles. Dep. Chase canvassed the area and located Smoot, and the truck he was operating. A check of the truck indicated it had been reported stolen. Smoot was also found to have gift cards, loose change, and other items that had possibly been stolen from vehicles on his person. Smoot was arrested and charged with Motor Vehicle/Unlawful Taking and Rogue and Vagabond. CASE# 5571-19

On February 2, 2019, Dep. Fenwick responded to the 23000 block of Oakley Road in Avenue and located a vehicle in the middle of the roadway with no lights on, and the driver asleep behind the wheel. The vehicle operator was identified as **Terry Ann Nelson**, age 54



of Chaptico. It was determined Nelson had been operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Nelson was arrested and charged with Driving Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving Vehicle While Impaired by Alcohol. CASE# 6734-19

Assault- On February 2, 2019, Cpl. Corcoran responded to the 20600 block of David Way in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Francis Elizabeth Barnes**, **age 62** of Lexington Park, assaulted the



victim by throwing a metal bucket at the victim, which struck the victim in the face causing injury. Barnes also threw hot wax onto the victim's couch, damaging the furniture. A second victim intervened to keep Barnes from committing further assaults, however Barnes assaulted the second victim, causing injury to the victim's arm. Barnes was arrested and charged with two counts of Assault 2nd Degree and two counts of Property Destruction. CASE# 6838-19

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Grace and Rich Fuller Family Scholarship for the Trades Assists St. Mary's County Residents Pursuing Skilled Trade Careers

Two St. Mary's County families recently joined efforts to provide \$10,000 to the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation and establish the Grace and Rich Fuller Family Scholarship for the Trades. The new scholarship, a combined gift from Richard and Grace Fuller and James and Yachiyo Wallace, both of Lexington Park, will provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, books and other related supplies to St. Mary's County residents enrolled in a skilled trades program.

Thursday, February 14, 2019

"The Fuller and Wallace families" gift is an amazing display of generosity," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "This scholarship will change lives. We are deeply touched and honored by their heartfelt donation.'

"We were taught to do what we can do to help the next generation," shared Grace Fuller during a recent tour of CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus, Center for Trades and Energy Training (CTET). "America is so full of opportunity and we are grateful we can do our little part to help students in need."

The Fullers moved to St. Mary's County more than 30 years ago as part of Rich's career in the Navy and raised their two sons in Southern Maryland. After Rich retired from the Navy, the Fullers became part owners in the Port of Leonardtown Winery, and spend much of their time volunteering in the community – including at a local soup kitchen in St. Mary's County.

"We have seen some people who have no hope," Grace explained of the clients she helps at the soup kitchen. "And that is what we want to give people in our community who have fallen on hard times: We want to give them hope. Skilled trades are an honorable, needed and honest profession."

When they decided to create this scholarship, Grace said, their neighbors James and Yachiyo Wallace wanted to help by matching funds. "We are grateful to them," she said of the Wallace family. "They are wonderful friends.'

To be eligible for assistance, the student(s) must be a resident of St. Mary's County; possess a high school diploma or its equivalent; demonstrate financial need; and be enrolled in a skilled trades program. Applicants are required to submit an essay describing any hardships or obstacles they have faced and how this scholarship will help them achieve their goals. In addition, the scholarship recipient must write a thank you note explaining the importance of this scholarship toward their educational goals.

The Fullers said they hope that students who receive this assistance will become mentors to those who follow them in the trades and that they will someday pay it forward by contributing to support the Grace and Rich Fuller Family Scholarship for the Trades.

About CSM Foundation

The CSM Foundation is the nonprofit charitable organization and fundraising arm of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). Comprised of



Posing for the presentation of a symbolic \$5,000 check toward the \$10,000 Grace and Rich Fuller Family Scholarship for the Trades are CSM Director of Development Chelsea Brown, CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. Grace Fuller.

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Bay Community Support Services (Bay-CSS) has announced it has received a \$24,000 grant from CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield. These funds will support the implementation of a new Electronic Medical Records System (EMR). CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield awards grants through a competitive application and review process.

Bay-CSS is a non-profit organization that provides personalized care to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Bay-CSS currently operates thirteen residential homes in St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, and Anne Arundel counties, as well as three Day Activity Centers in Hollywood, Huntingtown, and Annapolis. Additionally, we partner with over 75 local businesses to provide vocational support and training. With so many locations, it is difficult to keep all 200 employees up to date on the daily medical charts using manual record keeping. With the funds from CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, we will implement an EMR system that will allow us to access the medical records of any individual we serve from any location, in real time! This includes, but is not limited to an individual's medical charts, behavior plans, personal care plan, and specific goals, interests, and preferences. The EMR system will revolutionize our care and radically increase our operational efficiencies.

In our constant efforts to build a progressive team environment, we are also seeking grant funding to support the training of our 200 employees on the new software. This training will be part of our new clinical ladder for career growth, Bay-CSS Youniversity! The enrichment of our company culture is a major focus of new Bay-CSS CEO, Catherine Raines, RN, and this innovative pathway will offer career growth and economic enhancements to members of our team.

About Bay Community Support Services

For over 25 years, Bay-CSS has provided personalized services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Southern and Central Maryland. Independence, meaningful community participation, and employment productivity are the cornerstones of our agency. We are committed to the belief that every individual, regardless of their ability or disability, is afforded the opportunities and skills necessary to work, live, and participate in their local community. Our services are specially tailored to support varying levels of intellectual abilities and physical mobility.

Press Release from Bay-CSS

Bay-CSS Receives CareFirst Grant Volunteers Sought for Home-Delivered Meals Program



Looking to get more involved in the community? St. Mary's County's Home-Delivered Meals Program is currently seeking volunteers to serve in the Lexington Park area and the southernmost parts of the county.

Drivers would pick up meals at the Loffler Senior Activity Center and pack into coolers provided to maintain a safe temperature. Volunteers are assigned to an established route and the deliver meals to homebound seniors on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.

To volunteer, persons must be 21 years or older, have a valid driver's license and reliable access to a vehicle. Driver training will be provided by the Home-

Delivered Meals Program Coordinator and experienced Home-Delivered Meals volunteers.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. No meals are delivered on days the Senior Activity Centers are closed. Mileage reimbursement or income tax deductions are available for volunteers.

Interested volunteers should contact Home-Delivered Meals Program Coordinator Monika Williams at 301-45-4200, ext. 71060, or via email at Monika. Williams@stmarysmd.com.

> Press Release from St. Mary's County Government





SMADC Takes Over Oyster Trail Website

Guide Expands Support for Oyster Industry

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) recently adopted the management of the 'Southern Maryland Oyster Trail' website, at the invitation of the project originators Morgan State University, Patuxent Environmental and Aquatic Research Laboratory (PEARL) and partners St. Mary's and Calvert County Economic Development and Tourism Departments.

The Southern Maryland Oyster Trail was first conceived by environmental non-profit True Oyster Restoration Initiative, Inc., as a tourism marketing catalyst to increase public appreciation for oyster farming; where and how oysters are grown and harvested as well as the economic, cultural, gastronomic and ecological assets the oyster industry contributes to the region.

