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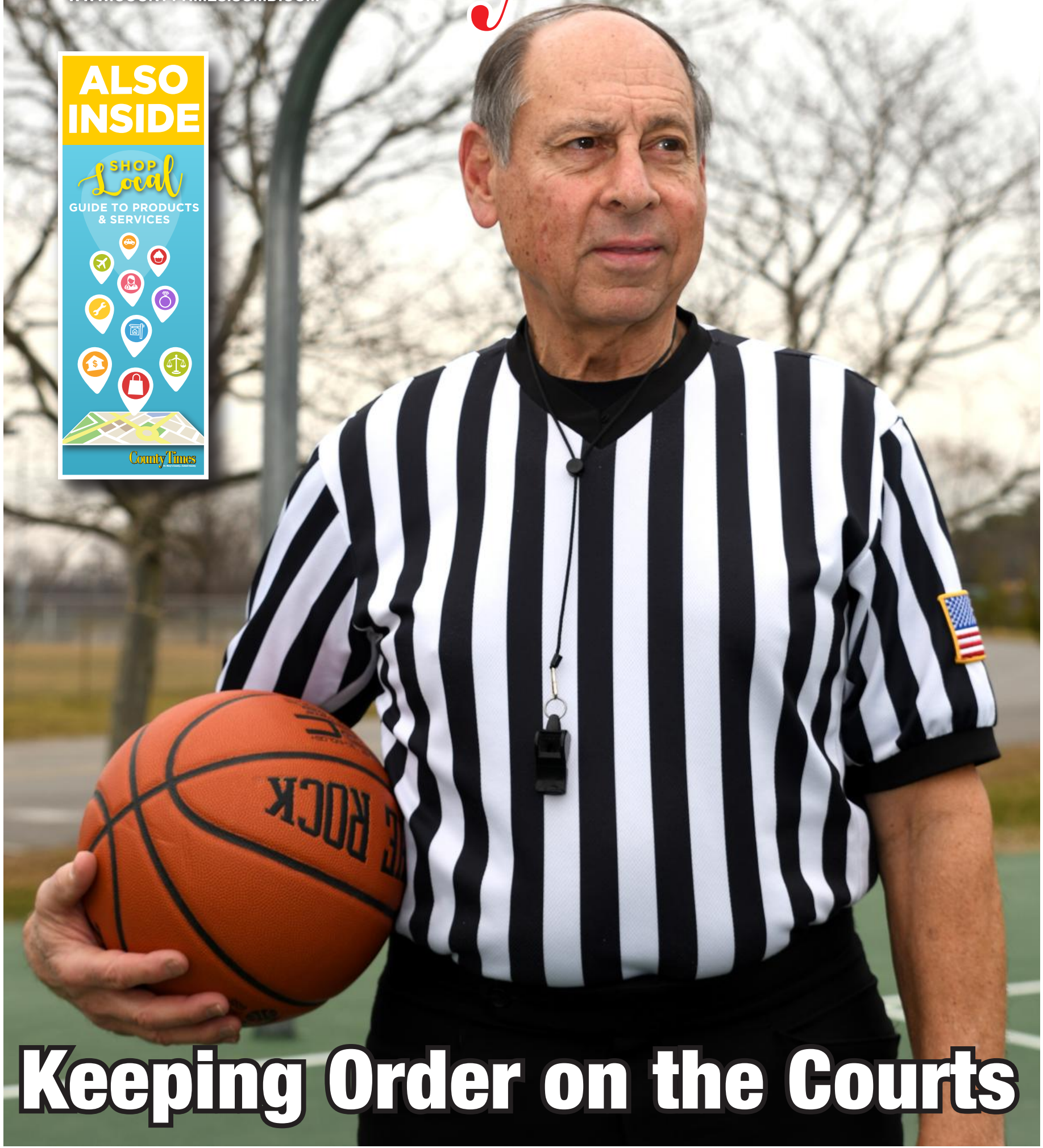
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County Faces Possible Suit Following High School Shooting



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County government has been notified that the parent of a student killed at Great Mills High School last year by a gunman who was also a classmate may pursue a suit against them.

"That's always a possibility until the statute of limitations runs out," said County Attorney David Weiskopf, who declined to give further comment because of the possibility of pending litigation.

The suit could be pursued by Melissa Willey, the mother of Jaelynn Willey, 16, who was murdered last year on March 20 just as classes were about to begin that day.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said he and other local elected leaders had been advised by attorneys from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) that they were not party to any pending suit.

"We may have been named but we've been told we're not part of it," Morgan told The County Times. "The issue, as far as we've been told, is between the Board of Education and the state.

"The Board of Education is under state statute; it's not a county issue."

Schools Superintendent Scott Smith and School Board Chair Karin Bailey could not be reached for comment as of press time.

The shooter, Austin Wyatt Rollins, 17, used a handgun legally owned by his parents to kill Willey; the same bullet he fired also wounded another student who was nearby, 14-year-old Desmond Barnes.

The school resource officer, Cpl. Blaine Gaskill, responded to the shooting in seconds and fired on Rollins at the same time Rollins used his own gun, which he had brought to school surreptitiously, to end his own life.

According to police reports at the time of the shooting Willey and Rollins had shared a relationship that had ended prior to the shooting.

Since the shooting Melissa Willey has advocated strongly for increasing school security at public forums before elected leaders.

The school system has continued to improve school safety, including installing ballistic laminate on school windows, upgrading internal surveillance and even establishing the use of hand held magnetometers to detect weapons entering schools.

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Commissioners Oppose \$15 Minimum Wage Hike



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to voice their opposition Tuesday in the state legislature that would raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

They also put their support behind a bill that would allow counties to establish minimum wage controls.

Their opposition to hiking the minimum wage by about 50 percent statewide was informed by an analysis from Chief Financial Officer Jeanett Cudmore which claimed the bill would cost

the county millions.

"It would cost us about \$16 million," Cudmore told The County Times. "That's based on all our employees including salaried and hourly."

Cudmore said if the bill passed, which it appears it will since it has passed favorably out of committee in the House of Delegates, it would necessitate wage increases for all employees, not just those who are receiving wages closer to \$10.10 an hour.

"All of the scales would go up to avoid compression of the skill levels," Cudmore said, noting that without doing so would put some employees at the same pay level as those with higher skill levels.

The \$16 million would be an annual increase the county would have to pay, she said.

"That would be a recurring cost," said Cudmore. "That would have to come from [tax] revenues or increased fees."

The county's annual operating budget is about \$220 million.

Richard Fleming, chief executive officer of the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, said the group also opposes the measure, even with the plan to phase in the wage increases over the next six

years.

Recent amendments to the bill would start the wage hikes in 2020 and bring them to the full \$15 minimum wage by 2025, Fleming said.

The bill also extends the changes from those who are 20 years old down to 18 years old, Fleming said.

"This could be a serious problem around the state," Fleming said if the bill passed the legislature. "A lot of businesses are concerned." The majority of the businesses who are members in the local chamber – about 60 percent – have 10 or fewer employees, Fleming said, meaning their costs would increase dramatically if they had to raise pay for all their workers.

These represented 250 member businesses in the local chamber, Fleming said.

"These are truly small businesses... and we know a lot of them are working on a margin," said Fleming. "This could have a devastating effect on the state overall."

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Commissioners Mull Turf Fields



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

With the copious amounts of rain the county's athletic fields have received in recent months many athletic events have had to be cancelled because the fields are unplayable, county officials have said.

But recreation and parks officials are working with an outside consultant to possibly convert certain fields to synthetic turf; they briefed the Commissioners of St. Marys' County Tuesday on the benefits of making the change.

Arthur Shepherd, recreation and parks director, said the synthetic turf fields are more durable and allow for greater time of use regardless of most weather conditions.

This in turn, he said, reduces the need for auxiliary natural turf fields to take over for main sites if they are rained out.

Jeff Clise, owner of Athletic Fields Consultants, Inc., located in Queenstown on the eastern shore, told commissioners that several of the natural

fields he recently inspected on county land were sodden with rain.

"You couldn't walk out there... your shoes were saturated," Clise told commissioners, while producing placards of county fields representing how they look now and what they would look like with synthetic turf replacement.

Clise estimated that replacement would cost between \$10 to \$12 per square foot; the fields in question such as John G. Lancaster Park and Chancellor's Run Park measured about 220 feet by 390 feet in size.

"Fields like this usually come with an eight-year warranty," Clise said. "And that depends on the climate, down farther south you get greater UV [light] exposure so they wear out faster.

"But these fields are designed to be played on every day."

The field replacements also include significant storm water management upgrades and are designed to help mitigate injuries to athletes by using shock absorbing material.

Clise said turf fields with two-and-a-half inches of synthetic fiber on top with several millimeters of infill underneath helped mitigate serious injuries including concussions.

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World War II Vet Celebrating 99 Years



Warren Wince

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

When Warren Wince, a Virginia native, came to Piney Point in 1940 to work on testing torpedoes for the U.S. Navy, there was just a fraction of the population there is now and there wasn't much need for weapons testing.

That would all change with the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in December of 1941.

"We weren't testing many torpedoes because the fleet didn't need them," Wince told The County Times just before his birthday on Feb. 27. "But boy did that change, we were testing 60 or 70 a day."

