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COMMISSIONER TODD MORGAN ON THE PLAN TO RAISE TAXES.

ON THE COVER

On The Cover: Daniel and Melissa Willey, along with Dfc. Blaine Gaskill, memorialize their daughter Jaelynn Willey who was killed last year March 20.

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A bus and tanker crash closed Route 5 in Leonardtown last week



COMMUNITY 14 Pianist Brian Ganz set to perform.



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Commissioners Exploring Tax Increase Options

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County tasked their financial office staff this week with coming back with options for "revenue enhancements" to achieve an extra \$9.8 million in funding; but whatever terms used, tax increases seem eminent.

Jeannett Cudmore, chief financial officer, told commissioners she and her staff would return at next week's budget work session with options for how much income, property and other tax rates could be raised to come up with the \$9.8 million.

Before the budget work session, commissioners talked openly about the need to raise taxes, arguably one of the hottest political issues elected officials have worked hard to avoid over the past decade

"We're going to have to do revenue enhancements," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt leading up to the budget work session on Tuesday. "But we need to spread the pain around... and I'll only do it one time, though it may hurt."

Commissioner John O'Connor said the community demand for services necessitated the push for more revenue.

"They want a higher level of service," O'Connor said. "It's about meeting a diverse demographic in the county."

The county's proposed budget so far is \$234 million in revenues for fiscal 2020, which is \$6.1 million in revenue more than this year's budget.

At their budget session Tuesday the commissioners agreed to include \$4.5 million more for a negotiated agreement with school system employees and an extra \$1.4 million for the sheriff's office.

The commissioners also wanted to raise salaries for county employees based on a compensation study

they have reviewed which states county pay lags behind nearby jurisdictions.

"This is by far the [most] difficult budget I've had in the [last] nine years," said Commissioner Todd Morgan. "We feel the pain, too.

"Nobody wants to raise taxes... were going back on our word."

Cudmore said increasing the county's income tax rate to 3.2 percent would generate an additional \$3.2 million in the first year; for the same time frame raising the property tax by five cents would raise \$6.6 million.

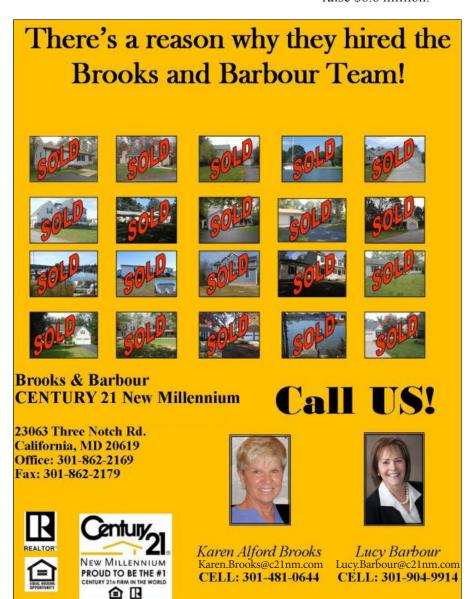
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"By the second year that would give you \$13.4 million," Cudmore said.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said increasing the accommodation tax from five percent to seven percent would raise an additional \$444,000 as well

"If were going to ask county residents to pay more we should ask those who don't live here but take advantage of our services to pay more as well," Colvin said.

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Commissioners Approve Contract to Move Airport Road

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved this week a contract award to a Hyattsville construction company to relocate Airport Road, which leads to the county's regional airport, and extend taxiway "A" at the airport as part of a long-range plan to improve the airport's operations.

The contract for \$2.1 million goes to BA Construction Inc., a construction contractor which has already worked locally on the St. Clements Shores wastewater project and in Prince George's County for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

With the movement of the road comes the relocation of the Park and Ride space that currently sits just ahead of the county airport on Airport Road.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the county is currently negotiating with the state as to where the airport Park and Ride will be relocated; if the site cannot be relocated to another place that is relatively close to its current site commuters might have to go all the way to the Park and Ride facility in Charlotte Hall for their long commutes into the District and its suburbs.

The current Park and Ride also has only about 60 spaces but about 100 commuters use it, meaning a significant number are overflowing into the parking spaces for the adjacent airport.

"We're trying to ensure that the Park and Ride will be in the general area where it is now," Morgan said Tuesday at the commissioners' business meeting. "It's



The Park and Ride on Airport Road will have to be suspended and relocated while the road is moved closer to University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland

a complicated program.