The Oyster Trail website marylandoystertrail.com, currently hosts a selfguided destination tour of oyster farms and other oyster-related sites and attractions primarily located in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. "SMADC was awarded a Rural Maryland Council (RMC) grant to build on the good work already started by PEARL and to expand the website content to include oyster producers region-wide," explained SMADC's Director, Shelby Watson-Hampton. "We are excited to take on this important marketing project to support and promote Southern Maryland's oyster industry."

SMADC plans to update the existing website and re-format the content in line with its other successfully established consumer guides and marketing programs. The web-hosted Southern Maryland 'Oyster Guide' will showcase producer profiles (hatcheries, aquaculture farms and wild harvest), as well as provide information on where to buy Southern Maryland raised and harvested oysters. Also featured will be region-



al restaurants and stores that offer local oysters, experiential tours, museums and other sites where the general public can explore and learn about the oyster's unique cultural and maritime heritage.

"In the upcoming weeks, we will be reaching out to Southern Maryland's oyster producers to update the website listings," commented Susan McQuilkin, SMADC Marketing Specialist, "We'd also like to hear from Southern Maryland oyster-related sites, events, festivals, support organizations and associations to enhance the guide resources and visitor experience."

Interested producers and venues are encouraged to submit the online Southern Maryland Oyster Guide application form. There is no charge to be listed. For more information and to access the guide application form visit 'News and Announcements' at SMADC.com. To request a printed application contact info@smadc.com or call (301) 274-1922,

Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD.

The Southern Maryland Oyster Guide is made possible in part by a Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Grant (RMPIF) awarded to SMADC, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

Press Release from AMADC





New NAACP President Targets Achievement Gap, Community Needs

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

William Roosevelt Hall III is relatively new to St. Mary's County, but he's already become a fixture in local politics and activism.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama he's established himself here by working with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples' Souls to the Polls program, getting a seat on the county's planning commission and now as the newly-elected president of the county's chapter of the NAACP.

The group's mission is to help promote opportunities for people of color and to fight racism and its effects; he works for both ends but said he's focusing more on the former.

"I'll try to change people's minds," Hall said. "But I'm focused on trying to solve problems."

Hall, 38, a program analyst on Patuxent River Naval Air Station for the manned flight simulator, said he particularly wants to tackle the achievement gap between black and white public school students.

He wants to find ways to mentor black students to push themselves academically.

"I feel like nobody's pushing them towards excellence," Hall said. "They're just pushing them towards passing."

Hall knows about academic excellence. Growing up in Birmingham, where the exodus of the steel industry lead to widespread joblessness and social decay, Hall was still able to attend a magnet school, excel academically and get accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

His mother was the driving force in him going into the service academy, since he wanted to study business at a college in Florida.

"Looking back, I needed the structure West Point gave me," Hall said, crediting her with keeping him on the right path even though she was a single mother. "She was a nurse; her mission in life was stopping me from falling into the trap that is gang violence."

She succeeded, Hall said, but she also inculcated her son with a passion for community activism and fighting for civil rights.

"She was connected to people who were deep in the Civil Rights Movement," Hall said of his mother. "All kinds of leaders... she was a heavy participant.

"We were always active in the community." Hall said he was well acquainted with racism in his Deep South home and elsewhere; but it crosses racial boundaries, leaving no one blameless.

"We were the first black family in our neighborhood," Hall said, remembering when he and his mother were able to move into a better setting. "I saw white flight first hand."

He remembers notes being left near his home and on their vehicles saying they weren't welcome.

It followed him to West Point too, but the military life soon sorted that out somewhat.

He remembered one hazing incident when someone plastered an image of fully garbed KKK members sitting on the set of the Jerry Springer show on his dormitory wall.

"They thought I would get the joke," Hall said. "I really didn't think it was funny."

He still chalks the specter of racism up to some of the basest human traits: mistrust and ignorance.

"It's just because we don't know each other," Hall



William "BJ" Hal

said. "But the military strips a lot of that away; you're just a guy from Alabama, a guy from Nebraska and a guy from Texas."

After a brief stint in the Army after graduating in 2003 he was medically discharged and set about taking program management jobs in the private sector; he even worked briefly in Canada.

"In Calgary I was extremely noticeable," Hall said, noting that attitudes appeared different towards black people. "It's not that they love us, they just didn't hate us."

Now that he's here he wants to ensure the NAACP knows the community's needs; part of that has been getting involved in the push for a new community center in the heart of Lexington Park.

"There's so much low hanging fruit, but I don't know where the focus should be," Hall told The County Times. "One of the biggest problems I see is the number of people in Lexington Park who are underemployed."

Getting local residents stuck in an employment rut a skillset that could propel them into the trades is one option Hall is exploring, he said, while he wants to find ways to get residents into opportunities to work on base through specific training tailored for government and military requirements.

"I want to work with people on base to hire more people locally," Hall said. "That way the employers on base wouldn't have to bring in people from outside the community; they come here but a lot of them don't want to stay here.

"This way they get a workforce that will stay; for a

lot of this stuff you don't need a degree, you need OJT [on the job training]."

Another core mission is to keep the local NAACP active and to make it grow; he said he wants to focus as much on providing for needs as he does on advancing arguments about equality.

That will take community engagement and plenty of it.

"Where we fail is when we assume we know what the community needs without working with the people who need assistance," Hall said. "There's a lot more we could be doing for the community.

"I just want us to be more active; my ideas are bigger than our wallet right now."

The local branch of the NAACP has been operating for more than 70 years, according to the organization's records.

The St. Mary's County Branch Charter was approved by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People National Board of Directors on January 7th, 1946.

The approval reads:"The Charter is granted on the condition that the local Branch will endeavor to the best of its abilities to cooperate with the National in furtherance of the Association's object namely to uplift the colored men and women of this country by securing to them the full enjoyment of their rights as citizens, justice in all courts, and equal opportunity everywhere."

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The Office of the President presents writer, novelist, and professor Jamaica Kincaid on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus. Part of the Presidential Lecture Series, the event is free of charge and open to the public but reservations are required at www.smcm.edu/ kincaid

Known for her candid and emotionally honest writing through her books and novels including "Annie John," "Lucy," "At the Bottom of the River," and "A Small Place," Kincaid attracted the attention of The New Yorker, where she became

a staff writer and featured columnist for nine years. Her short stories also appeared in The Paris Review. Fans of Kincaid recognize her distinctive, melodic style with appeal across generations

ethnic boundaries. In 2014, she won the American Book Award, which celebrates multiculturalism and free expression.