The torpedo testing facility in Piney Point was just one place the Navy would

take him in his six years of service; he also served on a resupply ship for patrol/torpedo boats that harried the Japanese with slashing attacks in the Pacific Theater.

"I was lucky I wasn't in actual combat," Wince, who turned 99 this week, said. "But we were there where it was happening."

Still it was dangerous duty.

He remembered one time in the South Pacific that he and his crew mates thought a ship in harbor had been torpedoed by the Japanese; they found out that the warm waters had heated the fuel in the tanks of the vessel and produced vapor that had no release as the vents had been closed.

The explosion was terrifying, he said.

"That was my most frightening time in the war," Wince said.

In October of 1945, Wince was discharged and eventually returned to Piney Point to make a home; like so many others, the Navy had helped him choose his place to raise a family.

"I had married a local girl, Mildred and got a job on [Patuxent River Naval Air Station]," Wince said. "When I got back they treated us well; they accepted us."

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Annual Event Puts Women's Health First



Rose Frederick gets a blood sugar test at the annual Women's Wellness event in Leonardtown.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than 20 years the Women's Wellness event, sponsored by MedStar St. Mary's Hospital and the St. Mary's County Chapter of the Delicados, has purposed to make women more aware of the health care resources available to them.

Dozens of women took advantage of health screenings and talks on topics from mental health to stroke avoidance Feb. 24 at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown.

"We've always had great attendance," said Lori Werrell, director of Population and Community Health at MedStar St. Mary's. "It's a very interactive partnership."

Women who attended could get free cholesterol, skin cancer, blood sugar and blood pressure screenings, Werrell said.

The event also fostered a sense of camaraderie in those who continued to attend.

"A lot of these ladies come year after year," Werrell told The County Times. "They've learned something new each year and they get their screenings."

The screenings available for women at the event are to help prevent or manage some of the most common ailments for all St. Mary's County residents both male and female, Werrell said.

"Obesity is an issue," said Werrell. "About 10 percent of the county are diabetic."

The Delicados are a women's social organization that promotes community projects to benefit women each year.

Carmalita Shade, president of the local Delicados chapter, said this year's event was the 27th the organization had hosted.

"They wanted to spark awareness of women's health in the community," Shade said of the original organizers of the event, "It's become a tradition."

"The screenings have gotten better and we're getting more screenings done."

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Maryland Department of Human Services to Issue SNAP Benefits on March 6

The Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) announced it will provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on March 6 to all recipients in Maryland, including those who may have been impacted by the partial federal government shutdown.

SNAP benefits (known as the Food Supplement Program, or FSP, in Maryland) are typically issued on a staggered schedule between the 1st and the 24th of each month. This year, all March SNAP/FSP benefits are being issued on the same date to reduce the length of time between recipients' February and March SNAP/FSP benefits. This streamlined schedule ensures that low-income individuals and families will not experience an extended period where they are unable to access their Food Supplement Program benefits.

"Our goal is to provide some certainty and relief to vulnerable Marylanders during this unpredictable time," said DHS Secretary Lourdes Padilla. "Changing the distribution date to March 6 and issuing all the SNAP/FSP benefits on the same day reduces the time recipients must wait for funds to

purchase food in Maryland."

On average, there are more than 650,000 Marylanders receiving approximately \$75 million in FSP assistance each month. During the partial federal government shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the federal agency that funds SNAP/FSP program, directed states to issue February benefits earlier than usual. As a result, Maryland SNAP/FSP recipients obtained their February FSP benefits on or before January 20, 2019.

The Maryland Department of Human Services has taken a number of steps to ensure its clients are notified and prepared for the change in March service delivery. The Department has mailed more than 300,000 letters to SNAP/FSP households, launched a webpage with specific information and resources about SNAP/FSP benefits, compiled a list of community food resources by city/county, posted a series of Frequently Asked Questions, and continues to post important information on their Facebook and Twitter platforms regarding the support and resources they're making available to residents across Maryland.

Sheriff's Office Welcomes New Deputies



Sheriff Tim Cameron and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office welcome 12 new deputies to the ranks of law enforcement in the agency.

The group took the oath of office and graduated from the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy Police Entrance Level Training Program 46 on Friday.

With the addition of the new deputies, Sheriff Cameron told their family members on Friday, "I can't help but smile." In completing the Police Entrance Level

Training Program, "what they did is not easy. The Academy is difficult," the Sheriff said.

The 12 new deputies are assigned to the Patrol Division and will now go through two more months of training with Field Training Officers.

The new deputies are: Latisha Baker, Joseph Bowling, Andrew Burgess, Austin Edelen, James Fretwell, Michael Graves, Tyler Kilgore, Benjamin Luffey, Michael Rycyzyn, Max Schell, Travis Wimberly and Alexander Wynnyk.

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HOPE House Reveals Addiction Warning Signs



Charles County Sheriff's Lt. Ashley Burroughs demonstrates how a simple belt can be used as a tourniquet for injecting opioids.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

When employees at KBR Wyle in Lexington Park walked into the trailer parked in front of their building Feb. 22 they were walking into the world of an opioid addict.

The interior of the HOPE House (Heroin Overdose Prevention Education) looked like the room of an average teenager; but it had drug paraphernalia hidden all throughout as a teaching tool to parents and family members that the

signs of a loved one's addiction were often all around them.

They often just refused to see it.

"Don't ever say 'Not my kid,'" said Lt. Ashley Burroughs with the Charles County Sheriff's Office, who brought HOPE House down to St. Mary's. "There were 38 families who said that in Charles County last year."

Those families all lost a loved one to an opioid overdose, he said.

Burroughs showed how addicts hide their drugs from toilet paper tubes to

soft drink bottles with false bottoms.

Utensil drawers full of forks and knives but only one or two spoons was another giveaway, Burroughs said, since addicts often used spoons to cook and then inject the opioids into their systems, simple tin foil with dark burn spots on it was another sign they were cooking opioids.

Parents often overlooked the end caps of syringes – a long orange plastic one for the needle and a short, white compact one for the plunger – among their loved one's possessions.

If they did not need syringes for a medical condition such as diabetes, Burroughs said, there was no reason for them to have sharps on hand.

It was another sign they were suffering from addiction, he said.

In a later interview, Burroughs said his agency often worked closely with St. Mary's in battling the opioid epidemic.

"Our problem is their problem and their problem is our problem," Burroughs said. "We've started to experience a rash of overdoses."

Opioids such as fentanyl and carfentanyl, many times more potent than heroin, only made the crisis worse.

Police investigating these deaths continually found one problem connected to nearly all of them.

"They told us they had no idea their family member was using drugs," Burroughs said. "We knew the signs of addiction but the people who needed the information the most were family members."

That's how the HOPE House came to be.

The agency went to charities and businesses in Charles County to help fund the project.

"They are very giving," Burroughs said. "We put everything together and came up with this."

Law enforcement's main concern in the opioid crisis is interdiction of the narcotics and arrests of dealers and suppliers but the problem requires more than one approach to solve it, Burroughs said.

But arming family members with the knowledge to spot addiction in loved ones can help law enforcement stem the tide of the opioid crisis, Burroughs said.

"We're not going to handcuff our way out of this," he said. "The faster the intervention and interdiction the better chance of recovery there is for an addict."

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In the meantime, Walden's outpatient treatment and recovery support services continue to deliver a number of options for community-based behavioral healthcare. Outpatient sites in Lexington Park, Charlotte Hall and Waldorf provide substance use disorder outpatient and intensive outpatient options along with mental health and medication assisted treatment for clients of our substance use programs. The Beacon of Hope Recovery Community Center and The Cove/DFZ adolescent clubhouse both continue to deliver a range of individual and group services related to supporting the process of healthy change.

In all, over 500 adolescents and adults have been served, on average, monthly since October 2018. "Walden remains committed to our collaborative partners and community projects," says Laura Webb, Associate Executive Director. Walden's staff maintains robust participation in community projects for the most vulnerable of populations, including those impacted by homelessness, poverty, justice-involvement, and the active addiction of family members or loss of a loved one to overdose. Walden Sierra, a 501c3, continues to operate the 24-hour crisis hotline, 301-863-6661, for community members with any type of crisis.

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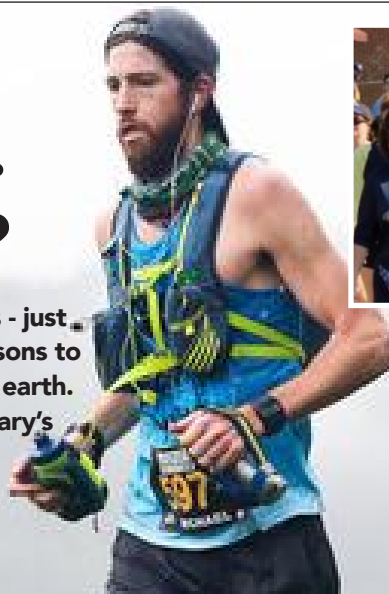
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Pedestrian Killed in Mechanicsville

On February 25, 2019, at approximately 9:45 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 27200 block of Three

Notch Road in Mechanicsville for the reported check the welfare of a pedestrian in the roadway. Deputies arrived on scene and located the pedestrian lying

in the roadway, suffering from injuries. Lifesaving measures were performed however the pedestrian succumbed to his injuries on scene. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined the pedestrian, Louis Steven Fenwick, age 41 of Leonardtown was walking on the northbound side of Three Notch Road in the area of New Market Turner Road, near the Korner Karryout, wearing dark clothing. Fenwick was struck

by a Lexus ES350 operated by Denise Gimoi Wong, age 51 of Waldorf. At this time the pedestrian being illegally in the roadway appears to be a contributing factor. At this time alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor in the collision.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or events leading to the collision is asked to contact Corporal Brian Connelly at (301) 475-4200 extension *8031 or by email at Brian.Connelly@stmarysmd.com.