Kincaid's literary "voice" is deeply rooted in her experiences as a child in her native Antigua. Growing up under the colonial rule of England instilled in her a tragic, yet often-ignored perspective. Says Kincaid, "I never give up thinking about the way I came into the world, how my ancestors came from Africa to the West Indies as slaves. I just never forget it. It's like a big wave that's still

Beginning her academic career in 1991 at Harvard University holding joint appointments in the

Studies departments, Kincaid is currently the Professor of African and African American Studies in Residence at Harvard University. The former Josephine Olp Weeks Chair at Claremont McKenna College, Kincaid was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2004 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2009. She has won the Lannan Literary Award for Fiction, Prix Femina Étranger, Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, and the Clifton Fadiman

Press Release from SMCM

Packnett to be Barber Walker Lecturer

St. Mary's College of Maryland's Black Student Union announces Brittany Packnett as the Second Annual Elizabeth Barber Walker Lecture guest speaker. Packnett's lecture, 'Building Bridges: An Intersectional Approach to Activism," will take place on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall on the College's campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Packnett is an award-winning national leader in social justice. Cited by former President Barack Obama as a leader whose "voice is going to be making a difference for years to come," Packnett is an unapologetic educator, organizer, writer, and speaker. A former teacher, policy expert, and non-profit executive director, Packnett has committed her life and career to justice. She currently plays many roles, all focused on freedom, including serving as Teach for America's vice president of national community alliances, where she leads partnerships and civil rights work with communities of color. Packnett is also a Fall 2018 Resident Fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics

She is a contributor to the Crooked Media network, most notably contributing to the weekly news roundup on Pod Save The People which earned the team two 2018 Webby Awards for Best News Podcast. Packnett is a video columnist for MicNews, and writes for many major publications. Recently, Packnett launched Love + Power, a hub created to inspire, empower, and outfit everyday people to seismically shift society.



Brittany Packnett

Her popular TEDx talk, "It's about Time to Value Women of Color in Leadership" exemplifies the passionate calls to action and personal storytelling she shares with audiences. She has graced the cover of Essence magazine, been named one of TIME magazine's 12 New Faces of Black Leadership, and honored at the 2018 BET Awards as "one of the fiercest activists of our time.'

The Elizabeth Barber Walker Lecture Series honors St. Mary's College's first Black graduate, Liz Walker. The Inaugural Elizabeth Barber Walker Lecture Series featured guest speaker April Ryan in 2018.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION



VX-20's Perry Named NAVAIR Sailor of the Year



Vice Adm. Dean Peters, commander, Naval Air Systems Command, presents Petty Officer 1st Class Jacob Perry with the command's 2018 Sailor of the Year award Feb. 7 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. Vice Adm. Dean Peters

Petty Officer 1st Class Jacob Perry, the leading petty officer (LPO) for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20's E-6B Mercury test team, was named the Naval Air Systems Command (NA-VAIR) 2018 Sailor of the Year during a Feb. 7 ceremony at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

During fiscal 2018, Perry's team—comprising four junior officers, eight Sailors and nine civilians—completed developmental testing and evaluation of seven major E-6B mission systems, totaling 297.4 mishap-free ground and flight test hours across 80 test sorties. Perry's efforts helped earn his team recognition as "VX-20 Test Team of the Quarter, Second Quarter 2018."

Perry also served as the VX-20's primary Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) instructor, a role in which he "distin-

guished himself through his exceptional performance as the subject matter expert and most knowledgeable E-6B Flight Engineer Instructor within VX-20," wrote the squadron's then-commanding officer, Col. Steven Puckett, in an Oct. 19 memo nominating Perry for Sailor of the Year.

"There is no First Class Petty Officer who has contributed more to my command's success; he has worked tirelessly, training a generation of aviators to meet an extremely high standard of excellence," Puckett wrote. "I cannot imagine a mission, task or circumstance where he would not enjoy my full faith and confidence."

One of three nominees, Perry had already been selected as the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) 2018 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer 1st Class Daniel Eldridge

and Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Pardee were the nominees from NAVAIR headquarters and Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, respectively.

"The whole VX-20 command—the chiefs mess, the 1st class petty officers—all played a huge role in this achievement. Their mentorship and friendships were invaluable in training and developing me to get to this position," Perry said. "It's really a humbling experience to accept this award. The other candidates are amazing and highly qualified, and it's just an honor and a privilege to be awarded NAVAIR's Sailor of the Year."

A technical directives central kitting manager for NAVAIR Logistics and Industrial Operations (AIR 6.0), Eldridge led seven active-duty personnel in the processing, issuance and tracking of 4,831 technical directive kits during fiscal 2018, resulting in an 87-percent compliance rate with a 25-percent reduction in processing time.

As a government maintenance representative with VX-31 from October 2017 through September 2018, Pardee oversaw 350 contractors responsible for maintaining 17 uniquely configured F/A-18A-F Hornets/Super Hornets, seven EA-18G Growlers, four AV-8B Harriers and three MH-60S Seahawks.

For their sustained meritorious service, Eldridge and Pardee were each awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

"We had the nearly impossible task of selecting a Sailor of the Year from these fine candidates, and I know that's something we always say, but genuinely, the competition was very stiff this year," NAVAIR Command Master Chief Timothy McKinley said. "The three Sailors we are recognizing here today are the very best from within NAVAIR. I can assure you, again, the selection process is never easy, and this year as much as any, the competition was fierce."

Perry will go on to compete for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations Shore Activities Sailor of the Year, "where we absolutely wish him all the best," McKinley said.

'Of the nearly 300,000 enlisted Sailors in the Navy, not counting our chief petty officers, we are blessed to have about 550 highly experienced, fairly senior, professional Sailors throughout the NAVAIR enterprise. They serve in a variety of jobs in our test squadrons, in our logistics teams, in our program offices, on our staff, and these three Sailors are the very best of this seasoned and competitive group," NAVAIR Commander Vice Adm. Dean Peters said. To say that the competition is keen is a huge understatement. Not only are these Sailors top performers, but they are also incredible ambassadors. In an organization of 43,000 mostly civilian personnel, these Sailors convey the best of the Navy-honor, courage, commitment, community service, teamwork, leadership, professionalism."

"You have distinguished yourselves, not only here today, but before all your shipmates in your command and across the Navy," McKinley said to each of the nominees. "We know that you will continue to serve the Navy and your country with honor, courage and commitment, and we all look forward to your continued success."



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Blue Crabs Sign



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The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs have announced the signing of right handed pitcher Luis Chirinos for the 2019 season.

This Venezuelan native, Chirinos was signed on July 4, 2006 by the Florida Marlins as a non-drafted free agent. Luis went on to play in the Marlins organization for four years before making his way to the world of independent baseball. Chirinos will be joining the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs after playing in the 2018-2019 Venezuelan Winter League for the Caribes de Anzoategui with a career 275.2 innings pitched with a 2.85 ERA.

'We are excited to have Chirinos joining us this upcoming season in Southern Maryland," said Blue Crabs Manager Stan Cliburn. "Luis will be coming off of a couple of seasons in the winter leagues and we are excited to see how he does in independent baseball."

The team opens the 2019 season on May 3rd at home against the Lancaster Barnstormers. To save your seat at the ballpark for the upcoming season and other team news, visit www.somdbluecrabs.com or call 301-638-9788.

About the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

The Blue Crabs play 140 regular season games in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs. The Blue Crabs call Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf, Maryland home. The 12th franchise season will begin April 2019. For more information on the SOMD Blue Crabs, please call 301-638-9788 or visit http://www.somdbluecrabs.comfor more information.

> Press Release from Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

Seahawks Post Right-Handed Pitcher Dominant Victory in **Lacrosse Opener**



St. Mary's College of Maryland men's lacrosse (1-0) opened up their season in dominant fashion, posting a 17-5 victory over the visiting Marywood College Pacers (0-1) on Sunday (Feb. 10) afternoon.