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF LATABEN AKA LEELABEN KANUNHAI PATEL FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO LATABEN KANUBHAI PATEL

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-000096
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from Lataben AKA Leelaben Kanubhai Patel to Lataben Kanubhai Patel. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Legal name change required by Republic of India for passport renewal.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 23rd day of March, 2019. The objection must be supported by an affidavit and served upon the Petitioner in accordance with Maryland Rule 1-321. Failure to file an objection or affidavit within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought.

Debra J. Burch,
Acting Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

February 28, 2019

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF JORDYN ASHLEE WILHOIT FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO JORDYN ASHLEE SUPERIOR

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-97
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from Jordyn Ashlee Wilhoit to Jordyn Ashlee Superior. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I wish to join the United States Air Force, and would like to switch my last name to my mother's maiden name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 24th day of March, 2019. The objection must be supported by an affidavit and served upon the Petitioner in accordance with Maryland Rule 1-321. Failure to file an objection or affidavit within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought.

Debra J. Burch,
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IN THE MATTER OF DECLAN TED JAMES SEISS FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO DECLAN JAMES SEISS BY AND THROUGH HIS/HER MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN JAMIE WEAVER SEISS

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-000121
Notice (Minor) (DOM REL 65)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change the name of a minor child from Declan Ted James Seiss to Declan James Seiss. The petitioner is seeking this name change for the child for the following reasons: On forms the name Declan Ted James Seiss does not fit. Also most places won't put both names on the form. To make life easier for Declan now and in the future we would like to shorten his name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 31st day of March, 2019. The objection must be supported by an affidavit and served upon the Petitioner in accordance with Maryland Rule 1-321. Failure to file an objection or affidavit within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought.

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Blotter

Husband and Wife Arrested for Robbery in Lexington Park

On February 20, 2019, at approximately 11:40 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21800 block of North Shangri La Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported robbery. Investigation determined the female victim exited a business and was confronted by a female, later identified as **Samantha Ann Somerville**, age 30 with no fixed



time she and a male, later identified as **Wayne Darnell Somerville Jr.**, age 31 with no fixed address, fled the area on foot.

A citizen in the area observed the commotion, and pursued the suspects to an area business. Corporals Vincent Pontorno and Timothy Snyder arrived on scene and conducted a check of the business, locating Samantha and Wayne Somerville in the restroom. A check of the restroom revealed clothing discarded in the trash consistent with both the victim and witness' description of what the suspect was wearing during the robbery, as well as the victim's wallet hidden in the back of the toilet. The victim's credit card was located in Wayne Somerville's jacket, and Mace was located in Samantha Somerville's backpack and Wayne Somerville was also found to have a can of Mace. Both suspects were arrested and charged with the following:

- Armed Robbery
- Robbery
- Assault Second Degree
- Theft
- Malicious Destruction of Property

Samantha and Wayne Somerville are currently incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no bond status.

address. Somerville asked the victim a question, and then attempted to take the victim's purse. The victim did not relinquish the purse, at which time Somerville sprayed the victim in the face with Mace. Somerville then gained control of the victim's purse, at which

On View Arrests

Resisting Arrest/Theft- On February 17, 2019, Dep. Edwards responded to the Walmart store located on Miramar Way in California, for the reported customer causing a disturbance. Upon arrival it was determined



Breanna Michelle Randall, age 29 of Great Mills, was observed removing items from their packaging and then placing the items into her backpack. Randall was then observed in the electronics section taking a cellphone out of a sealed package, after being told by employ-

ees not to remove the phone from the package. Employees took the phone from Randall, at which time she began causing a disturbance in the store. Randall proceeded to the checkout area, grabbed a beverage from the cooler, and then proceeded past all points of sale, without purchasing the beverage or items in her backpack. Randall then proceeded outside where she began causing a scene and yelling at customers. When Dep. Edwards made contact with Randall she continued her disruptive behavior and refused to cease her actions when ordered to do so by Dep. Edwards. Randall was placed under arrest; once in the patrol vehicle Randall began kicking the vehicle. Discovered in Randall's backpack were several cosmetic items and fake nails which had not been purchased. Randall was charged with Resisting Arrest, Theft, Disorderly Conduct, and Malicious Destruction of Property. CASE# 10085-19

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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

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 vitality.

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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Relay for Life



The St. Mary's College Relay for Life team kicked off their fundraising season with 16 teams registered over the weekend, totaling 128 registered participants

in the upcoming relay in June.

So far they have raised \$12,131.04 in the fight against cancer this year.

Leadership Class Experiences Public Safety



Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2019 on Feb. 7 participated in the sixth of nine educational sessions – Public Safety. The day began with an introduction by St. Mary's County Emergency Management Manager Gerald Gardiner Jr. LSM'15 at the St. Mary's County Emergency Communications Center. He proceeded to set the tone for the day with a team exercise followed by an overview of public safety in the region. Next, the class received a brief from Chris Strong, meteorologist from the National Weather Service (NWS), on how NWS shares information to help the counties prepare for weather events. Class members rounded out the morning with a presentation and tour of the St. Mary's County Detention Center.

The afternoon portion of the day included a question and answer session with Sheriff Mike Evans, Sheriff Troy Berry, and Sheriff Tim Cameron hosted at the Paul Hall Center. The class spent the remainder of the day at the Sacco Firefighting School where they had the opportunity to interact with volunteers from the Fire/EMS departments, get up close and personal with emergency vehicles including the Trooper 7 helicopter, and watch demonstrations by local K9 and SWAT units. The class held a

post-session debrief at Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown to discuss the day's events.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender.

Leadership Southern Maryland is now accepting applications for the Class of 2020 Executive Program. Interested emerging and senior leaders should visit www.leadershipsomd.org to learn more about the program and apply by April 1, 2019.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service (EIN#26-2989381). Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent permitted by law.

For more information, please contact the Denise Foster, Executive Director Leadership Southern Maryland, 301-862-7663 via email denise@leadershipsomd.org or visit www.leadershipsomd.org.

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Regional Library Joins Library of Congress Program



The three regional library employees who are now certified NACO participants are (left to right): Marie Ward, Cataloging Technician; Susan Grant, Technical Services Manager; and Sharon Reidt, Catalog Librarian.

The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association is one of five libraries in Maryland which are Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO) member libraries. It is also the first public li-

brary in Maryland to join the program, which is associated with the Library of Congress.

NACO is a program for cooperative cataloging where specially-trained cata-

log librarians edit and create authority records for libraries all over the world.

“Authority records are standardized headings that are then linked to regular catalog records for books and other materials,” explained Susan Grant, Technical Services Manager at the regional library and one of three of the organization’s staff members who completed the recent training.

Certification for NACO participation included 23.5 hours of training and was completed in January 2019. The regional library is now authorized to contribute authority records for personal, corporate, and conference names, as well as place names, and titles. A reviewer from within the Library of Congress will look over all records that the team creates and provide ongoing feedback as the team gains experience.

Authority records are developed to keep catalog records consistent for searching purposes. According to Grant, one way authority records help searchers is by distinguishing between different things (such as people with the same name) or different subjects that use the same term (i.e. Winston Churchill is the name of both a 19th century American novelist and a 20th century British prime minister).

Authority records are also used to clarify like things. For example, Fyodor Dostoyevsky is a Russian author whose name can be, and has been, transliterated from the Russian Cyrillic alphabet many different ways (over 70 different ways in the authority record for his name alone). Having one standardized form of his name helps keep books by and about him linked together in the catalog and makes searching easier.

“Better authority control in the local catalog means better customer service overall,” said Grant, who explained that she and her colleagues will focus on creating Maryland-specific authority records.

“Being NACO members and contributors means we are doing something positive locally and also for the larger library community,” she said.

For more information about NACO membership, visit the Library of Congress website – www.loc.gov. For more information about the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, go to smrla.org.

Press Release from Southern Maryland Regional Library Association

State Leaders Attend Chamber Event



From left: Tom Dennison, Chair, Government Affairs Committee; Senator Jack Bailey; Delegate Matt Morgan, Dr. Tracy Harris, Chair, Chamber Board of Directors, Delegate Mark Fisher all attended the St. Mary’s County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast Monday at Olde Breton Inn.

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Sotterley Hosts 'Luck of the Irish' Market

Put on your "Green" and come to the last Indoor Farmer's Market of the season! We will have some new additions this time and shoppers will be able to purchase fresh & local food in the comfort and convenience of the St. Mary's Airport Terminal Building. The Market will be held on Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We've started a new trend here in St. Mary's County - it's a FLY-IN Farmer's Market, where you really don't need to fly in to attend, but you can!

St. Mary's own Mark Smith "The Celtic Troubadour" will be playing Celtic tunes during lunchtime and other tunes on his guitar/bagpipes to get you in the mood. There are even rumors that a Leprechaun will make an appearance and pull a number out of his "pot

of gold" for one lucky winner of the Historic Sotterley raffle!

This unique Farmer's Market is the first of its kind in the United States and embraces the rural characteristics of Southern Maryland while highlighting

the role that our region has played in developing our nation's air and space technologies. Bring the kids to see the "Giant Leprechaun" and hear authentic Celtic music starting at 11:00 a.m.

The "Luck of the Irish" Indoor Farmer's Market will include the following vendors:

1. Battle Creek Beef - Full assortment of local all "natural" beef and pork products.
2. Olga's Cakes - Home baked cakes and cupcakes

made by "Olga" the Cake Creator!

3. R&H Farms - Pork products from free range heritage pigs. USDA gourmet pork.
4. Just Loafin' - Freshly baked French and sourdough breads.
5. Swamp Fox - Family owned small farm selling pastured raised chicken, duck, and duck eggs.
6. Tobacco Barn Distillery - Local farm/distillery producing "Grain to Glass" Bourbon & Whiskeys.
7. Blue Wind Gourmet - Local chocolate from a gourmet chocolatier.
8. Free State Cidery - Hard Apple Cider from the highest quality apples harvested in Maryland.
9. Goose Creek Farm - Farm raised Shiitake mushrooms. Fresh and dried.
10. Rosemary Ranch farm - Local honey, eggs and gourmet microgreens.
11. Crabby Corn - Hand popped kettle corn.

Press Release from Sotterley Plantation

Volunteers Sought for African American Schoolhouse



Are you looking for a unique volunteer opportunity? The St. Mary's County Museum Division and the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions are seeking individuals from the public to volunteer during any of the open houses held at the Drayden African American Schoolhouse in Drayden, MD.

Volunteers would assist visitors in accessing and touring the historic site, as well as answering any questions they might have during their visit. The open houses are on the first Saturday of the month and other select days, April through October.

The Drayden African American Schoolhouse is one of the nation's best-preserved one-room African American schoolhouses, and its story represents a significant part of St. Mary's County's history. The schoolhouse was closed for several years, but with the completion of extensive building renovations in the spring of 2018, the public is now able to access the site during the open houses. The St. Mary's County Museum Division also offers special programs for school, bus and other tour groups who would like to visit the site. Visitors who would like to see the schoolhouse times outside open house hours can contact Piney Point to arrange a visit.

If you would like to sign up to be a volunteer, please contact Karen Stone, Museum Division Manager, at karen.stone@stmarysmd.com or 301-769-3235.

For more information, programs, admission prices and more, visit the Drayden African American Schoolhouse Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Drayden-School or call 301-994-1471.

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Calling the Shots on the Basketball Court



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gene Pellillo can remember when he and two other referees were officiating a college basketball game in which there were just seconds left on the clock. When one of the teams attempted their last shot at the basket, they claimed a foul kept them from winning the game.

The referees called the game to a close.

"We headed towards the locker room and all the students ran out onto the court," Pellillo told *The County Times*. "We got to the locker room and it was supposed to be locked; it wasn't."

Life as a basketball referee can be just as intense for them as it is for the athletes on the court, Pellillo, 74, said.

Later that night he had to restrain a fan who had attended the game from punching another official in the parking lot, he said.

"We were told they were an aggressive school," Pellillo said.

Pellillo, a Great Mills resident, refereed college level basketball from 1985 to 2011, officiating games throughout

the region and the country with the Capitol Athletic Conference. He also refereed for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

He's seen court drama from players and coaches and seen great athletes at work.

Growing up in Fairmont, West Virginia, he earned a degree in physical education and eventually took a job as a gym teacher at Leonardtown Middle School; this was in 1966.

"I'd never heard of St. Mary's County," Pellillo said. "But they were all very friendly, they just welcomed me."

He quickly got involved in local community sports that were the social glue of the county; in his off time he would open up the gym at the middle school and let neighborhood children come in and play.

He soon got the attention of Al Barthelme, who was then the head of the county's recreation and parks department; he wanted Pellillo to start officiating basketball games for small children.

"I started doing that for \$5 a game,"



Pellillo at a game officiating

Pellillo said. "Teacher pay back then was just \$8,000 a year."

He also became a member of what would eventually be called the Tri-County Sports Officials Association, which refereed all kinds of sports in the region from football, softball and volleyball to basketball.

He would also come to be a member of the Maryland Basketball Officials Association.

"Almost every bar had a softball field," Pellillo said. "It was big in those days."

Sports and officiating games became such a passion for him that he continued to do it even when he joined the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in 1972 where he also saw plenty of action; he was involved in the investigation into a gruesome triple homicide and even traded gunfire with a kidnapper on Three Notch Road in one case, he said.

He rose to the rank of lieutenant and even took over as acting sheriff for a time when the position became vacant.

"I'd always wanted to be a police officer," Pellillo said.

By 1984 Pellillo went to an officials' camp held by J. Dallas Shirley, an NCAA and Olympic qualified referee who recruited referees every year to oversee college games.

Pellillo didn't quite make the cut the first time out but he made it the next year.

"He'd record you and see what you were doing out on the court," Pellillo said. "He'd tell you 'You've got to move to get a better view of the gameplay,'"

"He taught you how to handle coaches and players."

The life of a basketball official is an exacting one; they have to constantly learn their craft, be aware of the rules of the game and be able to stay in shape to keep up with some of the best, fastest and strongest athletes in the country.

"It's to teach you to handle yourself on the court," Pellillo said of his training. "You show no favoritism."

Pellillo has officiated NCAA championship games in Division III and regular games in Division II and has even seen county level talent, such as Jim Paxson, who used to play at Leonard Hall in Leonardtown, move on to the big leagues.

"I could tell he had the best fundamentals at between 12 and 13 years old that I'd ever seen," Pellillo said. "He went on to play for the NBA."

When Pellillo took to the court to officiate a college game, he always had to be at the top of his game, even after often traveling hours just to get to an arena.

Referees have to maintain a high level of awareness, professionalism and even athleticism to execute their duties in high stakes games, he said.

"You've got to use your training and you've got to use your experience," Pellillo said. "You've got to get your adrenaline running; no mistakes, you want to be on top of every play."

"You don't walk along the court, you run."

Still, nobody's perfect. Even with all their training and experience, referees make mistakes.

"Sometimes you have to admit you missed a call," Pellillo said. "I've never seen any referee make it 100 percent."

Innovations such as instant replay of a game in a recording are helpful at times, he said, but it also can hamper a game.

"It takes the flow out of the game," Pellillo said. "When it's going good, you don't want to stop it."

Criticism comes from coaches, players and fans but most people really don't know what a foul is on the court and what is not.

"Most people don't know unless you're an official," Pellillo said. "On a travel call, you have to know where the pivot foot is."

"When you've got a player using a wall defense around the net and another player comes into contact with him when the defense player has his arms raised some people call that a charge, it's not [in college games.]"

Pellillo has been retired for about eight years now but he doesn't look his age and still fits into his official's jersey easily; he misses his time on the court.

"I enjoyed officiating, I couldn't wait to get out onto the court," Pellillo said. "It's like another lifestyle out there on the court."

"I miss the game, the camaraderie between the officials."

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Blue Crabs Announce Pitcher Signing



The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs have announced the return of right handed pitcher Craig Stem for the 2019 season, his fourth in a Blue Crabs uniform.

Stem is among a handful of returners from the 2018 Blue Crabs pitching staff.

When it comes to pitchers, Stem is about as versatile as they come. Over the course of the 2018 season, Stem did everything from serving as the closer, a long reliever, the set-up man, and eventually evolved into a staple in the starting rotation.

The 6-5 fire baller excelled in his new role, so much so that he stayed in the rotation for a total of 12 starts, the most in his seven year professional career. This new role led Stem to pitching nearly 40 innings more than he had in single season prior to 2018. Despite the new situation he hurled his way to a 7-8 record along with a 3.70 ERA, a best in his Atlantic League career.

The Tennessee native began his professional career when he was drafted in the 15th round of the 2011 MLB June Amateur Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. He stayed in the Dodgers organization for four seasons, and was traded to the Miami Marlins in 2015. He made it as high as the Marlins AAA affiliate before his emergence in the Atlantic League with the New Britain Bees under manager Stan Cliburn, the current Blue Crabs manager.

"This will be my fourth season as a Blue Crab, I obviously love it in Waldorf since I keep coming back." said Stem. "Specifically this year I'm looking forward to playing under Stan Cliburn

again. I can come into this season knowing that we are going to not only have a lot of fun and have a great atmosphere in the clubhouse, but he's going to bring in a lot of talent and we are going to show up to the stadium every day expecting to win."

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.com> for more information.

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Dexter McClendon caught 14 catfish in Breton Bay last Sunday off the shore behind Ryken High School.

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

The catfishing in the Potomac is excellent with big cats eager to hit cut alewife most anytime anywhere. Dexter McClendon landed 14 catfish from six to fifteen pounds in Breton Bay last Sunday. He fished from 8AM to around noon and was busy the entire time with the fish biting continuously. The channel cats are great fighters and great eating.