St. Mary's - 17, Marywood - 5 How It Happened

- First year attackman Jude Brown started the scoring for the Seahawks, finding the back of the net at the 9:23 mark of the opening quarter. Marywood answered with a goal of their own a minute and half later to even score at one apiece. Next, St. Mary's strung together three unanswered scores to end the quarter. Erich Wuesthoff accounted for two goals during the run and Connor Benhoff added the third.
- The second stanza was more of a defensive battle, but the Seahawks still outscored the Pacers 2-1. Ray LaPlaca and Dominic Venanzi both found the back of the cage with unassisted goal in the second quarter. Marywood's lone score in the stanza was an own goal by St. Mary's.
- The flood gates opened in the second half of action as the Seahawks overpowered the Pacers in a dominant 11-3 half in favor of St. Mary's. The Seahawks scored three-straight to begin the third quarter to pull ahead of the Pacers 9-2. Wuesthoff and Ben Claffee tallied the first two scores, while Max Groen added the third goal to begin the half off a man-up oppor-

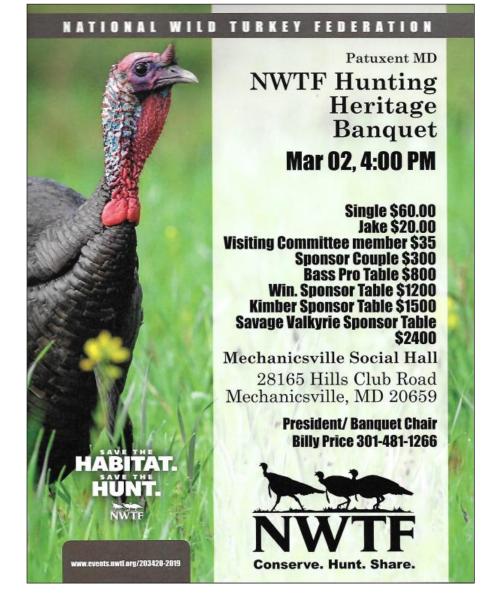
tunity. Groen scored off an accurate feed from Brown. Marywood scored 30 seconds later to stop the bleeding, but the Seahawks captured the momentum again with the final three scores of the third. Groen, Jeremiah Clemmer, and LaPlaca were responsible for the final three goals that put the Seahawks ahead 12-3.

Much like the rest of the game, the fourth quarter was owned by the Seahawks. St. Mary's strung together four-straight goals to extend their lead to 16-4. Jaylen DeCarlo tacked on the Seahawks final goal of the game off a Cameron Linger assist.

Inside the Box Score

- Weusthoff (4g, 0a), Brown (1g, 3a), and Groen (2g, 2a) led St. Mary's on the offensive end with four points each. Claffee added three points, while LaPlaca, Clemmer, and Benhoff recorded two points each.
- On the defensive end, Antonio Mastromanolis and Tommy Rinder led the team with four groundballs. Rinder also led the team with three caused turnovers with Alex Pfaff.
- As a team, the Seahawks finished a perfect 22-22 in clears and were twoof-three on extra man opportunities.
- In goal, Ross Snodderly gathered seven saves and only allowed five goals. Up Next for the Seahawks
- Feb. 16 vs. Dickinson College (0-0) Hunt Valley, Maryland – 12:00 p.m.

Press Release from SMCM





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SUNDAY, APR 7 • 2:00 PM Bristol Motor Speedway

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SATURDAY, APR 13 • 6:30 PM **Richmond Raceway**

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SUNDAY, JUL 28 • 3:00 PM Pocono Raceway

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CONSUMERS ENERGY 400

SUNDAY. AUG 11 • 3:00 PM Michigan International Speedway

BASS PRO SHOPS NRA NIGHT RACE

SATURDAY, AUG 17 • 7:30 PM **Bristol Motor Speedway**

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SUNDAY, SEP 1 • 6:00 PM Darlington Raceway

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*FIRST DATA 500

SUNDAY, OCT 27 • 3:00 PM Martinsville Speedway

*AAA TEXAS 500

SUNDAY, NOV 3 • 3:00 PM **Texas Motor Speedway**

*MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP **SERIES RACE AT ISM RACEWAY**

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The public is invited to enjoy the upcoming, and uplifting, production of "African-American Folk Tales: The Tails of Br'er Rabbit" showing Feb. 14-16 at the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) Fine Arts Center (FA Building), Theater. Produced by special arrangement with author and CSM Alumnus Kenneth L. Waters Jr., this comedy portrays what happens when a school teacher asks his students to act out the folktales of Br'er Rabbit.

Teacher Mr. Eugene Remy thinks he has a brilliant idea during Black History Month to teach the folktales taught to him by his mother when he was a child. Through his creative method of story-telling, he divides his class into groups of three and assigns each group a story to act out and perform - with hilarious results.

You won't want to miss how the children's imagination comes to life as Br'er Rabbit and his crew jump off the page and onto CSM's stage.

The show's run time is approximately 70 minutes and is appropriate and encouraged for all ages. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend one of the following showtimes: Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 adults and seniors, \$5 youth of high school age and younger. For ticket information, email boxoffice@csmd.edu, call 301-934-7828 or visit https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/arts/laplata/African-American-Folk-Tales-The-Tails-of-Brer-Rabbit-2.14.18.

CSM's La Plata Campus is located at 8730 Mitchell Road in La Plata.

Press Release from CSM

Wanderings Aimless Mind



by Shelby Opperman Contributing Write

Out "with" the frying pan, and in to hiding

Yes, I realize it is February and I should have opened the set before this, but you know how it is. Sometimes you pass by something in your house so much that you don't even notice it's there anymore. This is what happened with a set of red cookware we bought before Christmas at the Prince Frederick K-Mart when it was in close-out. The set was a real deal. The problem is that I do not like red cookware, and do not see it in the future plans of what I would like our kitchen to look like. BUT, it was one of those days where my husband was not in one of his most patient moods. Maybe that's because I spent a half hour in the aisle debating the relative merits of 4 or 5 different sets of pots and pans. Remember that I am married to a former firefighter. I don't want to make a blanket statement here, but most all of the firefighters I have known are not known for indecision. People's lives and their lives depend on quick decisions and quick action. Unfortunately, this state of mind also applies when they are shopping with their wives.

Our conversation this particular day went like this: He says: "How about I buy a new set of cookware for Christmas?" Me: "Okay, let me just look what is included in each one." A few minutes later, he asks, "Okay which one do you like?" Me: "Well, this one has some nice frying pan sizes, but not enough pots, this other one has everything I want, but doesn't look like it would last." Him: "How long have you had your cookware??" Me: "Since my first wedding 37 years ago." Him: "It needs to go! And SO DO WE!" Me: starting to possibly whine: "But my mother got it for me." Him: "Pick something or we are leaving." Me: mumbly like: "Okay, well I guess if I have to, I guess this RED set is fine, it does have everything I guess I want." In my mind I am saying, "I HATE RED cookware, I want persimmon, or turquoise or sage green." Him: "Alright, get it, let's go."