Other fishermen have been catching catfish in the Morgantown area within sight of the Potomac River bridge. There are plenty of fish and they are big with 30 pound fish not uncommon.

There have been some big largemouth bass caught in local farm ponds. Remember, the season doesn't come in until June.

Yellow perch should start their run at Wayson's Corner and Allen's Fresh when we get a couple of warm days in a row.

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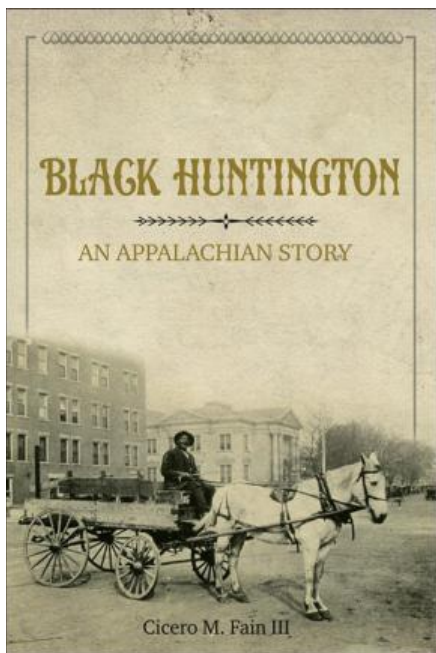


Daniel Hickey, right demonstrates his electronic horse feeding system to Superintendent Scott Smith, second from left.



Ryan Lowe and Ryan Williams demonstrate remote control of a robotic arm at the county school system's Science and Engineering Fair Awards Reception Feb. 25 at Great Mills High School.

CSM History Professor Pens His First Book



CSM History Professor Cicero Fain III tells the story of the African-American experience in the West Virginia city of Huntington from the post-Civil War era through the early part of the 20th Century.

A new African-American history book by a College of Southern Maryland (CSM) professor will be released by the University of Illinois Press this spring. "Black Huntington: An Appalachian Story" is the first book by CSM Professor of History Dr. Cicero Fain III. In the book, Fain tells the story of the African-American experience in the West Virginia city of Huntington from the post-Civil War era through the early part of the 20th Century.

Huntington is particularly interesting, Fain said, because it is located on the Ohio River at the point where West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky meet — just over the line from a slave state and just



CSM Professor of History Dr. Cicero Fain III

far enough away from communities that were far more restrictive to their African-American residents.

"It gave them a unique circumstance," Fain said of the Huntington residents. "And black people in Huntington used the autonomy they had to move forward."

Fain described that growth as "emblematic" of the American story. "You start with nothing, and then you build," he explained.

On a more personal note, Fain already knew quite a bit about Huntington because he was the third generation of his family to live and work there.

"I remember sitting on the front porch and hearing people talking about Huntington," Fain said recently from his office at CSM. "It laid a seed of latent interest. It gave me an appreciation of the contribution of African-Americans to that community."

He followed up on that interest in graduate school where he began pulling together additional information as he worked on

his master's and then his doctorate degree from The Ohio State University, making Huntington's African-American history the focus of both.

During his close to eight years of research and writing about the city, Fain culled stories and information from personal interviews, court and church documents, school yearbooks, newspaper archives, personal diaries and family histories that related to the city. His book uses that research to tell the story of how Huntington's booming economy and relatively tolerant racial climate attracted African-Americans from across Appalachia and the South. "Black Huntington: An Appalachian Story" describes how their relative prosperity gave these migrants political clout and allowed them to confront institutionalized and industrial racism on the one hand and the white embrace of Jim Crow on the other.

"I think it's a story worthy of being told," Fain said.

As Fain was writing his book and conducting research, he said he was struck by two things. The first was the "serendipity" of that research, how the connections between people and events were found in even unexpected places — how often he'd meet someone at a social function who just happened to have key information that related to his research. The second was "the richness of the stories," he said, describing the compelling memories people shared with him over the years. Fain's research was timely in that it captured those critical first-person accounts while they were still available.

"I couldn't do it now," Fain said of his book's first-account stories. "People have passed on."

Early reviews of the book praise Fain's contribution to regional African-American history. "Fain's account of this group

of blacks' migration and their efforts to build community and combat the ravages of racism and Jim Crowism is exceptional and matchless," said Dr. William H. Turner, a pioneer in the study of the important role of African-Americans in Appalachia who, among other positions, worked as a research associate to "Roots" author Alex Haley.

"This book not only broadens our understanding of the process of modernization in Appalachia by bringing black Appalachians onto the historical stage, it also casts light on the experience of development in Appalachia's urban places and demonstrates how an essentially rural people shaped their own meaningful communities in a new environment of both opportunity and repression," said Ronald D. Eller, author of "Uneven Ground: Appalachia since 1945," in his review of Fain's book.

Fain has been on the faculty at CSM since 2011. Previous to that position, he worked as a visiting assistant professor at Niagara University in Niagara, New York; assistant professor at Ohio University, Southern Campus, Ironton, Ohio, and assistant professor at Marshall University in Huntington, where he was the recipient of the Carter G. Woodson Fellowship.

Fain just completed a semester-long sabbatical, which allowed him to research Charles Ringo, a Buffalo Soldier with a larger-than-life story who had a passing connection to Huntington. Fain plans to tell Ringo's story in his next book.

To learn more about Fain's book, "Black Huntington: An Appalachian Story," visit www.press.uillinois.edu/books/catalog/89rgn5gn9780252042591.html.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Sears named NAVAIR Mentor of the Year for NAWCAD Patuxent River



Former astronaut Leland Melvin (left), with Michael Sears, the Patuxent River, Md. winner of NAVAIR's Mentor of the Year award. Sears was recognized at the annual Mentoring Month event on January 31, 2019.

Described as a visionary and leader who is highly resourceful and flexible, Michael Sears, Director of International Programs (AIR-1.4), was recently recognized for his generosity as he was named Naval Air Systems Command's (NAVAIR) Mentor of the Year for Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Patuxent River at the National Mentoring Month event on January 31, 2019 at the River's Edge Catering and Conference Center, Patuxent River, Md.

In keeping with the Secretary of the Navy's guidance, NAVAIR recognizes that our military and civilian workforce is the Navy's greatest resource. NAVAIR's mentoring program was established in 2007 to invest in that resource, our future leaders. "Participation in a mentor-mentee relationship is a voluntary investment of time and resources for both parties, and so when a mentor exceeds expectations, we thank you for your investment in both your own future and our organization" said Mr. Gary Kurtz, Assistant Commander for Acquisition, (AIR-1.0). Michael Sears consistently goes above and beyond by investing his time in his mentees.

The NAVAIR mentoring program provides em-

ployees senior-level guidance on career paths and a framework to learn from others' experiences, and is available to the entire workforce from entry-level employees to mid-career professionals. Mentors can help mentees develop their goals and objectives by sharing their experiences, offering job shadowing, or helping them participate in developmental assignments. The program offers other experiences and resources such as speed mentoring, group mentoring, panel discussions, and an internet-based iMentor tool.

The NAVAIR Mentor of the Year Award was created to recognize a member of the NAVAIR workforce at each site who best exemplifies the ideal qualities and character of a mentor, an individual who has established a record of consistent outreach to others within the NAVAIR workforce. A good mentor not only provides career planning guidance, but also opportunities for increased organizational awareness, advice and opportunities for professional development, and participates in mentoring activities outside of those with their formal mentees.

"Throughout his over 28-year-career in the International Programs community, Sears has exemplified

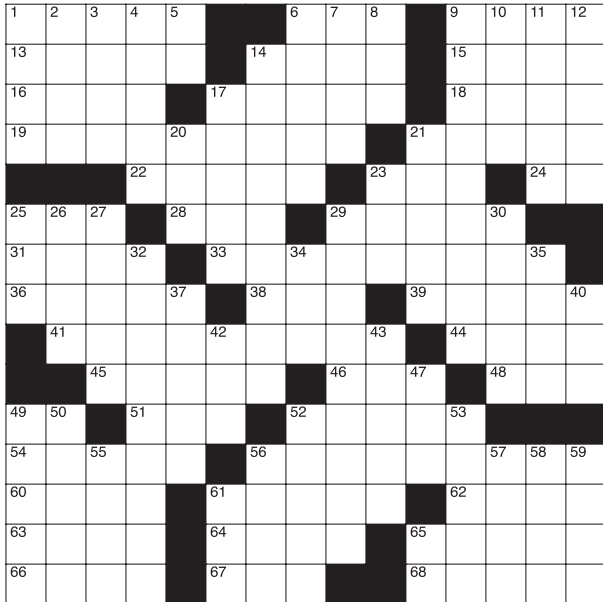
what it means to be a dedicated mentor by devoting his time and using his organizational knowledge and leadership expertise to develop the careers of others," said Mr. Gary Kurtz, Assistant Commander for Acquisition, (AIR-1.0). "He is truly deserving of this award and I thank him for fostering a culture of knowledge-sharing here at NAWCAD Patuxent River."

Sears, a native of Enfield, Connecticut, and former Marine, currently oversees a workforce of over 700 Government and Contractor support worldwide with a portfolio of International programs exceeding \$60 Billion dollars as of January 2019.

For Sears, it's really about building future leaders. Because throughout his career mentors "invested their knowledge and experience" in him, and because his own leadership and organization places such a high value on mentorship, he's now able to do the same for his mentees.

"I enjoy sharing my time and contributing to the growth and development of future leaders," he said. "I'm eager to share the knowledge and experience I have, and help future leaders on their paths to success within the organization" said Sears.

Fun & GAMES



- when they eat
- Abdominal pain suffered by babies
 - Monetary unit
 - Tendency to suffer from a particular condition
 - Genus of flowering plants
 - It comes up some days
 - Koran chapters
 - In support of
 - One who crunches numbers
 - A type of school
 - Pops
 - Tears
 - Not influenced by drugs
 - Forms a boundary
 - Touch quickly and gently
 - Stray
 - A period between solar and lunar eclipses
 - Third-party access
 - A very large body of water
 - Infections
 - It might be due to nerves
 - Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
 - Belittle
 - Type of sword
 - Makes very wet
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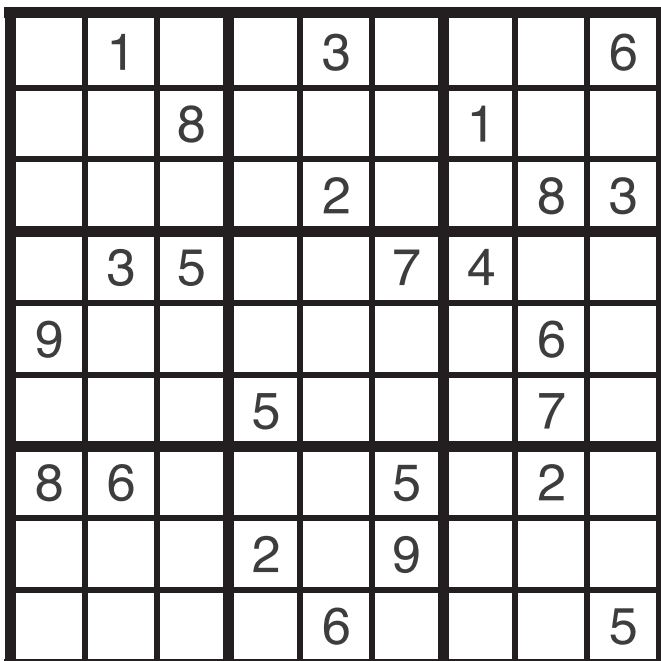
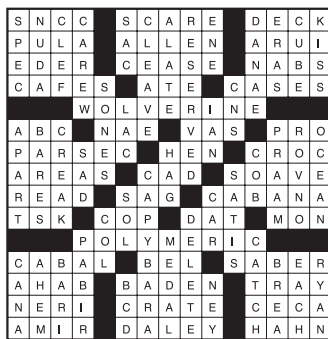
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- Went over the airwaves
- Nestle malt drink
- Rockets' point guard
- Developed the polio vaccine
- Businessmen
- Animals have it
- Atomic number 58
- Cycles/second
- Japanese classical theater
- Slow nocturnal primate
- Used in a play
- One that breaks apart
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Bag-like structure in a plant
- Simple wooden shoe
- Leeches
- Tide
- Fathers
- Decay

- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- The Golden State (abbr.)
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Unique garments
- True firs
- One who's not on time
- Angry speech
- Young children
- About aviation
- This (Spanish)
- Earns a perfect score
- People of Ghana
- Founding member of The Grateful Dead
- Of she
- Genus of lichens

CLUES DOWN

- Variety of pear
- Curved symmetrical structure
- A demon in some cultures
- Cricket frogs
- Atomic #45
- Abnormal bone joint
- Cain and ___
- Unhappy
- Dogooder
- Most babies need _

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



I'll be happy if I want to



easy to sit in while writing or going outside with Mindy or to the workshop, but they are so thin in certain areas now, that a sneeze could be catastrophic. Now, I have a beautiful pair of soft, comfy jeans from Belk that have beautiful Hydrangea flowers painted on a few areas. The flowers are getting a bit faded already, even though I do wash them inside out. Anyway, the point is that I can bend, sit, sneeze or otherwise wear them until holes start to form and be in comfort bliss. VERY important stuff to writers or artists who can and will find any distraction to take their mind away from the task at hand.

The problem is that I would love to wear these jeans everywhere, because they truly make me happy and feel confident...But as you all may remember, I am married to the "fashion police" as he is sometimes referred to, and HE says he won't go with me anywhere if I wear these beautiful jeans. I asked him a few minutes ago why HE won't go out of the house with me in my Happy Jeans, and HE said because they are baggy. Heck, I told him, why do you think they ARE my happy jeans!

I wonder how many of you also work at home. I actually work a day here, a day there all over the place, but have my work at home writing column time too, amongst other things (still might need to try some ADHD medicine at some point). There are many rituals and obsessions to working at home just like when I leave for my other job sites around the three Southern Maryland counties. First off, distractions must be taken care of; like the odd silverware or glass in the sink must suddenly be washed. Mindy has to go out, which means that I go outside with her, all Facebook recent posts must be checked, and my daily horoscope needs to read and analyzed.

And for that matter, I am getting ready to go to work on this snowy morning at Keepin' It Local as soon as I finish this column and I am going to wear my happy jeans, with my reddish sweater with flowers on that, and my fur lined duck construction boots. How's that for rebellion? Yeah, fashion police, hm-mmpf. Well, okay, I better get going so I am not late - people will be wanting their ice cream even if it is below zero. Yep, I will wear what I want to wear at 57, so there. Oh, wait let me go say goodbye to HIM.....awwwwwww, he and Mindy the hound dog look so cute, both half asleep, well, I had to give him a kiss and say goodbye and that I loved him. But I'm still not changing and I am going to be so darn HAPPY in my happy jeans today that the happy police might come take me away

These are the fairly normal rituals...then there are the obsessions. Before I write, or before I go out to the workshop, or start painting a piece at the dining room table, I must have my hot tea with lots of cream and sugar (sounds pretty normal, well maybe not the amount of sugar I use}and said tea must be carefully rationed from 5 or 6 a.m. until about 10 or 15 minutes after 9 when the Murder She Wrote theme music plays on the WGM TV channel.

The other obsession is having to put on work clothes instead of staying in pajamas like everyone thinks writers like to do. But what I wear can't be just any clothes, they have to be happy clothes. I used to have a nice pair of size 14 jeans that were

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

Iris M. Harris



Iris M. Harris, 52, of Lusby, MD went to heaven on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

She was born on May 13, 1966 in Washington, D.C. to Robert F. Brady of Hill-

sboro, AL and the late Natalie A. Brady. She grew up in Maryland and was a 1984 graduate of Friendly High school.

She raised two daughters, Kristel and Lindsay whom she loved dearly. She enjoyed spending time with her family; especially her grandchildren who were the apples of her eye and brought her great joy. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with friends. She loved to garden and took pride in her home. Her family values, deep devotion and loyalty will be carried on in our hearts.

Iris worked in the Wildewood Community for 30 years overseeing many aspects of the commercial and residential projects within the neighborhood. She was a familiar face and was instrumental in much of the land and commu-

nity association development within the neighborhood.

In addition to her beloved father, she is also survived by her daughters, Lindsay N. Harris of Decatur, AL and Kristal A. Lilly (Michael) of Hillsboro, AL; her brother, Robert Franklin Brady, Jr. (Linda) of Charleston, SC; three step-siblings, Arthur Reedy of Olney, MD, Glenn Reedy of Alexandria, VA and Carolyn Cline (Rodney) of Colorado Springs, CO; and four grandchildren, Kaidin Nickerson, Lechele "Lou Lou" Harris, Noah Lilly and Soli Lilly and many extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a Celebration of Life Service at 12:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

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Christian David "Chris" Price



Christian David "Chris" Price, USN, 50, of Lady Lake, Florida passed away suddenly on February 6, 2019.

He was born on March 11, 1968 in Leonardtown, Maryland to Bill P. Price and Maria A. Passarelli.

Christian enlisted in the United States Navy in 1987 and proudly served his country. He worked as a Fireman and a shipboard Electrician's Mate. He served onboard the USS McCandless FF1084, a Knox-class Frigate. Chris' military decorations include the Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Coastguard Special Operations Ribbon, and Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1992.

Chris was a forty year resident of St. Mary's County, until he decided to move to Florida ten years ago. He was employed as an Electronic Engineer for DynCorp previously, a nursing technician, and obtained an Associate of Science in Nursing from the College of Southern Maryland. Chris was loved by many and never met a stranger. He enjoyed fishing, nature, painting and drawing pictures of nature, more specifically horses and eagles. Chris' greatest joys in life came from his children and granddaughter. Spending time with his family made his day, he was blessed to have such a loving family.

In addition to his father, Bill Price (Karen) of Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia and mother, Maria A. (Passarelli) Crellin (John Crellin) of The Villages, Florida, he is also survived by his children: Katie Elizabeth Canales (Kevin) of California, Md, Mathew Passarelli Price of Leonardtown, MD, Piper C. Price of Wisconsin, and granddaughter, Amelia G. Canales and six siblings, John Price, Michael Price (Maureen), Diana Price Abell (Kevin), Stephanie Price Atwood (James), Dawn Bumgarner (Walter), Carolyn Tinsley (Fred) and Joni Sands. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ashley Nicole Price.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a later date.