I know I have been petty about this whole thing by just stepping around this huge box in the extra bedroom, laying things on top of it to hide it, and never opening the box. I even considered selling it on Facebook marketplace to put towards a color I really want. It came to a point however where I had no choice anymore. I realized when I looked at my old large-perfect for frying a whole pound of bacon frying pan that I had been blissfully oblivious and completely ignoring the fact that the Teflon coating was scratched and almost non-existent, and very likely a huge health hazard. And that the small perfect for scrambled eggs frying pan was maybe not so perfect either anymore. This was evident by the fact that when we fried sunny-side-up eggs in the pan, we had to prop up the handle on the stove with a can of black pepper, so all the yolks and whites didn't all end up as one big egg.

I have tried over the years to get rid of my old set of pots and pans, but I had become so sentimental about them remembering all the meals I cooked for my sons growing up. All the wonderful dinners with friends that had been made with these over the years. And also that they were a special gift from my mother who was such a great cook. There was even one frying pan that my mother bought me after a fairly large lottery win. She called and asked me to meet her at McDonald's in Charlotte Hall one time. I lived in Lexington Park and she was still in Clinton at that time. We met, ate, we got up to leave, and she said to not forget the brown paper bag on the table. She had hit \$4000 on the lottery, cashed it at Fred's Liquors and gave me \$2000. which was in that paper bag. We went right over to McKay's and both got a few hundred in groceries and I bought a deep, wonderful, new frying pan at McKay's which I do still have, and it looks as perfect as the day I bought it all those years ago (and she has been gone 19 years now). I won't ever get rid of that one. In fact, please don't let my husband know this but I haven't actually gotten rid of the others, but they are well-hidden enough that he won't find them. Though, I must say, I've found that the new set is really nice, and that fire-engine red is a really pretty color after all.

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

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In Remembrance

Melva Hamrick Fuchs



Melva Hamrick Fuchs, 91, of Hollywood passed away on February 2, 2019 at her home. Melva was born on December 7, 1927 in Gregory, West Virginia to the late Alva David Barrickman and the late Dochie Eva Bowyer Barrickman.

Melva enjoyed photography, quilting, needlework and gardening, both vegetables and flowers. She was a member of Quilters by the Bay. She worked as a Cafeteria Manager for the St. Mary's County Public School system for many years. Just out of high school she was employed by B. F. Goodrich and had several part-time jobs.

Melva is survived by her daughter, Patricia Ann Craig, and her son, Ken Lawrence Hamrick, her sister, Lounette Clinton and her step-sons, Alan Fuchs and Richard Fuchs. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson, 7 step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husbands, James Madison Hamrick and John Frederick Fuchs, her son James Madison Hamrick, Jr. and 3 sisters.

Melva's Life Celebration Visitation will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 5pm to 8pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Funeral Service will be held at 11am on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 37707 New Market Turner Road, Mechanicsville, MD with Pastor Gary Pomrenke officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Paul's Lutheran Building Fund, Luekemia and Lymphoma Society, Shriners Hospital for Children or Hospice.

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

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

Mary Dean Krishnamurty

Mary Dean Krishnamurty, 78, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on February 4, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown.



She was born on October 27, 1940 in Taft, California to the late William David Egenhoff, Jr. and Linnie Idean Stephens.

On June 1, 1962 she married her beloved husband, Goteti Bala Krishnamurty in Los Angeles, California. Together they celebrated over 38 wonderful years of marriage. Mary also lived in Franklin, NC from 2002 to 2014, where she had many meaningful friendships. She moved to Maryland in 2014 to be closer to family. Mary was a fiercely independent woman who, after receiving her Masters Degree in public health, became a microbiologist. She worked for LA County in the public health sector for 18 years. She enjoyed traveling the world, which included India, Thailand, Spain, and Indonesia. She was an avid reader of mysteries and books about spirituality. Mary was a beautiful seamstress and made clothing for herself and family. She found relaxation and peace in creating beautiful quilts, embroidery, and knitting.

She is survived by her children: Rama Gehris (Allen) of Mechanicsville MD, Shanti Krishnamurty (Michael), of Stockbridge GA and Goteti Krishna (Madhu) of San Ramon, CA; her grandchildren: Miranda Gehris, Brandon Gehris, Cecilia Gehris, Greyson Krishnamurty-Baerman, Isha Goteti and Niana Goteti and two nieces: Tammy Herrstrom and Wendy Slegh. In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her husband, Goteti Bala Krishnamurty and brother Philip Blackwell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road. Mechanicsville, MD 20659 Re: Hungry Team.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Kyle Lee Akers Redman



Kyle Lee Akers Redman, 30, of Hollywood, MD passed away February 4, 2019 at his home.

He was born December 27, 1988 in Leonardtown, MD to Joanne Amy Redman Cook of Hollywood, MD and the late Kevin Lee Akers of Hollywood, MD

Kyle attended Great Mills High School and then obtained his GED. After high school, he began working as a carpenter for East Coast Construction. Due to his superior work ethic and quality of workmanship, he quickly rose to a supervisor position within the company. He spent nine years there before deciding to relocate to Tennessee. He only spent a few months in Tennessee before deciding to return to Maryland. Kyle was an avid hunter and loved to go fishing. He took several trips to North Carolina to go deep sea fishing. He also enjoyed visiting his life-long friend, Korie Langley (Danielle) in Tennessee. He was close to his family and enjoyed spending time with them, especially his brother and best friend, Dale Redman.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Joanne Redman Cook of Hollywood, MD. In addition to his loving mother, Kyle is also survived by his grandmother, Beverly Lubin of Hollywood, MD, his brothers; Dale Redman of Leonardtown, MD and Samuel Wescott of Hollywood, MD, his aunts and uncles; Jeanette Redman Witkowski (Ron) of Lusby, Jeff Redman (Wendy) of Hollywood, Juanita Thorstensen (Donna) of Leonardtown, Janet Johnson of Mechanicsville, MD, Karen Svoboda (John) of Piney Point, MD, and Terry Akers of West Virginia. Kyle is preceded in death by his father, Kevin Lee Akers of Hollywood, MD, his uncle





James "Jimmy" Redman of Hollywood, MD, and his grandparents; Roy Akers of West Virginia, John "Buster" Redman of Lexington Park, MD, and Frances Norris Redman of Lusby, MD.

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD

Barbara Gail Allgood



It is with great sadness that the family of Barbara Gail Allgood (maiden name Hyde) announce her passing on February 10, 2019. She passed peacefully with her family by her side. She was the wife of John Edward Allgood and resided in St. Mary's County, MD for 45 years.

She was born in Honesdale, PA, to Freda and Donald Hyde and was the oldest of three children. She was raised in State College, PA and graduated from Preston Township High School, Lakewood, PA. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grand and great-grand mother and cared for many over the years, always extending help to those in need. She had a long career with the St. Mary's County School Board.

Barbara is survived by her husband John Allgood, of Great Mills, MD; her brothers Donald Hyde of Great Mills, MD and Richard Hyde of McKeesport, PA; and three children; daughters Karen Lyon of Hollywood, MD and Jaclyn Shaw of San Antonio, TX and son Gary Lyon, of Jacksonville Beach, FL. Her greatest joy were her four grandchildren, Brandi, Kristen, Blake and Dylan, and three great-grandchildren Mia, Javier and Cameron.

Donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's at hospice@medstar.net.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service to be held at Matting-ley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD, 20650 on Friday, February 15, 2019. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm – 2:00pm, followed by the service at 2:00pm. Bishop William McClean will officiate the ceremony and a celebration dinner will be held directly following the service.

James C. Quade, Jr.



James C. Quade, Jr, 92, of Leonardtown, Maryland died peacefully on Friday, February 8 at St. Mary's Nursing Center. Born on October 18, 1926, in River Springs, MD he was one of eleven children of the late James Carroll Quade, Sr and Grace Irene Lacey Quade. Mr. Quade is survived by his wife of 65 years, Frances Lee Cooksey Quade, his four children and theirspouses Mary Lee Russell (Russ) of Leonardtown, Wayne Quade of La Plata, Diane Briscoe (John) of Hollywood, Vicki Hoffman (Frank) of La Plata and six grandchildren: Becky Root, Adam Russell, Haley Shlagel, Jenna Briscoe, Hannah and Lily Hoffman and three great grandchildren. Mr. Quade is also survived by two siblings Matthew Quade of Bushwood and Agnes Quade Pilkerton of Leonardtown. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his siblings David Roy Quade, Joseph Leonard Quade, James Maguire Quade, Mary Catherine Quade Wathen, Dorothy Irene Quade, Thelma Quade Hall, Steven Bernard Quade and Francis Aloysius Quade.

Mr. Quade honorably served his country in the United States Army during World War II as a Private First Class military police officer and received medals for Good Conduct and the Army Occupation Medal as well as the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon. He was employed as a machinist at Patuxent River Naval Air Station and NESEA Webster Field for 46 years. He was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and parishoner of St. Aloysius Church. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed being outdoors, cutting grass, planting flowers, and tending to his yearly vegetable garden. Mr. Quade was also good with his hands and a talented craftsman. In addition to all of his personal accomplishments throughout his life he was most proud of his family and they are so very honored to have had him as a Dad, Father in Law

Family will accept friends on Monday, February, 18, 2019 from 5-8pm

with prayers being said at 7:00 pm at Mattingley-Gardner Funeral Home in Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial willtake place on at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, Md on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:30 amwith Father John Dakes, Father David Beubein and Father Sam Plummer officiating. Intermentwill following at Charles Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Wayne Quade, John Briscoe, Frank Hoffman, Adam Russell, Jason Root and Jacob Svobodny. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his name to Hospice of St. Mary's County, Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad or St. ALoysius Catholic Church.

Mary Blanche Pilkerton



Mary Blanche Pilkerton, age 76 of Loveville, MD passed away on February 7, 2019 at St. Mary's Hospital. Mary Blanche was born on March 31, 1942 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Mary Louise Long and John Loyal Guy of Loveville. On May 14th, 1960, she married the love of her life, Norman Alexander Pilkerton, Jr, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Morganza, MD. They were married for 58 years. Mary Blanche was a dedicated and faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mary Blanche is survived by her sisters, Mary Lou May of North Carolina, Barbara Montgomery of Mechanicsville, Jean Burch of Charlotte Hall and brother John Loyal Guy, Jr (deceased) of Loveville. She is also survived by her four children, Jeffrey Pilkerton (Sandy) of Loveville, Wayne Pilkerton (Jenny) of Clements, Allan Pilkerton (Nancy) of Mechanicsville and Wanda Jones (Mark) of California MD. As well as her 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mary Blanche was devoted to her family, as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She adored spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, camping and being outdoors. She loved eating Maryland hard crabs. She was a devoted animal

lover, particularly with dogs and cats, and had several special dogs over her lifetime, such as Chipper and Buckshot.

Mary Blanche was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She worked for St. Mary's County Public Schools as a school bus driver and contractor for over 40 years. She enjoyed being a school bus driver and loved spending time with the children. She also worked at Mattingly's Finer Foods as a cashier for several years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church Morganza, MD with Father Keith Woods officiating. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Pallbearers will be her grandsons; John Allan Pilkerton, Cody Pilkerton, David Pilkerton, Jeremy Pilkerton, Christopher Jones, Tyler Jones and Adam Ragan. Honorary Pallbearers will be her granddaughters; Amanda Wood, Lexie Pilkerton and Samantha Ragan.

Memorial contributions can be made to Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 15,

Mechanicsville, MD 20659, Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, 22855 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Tri-County Animal Shelter, 6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville, MD 20637.

Samuel "Sammy" Aloysius Cusic



Samuel "Sammy" Aloysius Cusic, 75 of Helen, MD, passed away on February 7, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on October 12, 1943 in St. Mary's County MD, he was the son of the late Annie Gertrude Cusic and Thomas Wilmer Cusic. Samuel is survived by his siblings; Frances Cecelia Wood of Leonardtown, MD Joseph Wilmer Cusic (Mary) of Mechanicsville, MD, William Franklin Cusic and Dorothy Jean Wathen all of Helen, MD. He was preceded in death by his siblings; James Bernard Cusic, Thomas Allen Cusic and Shirley Teresa Cusic. He graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1963, and was a lifelong St. Mary's County MD resident. Samuel worked as a grocery store clerk



and was a farmer. He enjoyed listening to country music, singing, and dancing.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 12:00 PM in St. Joseph Catholic Church Morganza, MD with Father Keith Woods officiating. Interment will follow in Queen of Peace Cemetery Helen, MD.

Susan Flanders Pulliam



Susan Flanders Pulliam, 73 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on February 10, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

Born December 6, 1945 in Buffalo, NY, she was the daughter of the late William Flanders and Gloria (Bergman) Flanders.

Susan married the love of her life, Charles Kenneth Pulliam on February 17, 1965 in Fort Washington. They spent 48 wonderful years together before his passing in June of 2013. Susan was a dedicated employee of SAIC as a Secretary for 30 years where she made many lasting relationships. She enjoyed going on cruises, loved shopping, and her dog Sophie, but most of all she treasured spending time with family and friends.

Susan is survived by her children, Cher Wilson (Brian), of Hollywood, Michael Pulliam (Dawn), of Lexington Park, MD, and Kip Pulliam (Crystal), of Mechanicsville, MD; her brother, William Flanders, of Bowie, MD; four grandchildren, Grayson, Braydon, Kip Jr., and Molly Pulliam. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life will follow at the American Legion, Ridge MD.

In lieu of flowers; family has asked that donations be made to Hospice, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. in Leonardtown, MD.

Rae Celestine "Mommer" Garner



Rae Celestine "Mommer" Garner, 87, of Hollywood, MD passed away February 7, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born August 14, 1931 in Mechanicsville, MD to the late Bernard Melvin Wood and Margaret Ann Pilkerton Wood.