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Joanne Marie Moffett Gates



Joanne Marie Moffett Gates, 78 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on February 21 at her residence in Mechanicsville, MD. Joanne was born on May 3, 1940 to the late Joseph Ar-

thur Moffett and the late Agnes Louise Thorne in Washington, DC. She was a homemaker, who loved to dance, cook, play cards and listen to country music, especially, Conway Twitty. Joanne was member of the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge #495.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Patrick H. Gates and her son, Joseph W. Gates, her brother Arthur Moffett, her sisters Patricia Barlow and Norma Tucker. She is survived by her children, Maria Penn of Mechanicsville, MD, Vincent Gates of Hughesville, MD; sister, Alice Miller of Clinton, MD; brother, Richard Moffett Sr of Hughesville; grandchildren, Austin Penn, Tyler Penn, Andrew Gates and Megan Gates.

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

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Georgette Marie Moran



Georgette Marie Moran, 53, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with

her loving family at her side.

She was born on March 5, 1965 in Augusta, GA to George Albert and Harriet Alene Moran of Fairfax, VA.

Georgette spent most of her life in Northern Virginia before coming to work at the NAS Patuxent River. She attended Chantilly High School, Chantilly, Virginia. After high school, she attended George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia before beginning her career as a Federal Civilian Employee. Georgette was employed for over 30 years of dedicated service as a Human Resources Specialist for the Navy. Twenty of those years were spent at the NAS Patuxent River, MD. She was proud of her Irish heritage from her grandfather. She is the past vice president of the Hollywood Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Georgette felt

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her greatest Blessing in life was being a mother to her daughter Megan.

In addition to her beloved parents, Georgette is also survived by her beautiful daughter, Megan Elizabeth Moran of Leonardtown, MD; her sisters, Becky Alene Steele of Manassas, VA and Karen Dawn Moran of Fairfax, VA; her nieces and nephews: Tyler Steele, Peyton Steele, Shelby Rose Steele, Campbell Steele, Kandis Moran-Jimenez; her godmother, Barbara Shearer of Springfield, VA; and many extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Ladies Auxiliary of Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 411, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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Mary Magdalene Mosher



Mary Magdalene (Pilkerton) Mosher, 98, was born in St. Mary's County on October 19, 1920. She passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving children, grandchildren

and other family members on February 20, 2019.

Mary is preceded in death by her loving husband, Stanley E. Mosher, who she married on November 22, 1939 at St. Johns' Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD. She is also preceded in death by her father and mother, James Woodley Pilkerton and Margaret Velma Wallace, and her siblings: brothers – Joseph "Pank" Pilkerton, George "Buck" Pilkerton, James "Dink" Pilkerton, John "Blacky" Pilkerton and sister's – Elizabeth "Mazie" Jones and Margaret "Marg" Archer.

She is survived by her three children: Joseph S. Mosher and companion Robin Trotter of Waldorf, Maryland, Joan M. Thompson (Wayne) of Hollywood, MD, and Audrey L. Mosher of Elizabethtown, KY. Mary is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, her sister "Billye" McGahren of California, MD and her best friend of 53 years Helga "Bambi" Freeman of California, MD.

Mary worked many years in retail but her favorite job was as a dispatcher for Burch Oil Co which she retired from at age "90". She loved the truck drivers, office and service staff and her customers. She enjoyed her time with her family most of all but also loved bowling, playing her Yahtzee game and playing

rummy with anyone who would play with her.

The family requests contributions be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Lucy Marie Lacey



Lucy Marie Lacey, 79 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on February 22, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on November 9, 1939 in Newport, MD and was the loving daughter of

the late Eva Marie Volker Long and Thomas Lawrence Long. Lucy was the loving wife of the late Leonard A. Lacey, Sr. whom she married on April 23, 1960 in St. Mary's Parish Newport, MD and who preceded her in death on October 31, 1994. Lucy is survived by her children Deborah L. Higgs (Bobby) of Leonardtown, MD, Leonard A. Lacey, Jr "Lenny" (Sue) of Lexington Park, MD, Eva M. Hall (Wayne) of Chaptico, MD, 4 grandchildren Danielle I. Lacey, April C. Hall, Hillary K. Combs, and Rachel M. Hall. As well as siblings Elizabeth Helm, Janet Sullivan, and Mary Cusic. She graduated from Archbishop Neal School in 1958.

Lucy moved from Charles County, MD to St Mary's County, MD in 1960. She was a cafeteria worker for St Mary's County Board of Education for 21 years, retiring in February, 2014. Lucy enjoyed reading, crocheting, puzzles, spending time with her children, grandchildren and sisters. The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 6:30 Pm in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD with Father Rob Maro officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Pallbearers will be David Cusic, Collin Brooks, David Lacey, Bruce Lutz, Brian Drew, and Jimmy Greenwell. Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650, and Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

Alice Jeannette Dakis



Alice Jeannette Dakis "Jeannette", 88, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on February 19, 2019 in Bushwood, MD. She was born on November 30,

1930 in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Della Reed Connelly Clements and William Ford Connelly. Jeannette was the loving wife of the late Milton Joseph Dakis, whom she married on December 5, 1947 in St. Mary's City, MD and who preceded her in death on July 11, 2001. She was also preceded in death by her daughter Melodie Jo Harman. Jeannette is survived by her daughter Jennifer Ann Dean of Leonardtown, MD, 3 grandchildren Daniel Joseph Abell, Laura Ann Scholten Howard, Russell Milton Dean, 5 great grandchildren Cassandra Abell, Melody Abell, Amber Abell, Samantha Abell and Ethan Howard and 1 great great granddaughter Carter Baumann. Jeannette was the beloved youngest of 13 children survived by her brother, Joe Connelly, St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1947. Jeannette was a legal secretary for Oliver R. Guyther, Esq. in Leonardtown for over 52 years. She was an avid reader, impeccable dresser and a champion duck pin bowler. Jeannette was a proud and long term supporter of the Leonardtown Community and St. Peters and St. Andrews Episcopal Churches. She was dedicated to family and friends, she was known as the glue that kept her large family of 13 brothers and sister connected through the years. Jeannette was a devoted, loving wife to her Navy veteran husband. Contributions may be made to St. Andrews Episcopal Church 44078 St. Andrews Church Road California, MD

20619, and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Thomas Richard Sprague



Thomas Richard Sprague of Hollywood, MD passed away on February 25, 2019 in Callaway, MD. He was born October 7, 1929 in Bradford,

PA to late David Thadeus and Edna Bell Hughes Sprague. Thomas was the loving husband of the late Virginia F. Hinzman White whom he married on January 11, 1999, and whom preceded him in death on October 17, 2014. Thomas is survived by his nieces and nephews. He was the youngest of three children, and was preceded in death by his siblings Robert David and Anna Louise.

He lived in Rixford, PA where he graduated from Otto Township High School. From school he worked at Dresser Mfg in Bradford, PA. He had a short stay in Washington, DC in 1949 and moved to Kansas City, MO to work for the KC Terminal Railway. He enlisted in the US Air Force on December 28, 1950. He served as a aircraft mechanic on F-80, T-33, F-84B and F-84F aircraft. He returned to Kansas City to work for the Railroad Company until 1956 when he joined the DC Air National Guard, he was a crew chief on F-86 and F-100 aircraft. In 1972, he was assigned to the Classification and Training Office. He accepted the Training Specialist position in the National Guard Bureau at the pentagon, where he served until his retirement in 1986. They lived in Hollywood, MD and spent most enjoyable winters in Lake Wales, FL.

A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM in Maryland Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, MD.

Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army 7 Post Office Road, Suite D Waldorf, MD 20602.

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Community Calendar

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UPCOMING

Academy Application

St. Mary's County Public Schools will accept online applications for its four signature Academy Programs: The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Academy, The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, The Academy of Global and International Studies and The Academy of Finance. Applications can be accessed online at www.smcps.org/academies and will open beginning Wednesday, March 6. The application window will close on Friday, April 19. Please note that no late applications will be accepted. More information and frequently asked questions can be found at www.smcps.org/academies. Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 301-475-5511 x32104.

Thursday, February 28

Divorce Care

Our Fathers House, 45020 Patuxent Beach Rd, California
6:30 - 8:30 PM

A support and recovery group offering hope, help, and healing during and after divorce. 12-week program Feb. 21 through May 9. 301-862-9200. www.ourfathershouseag.org/resources/divorce-care

Fri. & Sat., March 1 & 2

The Art of Marriage

Calvary Chapel Southern MD, 29948 Three Notch Road Unit 9, Charlotte Hall
Give your marriage a tune up this weekend! If interested, leave a message and call back number on the church phone: 301-645-0660. There is a fee for the booklet and lunch on Saturday.

Friday, March 1

Celebrating Youth Art Month

First Friday in Leonardtown
5:00-8:00 PM
Dinner, dessert, dancing, Studio/Art Workshops, one-evening-only specials at participating shops and restaurants, and Opening Receptions at the local art galleries. A special presentation by students from Chopticon High School Academy of Visual & Performing Arts at St. Mary's County Arts Council from 5:30-6:30 PM. Check the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond!

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

Silent Auction

Bay District VFD, Shangri La Drive, Lexington Park Drive
7:00 - 11:00 PM

A Vintage Affair presents Back the 80's! A silent auction benefitting the Chesapeake Public Charter School. Hors d'oeuvres, hand crafted cocktails and bid on silent auction items. Tickets available at: tinyurl.com/y8gv8py8. 240-925-4132

Texas Hold'em Tournament

VFW Post 2632, 23282 Three Notch Road (Rt. 235)
7:00 PM

No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament. \$50 Buy in (\$40 Prize Pool + \$10 Charity). Early Bird Bonus: sign in 6:20-6:45. Pre-registration encouraged; not required. Must be 18 or older to play. Info/pre-register: Brian, email: poker@vfw2632.com. 240-925-4000

Legacy of Lucille Clifton

St. Mary's College of Maryland, Daugherty-Palmer Commons
7:30 - 9:30 PM

"Nurturing the Compassionate Community: An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton." Doors open 7:00. Poetry readings and reflections to honor St. Mary's College's former Distinguished Professor of the Humanities Lucille Clifton. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 2

Spring Dinner

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Dept Social Hall
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Stuffed Ham, Fried Oysters, Chicken Salad, Parsley Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Beets, rolls, coffee and tea. \$25 adults, \$10 ages 4-12 and ages 3 and under free. Carry outs \$25/ea. Bake table and 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. 301-373-2695

Open House and Bellydance Hafla

20865 Callaway Village Way, Unit 2, Callaway
4:30 - 7:30 PM

A family-friendly event for dancers, drummers, and anyone who's ever been curious about these art forms. There will be performances, open dancing, shopping, food, and more! Free; request a small potluck item or donation. facebook.com/events/380941252450420/ or email meganleebellydance@gmail.com.

Gala Concert and Silent Auction

Holiday Inn Solomons, 155 Holiday Dr.
5:30 - 9:30 PM

SMYOC's 3rd Annual Gala; major fund-raising event of the year! Features a silent auction, dinner, and concert performance by renowned guest artists and SMYOC's six youth ensembles. Info/tickets: www.smyoc.org

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park
6:00 PM

No Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. Buy in \$80. Food and drink for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Bag Bingo

Valley Lee Fire Department, 45245 Drayden Road
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Featured bags include Thirty-One, Scout, and Vera Bradley. Each bag is filled with items pertaining to a certain theme. \$20 to play; pay at the door. Refreshments for purchase. Maximum number of participants is 200. Support Piney Point Elementary School PTA.

Sunday, March 3

Quarter Auction for SMAWL

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
12:00 - 4:00 PM

The Fun Bunch and Friendz are holding this fundraiser to benefit St. Mary's Animal Welfare League! Doors open 12:00, and the Auction starts 1:00. 240-416-4224.

Monday, March 4

CABS

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown
6:00 PM

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

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St. Marys County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park
7:00 - 11:00 PM

No Limit Hold'em Poker Tournament. \$25 Buy in = 4,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,000 chips and raffle drawing. Food and beverage for purchase. 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Tuesday, March 5

Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper

St. John's, Hollywood
5:00 - 7:30 PM

All-you-can-eat supper. Choice of toppings: blueberry, apple, strawberry, sausage gravy and Happy Face. \$7 adults; \$3 under 12, under 6 free. High chairs will be provided. Sponsored by the St. John's Knights of Columbus.

Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Dinner

Our Lady of the Wayside, Loretto Hall, 37575, Chaptico
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Buffet menu: pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice. Carry Outs available. Adults-\$10, Children 6-1 \$6, Children 5 and under-free. rsbrsll@aol.com or 301-247-1871.

Pancake supper

7th District Firehouse, 21660 Colton Pt. Road, Avenue
5:00 - 7:30 PM

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Baked Apple Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Milk. Adults \$10, Senior Citizens \$9, Children 4-12 \$3, Free 3 and under.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2nd District VFD & RS, Drayden Rd., Valley Lee
5:00 - 7:00 PM

All-You-Can-Eat—Home-Made-Home-Style. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, apple sauce, assorted juices, milk and coffee. \$7 adult, \$3 children 6-12, Children 5 & under free. Proceeds to keep our community safe.

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 7

Cigar and Wine Tasting Social

Toasted Foot Cigar Lounge, Callaway
6:00 PM

The Greater Southern Maryland Chapter (GSMC) of the Naval Academy Alumni Association invites all Naval Academy Alumni and their guests to this inaugural event. www.navalumni.org

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Rd; Avenue
8:00 - 9:00 PM

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

St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

Programs and Activities

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

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LIFE (Learning is ForEver) Registration Set to Begin

Registration for the Spring semester of the LIFE program opens on Monday, March 4 at 8 a.m. Visit your nearest senior activity center to register. Events/trips fill up quickly, so sign-up early. Booklets are available online, at the senior activity centers and at the county's libraries. For more information, call Alice Allen at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063.

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 & 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.

Nutrition Education with a Registered Dietician

Do you have questions about your diet that you would like answered? Donna Taggart, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Monday, March 4, at 1 p.m. to help answer those questions. There is no cost to attend; however, advance sign up is required. Register by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050. For an individual appointment with Ms. Taggart, call her directly at 240-528-6539.

AARP Safe Driver Course

As a result of evidence-based research findings, this course includes a focus on areas where older drivers could benefit from additional training, including: roundabouts, pavement markings, stop-sign compliance, red-light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seatbelt and turn-signal use. Come join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, March 5, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, payable to AARP. Members must show their membership card to get the member rate. Advance sign up is required. Lunch is available at the Center; cost is a donation for ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, to register for the class and for the lunch menu and to make lunch reservations.

Dance! The Shamrock Shindig with Mean Gene

Join us at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, March 13, from 1-4 p.m. and get down with your Irish roots at the Shamrock Shindig. Dress in your gaudiest green and show your St. Patty's Day spirit. DJ Mean Gene will lead the way in an afternoon of pure dance fun. There will also be a money raffle so bring the luck of the Irish with you! The ticket cost is \$5 and supports the cost of the DJ. Refreshments will be provided as a courtesy of the Northern Senior Activity Center while supplies last. Payment is due at sign up. To sign up and pay for this program in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Jewelry Class

Do you love jewelry and want to learn how to make your own? A low cost class on how to make your own necklace or bracelet is scheduled at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, March 13, at 10 a.m. The cost for the class is \$10 and you will take home a unique necklace to wear. You do not have to have any experience making jewelry. If you have your own beads feel free to bring them along. We will provide the instruction as well as the tools and materials. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Call the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, for more information or to register for the class.

Video Tesla to be shown at Loffler

There will be a showing of the video Tesla (American Experience) on Wednesday, March 13, at 10 a.m. Nikola Tesla was a genius engineer and tireless inventor whose technology revolutionized the electrical age of the 20th century. Although eclipsed in fame by Edison and Marconi, it was Tesla's vision that paved the way for today's wireless world. Register to see this video by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. (Seating is limited to 16.) Free (60 min.)

Advance Directive Presentation

Deep Launching, Inc. will be at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, March 14, from 11-11:30 a.m. to discuss Advance Directives. An Advance Directive allows you to appoint someone to make healthcare decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so yourself. It can also be used to communicate the types of treatments you would like to have administered in the event of a medical emergency. Space is limited. To sign up for this free presentation in advance, please visit the sign-up table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

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Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, March 4 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dark, winter months got you feeling down? Come brighten your day with a little "art therapy," and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with a variety of art supplies, and make a project to take home. Materials provided. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Lawyer in the Library

Lexington Park Library will host Lawyer in the Library on Wednesday, March 6 from 12 - 2 p.m. The Lawyer in the Library project provides FREE civil legal services in your community! No appointments necessary. Attendees will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring all relevant documents with you.

Escape Junk News

Lexington Park Library will host Newseum Education for Escape Junk News on Wednesday, March 6 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Feeling lost in today's media landscape? Join Newseum Education as they tackle buzzwords, bots, and bad actors on social media. In 90 minutes, you'll get clear definitions of current media terms, practical tools to identify fake and flawed news, and practice with real examples. Registration required.

Paws to Read

Leonardtown Library will hold Paws to Read on Saturday, March 9 from 2 - 4 p.m. For beginning readers, or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

Common Thread

Lexington Park Library will hold Common Thread on Tuesday, March 12 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.

Drop-In Tech Help

Leonardtown Library will hold Drop-In Tech Help on Wednesday, March 12 from 6 - 7 p.m. Drop-In Tech Help is open for any and all basic technology questions! We'll do our best to assist you in a relaxed, low-stress environment. Learn how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks to your phone or tablet. Learn how to navigate the internet, email, and social networks. Learn how to connect devices to a network, Bluetooth, or the cloud. Using technology effectively is right at your fingertips!

Chillax at the Lex: Board and Card Games

Lexington Park Library will hold Chillax at the Lex on Thursday, March 14 from 4 - 5 p.m. Chillax at the Lex is a time set aside for kids ages 8 - 13 on the 1st and 2nd Thursday of each month. We switch it up with Games, crafts, and activities. Walk ins welcome, we'd love to have you drop in! THIS WEEK: Try out some table top games like Apples to Apples, Wits & Wagers, Connect 4, or Operation. Snacks provided!



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