Rae is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. On (June 30, 1951) she married her beloved husband, Lawrence Raymond "Deedy" Garner. Together they celebrated over 54 year of marriage before his passing on May 25, 2006. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend to many. Before she was married she was employed as a telephone operator and as a waitress at Hill's Club. After raising her 17 children, she went to work at K-Mart running the "blue light" specials, a job she enjoyed because it involved working with many people. She was a great cook with her specialty being stuffed ham. She hosted many family and holiday dinners and Saturday night card games. She was extremely organized and loving. She dedicated her life to taking care of her family, especially her children and later her grandchildren. In addition to playing games and cards, she also enjoyed quilting, yard sales, dancing and supporting her family's extra-curricular activities. Winter was her favorite season because she loved the snow.

Rae is survived by her children: Glenn James Garner of Hollywood, MD, Bonnie Rae Hetzel of Leonardtown, MD, Susan "Sudy" Combs of Callaway, MD, Laura Jean Dean of Hollywood, MD, Donald Edward Garner III of Pensacola, FL, Deanna Marie Faunce of Abell, MD. Rhonda Christine of Pickens, S.C., Jill Verlette Tennyson of Clements, MD, Melvin Darryl Garner of California, MD, Joseph Wade Garner of California, MD, Michelle Laurette Garner of Mechanicsville, MD, Gretchen Alane Garner of Hollywood, MD, Margaret Ann Joy of Hollywood, MD, Janet Lee Farrell of Chaptico, MD, Shannon Janelle Raymond of Park Hall, MD, and Tina

Tamara Mundie of Greenville, S.C.; her siblings: Evelyn Arnold of Mechanicsville, MD, Julie Ann Matthews of Hollywood, MD, Charles Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Jacqueline Dalton of Hollywood, MD, Janice Long of Mechanicsville, MD, Margaret Mary Burch of Charlotte Hall, MD, Beverly Pelczar of Mechanicsville, MD, Melva Rita Buckler of Mechanicsville, MD, Zach Wood of Mechanicsville, MD and Linda Reynolds, Mechanicsville, MD; 32 grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her son, Lawrence Raymond Garner; her sisters, Joyce Hammett and Imogene Burroughs and her brother, Richard "Dickie" Wood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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Community <u>Calendar</u>

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ONGOING

"She Loves Me"

Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park Through February 17

Thu., Fri., Sat. at 8:00 PM.

Presented by the Newtown Players. Considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written, a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old-world elegance.

\$18 adults; \$15 seniors, students and military; \$13 age 12 and under. Purchase online at www.newtowneplayers. org, or call 301-737-5447.

UPCOMING

Humanizing Histories: 7 Short Plays about Resistance

Bruce Davis Theater, Montgomery Hall, St. Mary's College

Wed.- Sat., Feb. 20-23, 8:00 - 10:00 PM

Sun., Feb 24, 2:00 PM

Opens Wednesday, February 20 and runs through Sunday, February 24. A festival of 10-minute student-written performance pieces.

Saturday, February 23, the community is invited to attend staged readings of other student-written work, theater workshops, and public discussions free of charge. Visit the TFMS website for more information about the day's activities (www.smcm.edu/tfms).

\$4 for teachers, students, senior citizens, and Arts Alliance members; \$6, general admission. Reservations, email: boxoffice@smcm.edu or call 240-895-4243.

Thursday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Friday, February 15

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: akohut@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

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: akohut@pyramidwalden.com or stawney@pyramidwalden.com

Texas Hold'em Tournament

VFW Post 2632, 23282 Three Notch Rd., California

7:00 PM

No Limit Texas Hold'm Tournament. \$50 Buyin (\$40 Prize Pool + \$10 Charity). Early Bird Bonus by 6:45. Pre-registration encouraged; not required. Must be 18 or older to play. Info or pre-register contact Brian: Email: poker@vfw2632.com. 240-925-4000

Saturday, February 16

Paws for Love

Wag N' Wash Natural Food & Bakery (San Souci Shopping Plaza) 22598 MacArthur Blvd., California

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Pet Adoption Event featuring Tiny Toes Kitten Rescue, Animal Relief Fund, St. Mary's Animal Welfare League and Second Hope Rescue. These non-profit, rescue organizations specialize in the rescue, care and placement of abused, neglected and homeless companion animals.

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: akohut@pyramidwalden.com or stawney@pyramidwalden.com

Valentines Dinner & Dance

2nd District VFD & RS, Drayden Rd., Valley Lee

Doors open 4:30 PM. Dinner served

Live and Silent Auction. Music by DJ Rich Wilson. Cash bar. \$35/person advance; \$45 at the door/person. Firehouse and Rescue Squad fundraiser for new building. Contact: Dee Dee @

blondee2rn@md.metrocast.net or 240-561-2750 or Georgia @ sunset365@md.metrocast.net or 301-994-1960. ATM on Site.

Bingo

K.C. Hall, Ridge 5:30 PM

Games start at 6:30. Jackpot--\$5,000. Concessions available. 301-872-4641

Cupid's Dance

Our Lady of the Wayside, Loretto Hall, 37575 Chaptico Road

7:00 - 11:00 PM

A variety of music provided by the DJ. Drinks and finger foods available. Casual attire. \$15/person, \$25/couple - advance tickets. \$20/person, \$30/couple at the door. Contact Brenda Russell 301-247-1871 or rsbrssll@aol.com.

Swing and Ballroom Dance

Little Flower School, Route 5, Great Mills

7:00 - 11:00 PM

Dance lesson 7-8:00; stay for dancing to music of all kinds. No experience required! Singles welcome! Bring a snack to share; water provided. \$10/person. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Face Church. Email: somdball-room@gmail.com or call 240-577-0153

Sweetheart Dinner

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Mechanics-ville (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.mtzionmech.org

Sunday, February 17

Turkey Shoot & Oyster Scald

7th District Optimist Club, 21860 Colton Point Road, Bushwood 12:00 PM

Kids Shoot. Cash Shoot. Hot dogs, chili, and cold drinks. Support Friends of Youth. Greg Van Meter, 301-904-2258.

Monday, February 18

Presidents' Day

Refuge Recovery- Mindful Monday Meeting

21770 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Addiction recovery support group. Features meditation, readings, information and discussion. Free. Everyone welcome at Beacon of Hope! 240-298-0212. Email: akohut@pyramidwalden.com or stawney@pyramidwalden.com

Tuesday, February 19

Tax Preparation

Lexington Park Library, 21677 FDR Blvd.

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

LifeStyles of Maryland, Inc. will help file your 2018 federal and state income taxes at no cost. Available to qualified individuals with an annual income less than \$54,000. Call the Lexington Park Library, 301-863-8188 (press 3) to schedule an appointment.

Got Skills-Facilitators Choice

21770 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd Lexington Park

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Find creative ways to hone life skills and have fun in recovery! For more information call or text 240-298-0212.

Friends & Family SMART Recovery Support Group

21770 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd Lexington Park

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Free and open to the public for those who have a loved one struggling with mental health, addictive behavior, in treatment, or in early recovery. 240-298-0212

Wednesday, February 20

Diabetes Support Group

Garvey Senior Activity Center 12:30 - 1:30 PM

A peer facilitated Diabetes Support and Discussion Group has formed. If interested in joining the group, call 301 481 5850. Seating is limited.

Humanizing Histories: 7 Short Plays about Resistance

Bruce Davis Theater, Montgomery Hall, St. Mary's College

8:00 - 10:00 PM

A festival of 10-minute student-written performance pieces. Informal talkback with cast, crew, playwrights, and directors follows the performance.

\$4 for teachers, students, senior citizens, and Arts Alliance members; \$6, general admission. Reservations, email: boxoffice@smcm.edu or call 240-895-4243.

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Presentation by Jacobs Audiology

Jacobs Audiology will do a presentation at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. Dr. Pinno earned her Doctorate in Audiology from Towson University in May 2016 and is board certified in Audiology by the American Board of Audiology. Dr. Pinno's clinical interests include comprehensive audiological assessment as well as the fitting and programming of amplification devices. Previously known as Dr. Randi Cropper, Dr. Pinno was born and raised in St. Mary's County. She holds a very special place in her heart for the area and enjoys being able to give back to a place that gave her so much growing up. If you would like to sign up for the presentation please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Advance Directive Event

Make plans to come to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. and learn about Advance Directives, which are legal documents that let others, such as family and medical staff, know what your medical preferences are in the event you are unable to communicate for yourself, due to illness or medical emergency. There are two parts to an advance directive, a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care. Though Advance Directives are legal documents, a lawyer is not needed to complete one. Forms will be available at this event but you can also access them online at www.marvlandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/HealthPolicy/ advancedirectives.aspx

Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk before Friday, Feb. 15 to sign up.

Ceramics with Marti: St. Patrick's Day Theme

The Garvey Senior Activity Center is offering a NEW ceramics class on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. If you enjoy painting and creating personalized gifts or decorations for the home this is the class for you! Marti Cotterell will be teaching the class and offering instruction on painting techniques. The class will be creating St. Patrick's Day décor or flower pots. The cost of the class is \$10 for each item painted and includes the firing of the item. Payment is due at the time of sign up. For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext.71050.

Eating for Your Heart

Registered Dietician Donna Taggert will be at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Monday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. to discuss food choices that promote heart health. The class is free but space is limited. To sign up in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Nutrition Talk at Loffler

Donna Taggert, licensed dietician, will offer the presentation Eating for Your Heart on

Monday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This will be a good opportunity to get some questions answered about foods that are good for your heart. Additionally, Donna will offer private nutrition counseling at no cost on the same date. To sign up for the presentation, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the reception desk at Loffler. To make an appointment for nutrition counseling with Donna, text or call her at 240-538-6539

Lunch Bunch to Meet at Salsa's

Would you like to have lunch with a group of (age 50+) friends? On the last Tuesday of each month, Lunch Bunch meets at a different restaurant where individual checks are requested. February Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Salsa's located at 25470 Point Lookout Rd in Leonardtown on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 11:15 a.m. Call your BFF, then call Shellie at 301-475-4200, ext. 71655, to reserve your seats.

Benefits of Massage

Licensed massage therapist Gwynne Hill will give a free presentation on the benefits of massage on Friday, March 8, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This class will guide you on types of massage and their specific health benefits. Space is limited to sign up for this presentation in advance, please visit our sign up table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Diabetes Support Group

A peer facilitated Diabetes Support and Discussion Group for those with pre-diabetes, diabetes and those caring for others with diabetes has formed at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. It is open to all seniors age 50 or older. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Club Room. Lunch is available from 12-12:30 p.m. by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 and reserving by noon the day before the meeting. The monthly menu is available on-line at the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services website or can be picked up at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. If you are interested in joining the group please call 301-481-5850. Seating is limited so please RSVP.

★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY

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.

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.

Master Gardener Series: Love Your Houseplants

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Leonardtown Library will a Master Gardener class "Love Your Houseplants" on Tuesday, February 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. Master Gardeners will teach attendees how to plant and take care of succulents, African violets, and orchids, as well as perennial houseplants and container gardens. Attendees will create and take home their own small container garden.

Protect Yourself: Online Security and Privacy

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Protect Yourself: Online Security and Privacy on Tuesday, February 26 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Learn how to protect your data with strong passwords and two-factor authentication, avoid internet scams, and use freely available tools to limit what personal information is collected and shared while you browse the web. Registration recommended; walkins welcome as space allows.

Common Thread

Lexington Park Library will hold Common Thread on Tuesday, February 26 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Whether you have been stitching for years, or you just want to learn, join fellow crafters who love all things fabric and

fiber. Open to knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, cross-stitchers, and any other kind of needleworkers. Bring your current project, mingle with like-minded makers, and swap patterns, ideas, and tips. Basic supplies available, if needed. All skill levels welcome. No registration required.

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Mindful Storytime

Leonardtown Library will hold Mindful Storytime on Friday, March 1 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. Did you know that studies have shown that children practicing mindfulness may increase their ability to focus, pay attention, self-regulate, and achieve greater happiness at an early age? Join us for a storytime that incorporates yoga and mindfulness practices in fun ways. Designed for ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Registration required on www. stmalib.org. This is a Choose Civility: Southern Maryland event.

Blast Off! Exploring Propulsion

Lexington Park Library will hold Blast Off! Exploring Propulsion on Friday, March 1 from 3 - 4 p.m. How do rockets and jets blast off into the air? Learn about thrust and propulsion as we explore fun activities and experiments that really take off! Designed with ages 6-12 in mind. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.







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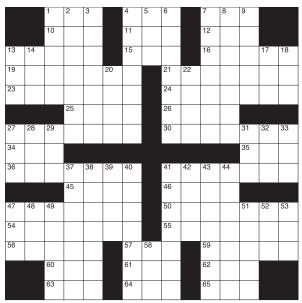
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- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. Ottoman military
- commander
- 12. A metal-bearing natural material
- 13. Lively ballroom
- dance
- 15. Male Gypsy
- 16. Once-popular card
- 19. Occurred just once
- 21. ___ Streisand, singer
- 23. Shiny yellow
- minerals
- 24. Get hitched again

- 25. See (Latin)
- 26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
- 27. Scourges
- 30. Sentence
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Type of dishwasher soap
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Newspapers need them
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Support
- 56. Wool

- 57. Take hold of
- 59. Likely the first Meso-American civilization
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. Automobile
- 62. Popular Georgia rockers
- 63. Soviet Socialist
- Republic 64. A major division of
- geological time 65. Make an effort

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Czech monetary unit 2. Able to arouse feeling
- 3. Elk
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Earlier
- 6. Lightweight fabric
- 7. One who greets
- 8. Soldiers sometimes wear one
- 9. Officially prohibit
- 13. US political party 14. Used of a
- number or amount
- not specified 17. Make a mistake
- 18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx
- 20. Ancient Media inhabitant
- 22. About aviation 27. Popular
- American sports league

- 28. Cologne
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. When you'll get there
- 32. Not pleased
- 33. One point east
- (clockwise) of due north
- 37. Respects
- 38. Shake up
- 39. Ethiopian river
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

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Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vi-

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

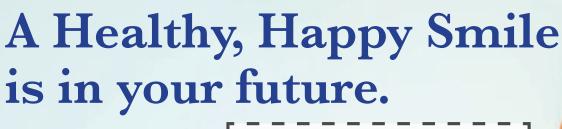
The fact that aligners are removeable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your desired outcome in a fraction

of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!



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