"We don't have a location firmed up yet."

According to county documents: "The project was previously awarded to Sargent Corporation in Stillwater Maine on Nov 1, 2015, following CSMC authorization on October 20, 2015 in the amount of \$2,672,159. Because of extended delays in starting the proj-

ect caused by a communications utility, Sargent asked to be released from their contract obligation in Spring of 2017 since the County was unable to authorize the work to proceed."

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Local Women Honored for High Achievement

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Rear Admiral C.J. Jaynes, the first woman of flag rank to serve at NAVAIR (Naval Air Systems Command) told those gathered at the National History Women's History Month banquet last week a story about a war between two tribes in Africa over water rights.

After much fighting and death on both sides, women from the warring factions confronted the men and brought them to the source of the water they were fighting over.

It was dried up.

"Leave it to women to use logic to end the war," she

Jaynes, the keynote speaker for the event, sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commission for Women at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland's campus, turned to talk about other local women who worked hard to make a difference in their communities and excel despite obstacles.

Many of those gathered knew the women Jaynes praised in her presentation.

The first was Candy Chesser, who started out in the lowest ranks of the federal government to become a member of Senior Executive Service.

"That's like the receptionist becoming the CEO," Jaynes said. "It's a really big deal."

Chesser became Jaynes chief deputy she said, even though others claimed she was not qualified.

"She came into that interview and knocked it out of the park; she's bold and intelligent," Jaynes said. Chesser is currently director of logistics management at NAVAIR.

She also praised Leslie Taylor, also in the Senior Executive Service with Naval Air Warfare Aircraft Division (NAWCAD).

"When you see aircraft flying around, think of Leslie," Jaynes said. "Because she's in charge. "When Leslie and I got together people either coop-

"When Leslie and I got together people either cooperated or got runover."

Another was Steffanie Easter, a chemical engineer who also worked her way into the Senior Executive Service.

"She was my boss and my mentor," Jaynes said. "If you needed her she was there for you.

"These women all have something in common, they're ordinary women who've done extraordinary things. True leaders make everyone around them feel better."

The commission also named Margaret Forrest, a longtime dedicated volunteer who helped start the Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc., as the Woman of the Year.

She helped with the signature drive to get the new senior center project in Leonardtown running and she currently serves as vice president of the St. Mary's County Commission on Aging.

"I'm very thrilled to have received it," Forrest said of the award. "It was a surprise."

Forrest said she was a graduate of Chopticon High School many years ago; it was something she had in common with Ashley Williams, a junior at Chopticon High School, who received the Tomorrow's Woman



C.J. Jaynes, first female Admiral at NAVAIR delivers the keynote address at the National Women's History Month banquet last week.

award for 2019

Williams started a non-profit with her sister, Sending Smiles, which sends post cards with smiles and jokes to sick children.

Also honored with a lifetime achievement award was retired Judge Karen Abrams of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County.

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University will be this year's keynote speaker & will bring the original iron cross that was brought to St. Clement's Island, back to St. Mary's County for display. The museum & water taxi will be operating FREE for visitors prior to & after the ceremony, 10-5PM.

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Commissioners Approve Cyber Training Grant

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved a grant from the state for \$133,529 to implement a career and technology education curriculum framework, specifically to provide cybersecurity training in the county's public schools system.

According to documents from the school system, it wants to create a senior capstone course that would provide essential knowledge in cybersecurity training.

The school system estimates there are now 35,000 available cybersecurity jobs across the nation.

"Our students find themselves in the nation's top cybersecurity atmosphere with agencies and organizations battling the ever-growing cybercrime epidemic," school system documents state. "With an average annual salary of \$92,600 per year and an estimated growth rate of 28 percent.

"Cybersecurity is an area [local public schools] can no longer overlook."



The grant will allow the St. Mary's public schools to partner with College of Southern Maryland to offer credit towards an associates degree in Cybersecurity, school documents stated.

The course work would occur at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown.

The course work would be available for the 2019 to 2020 school year.

Commissioners unanimously approved the expansion of the school system's budget to take on the extra grant money.

"Cybersecurity is so hot right now," said Commissioner Eric Colvin. "If you have that you can go anywhere."

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School Threats Deemed Not Credible

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

A series of alleged threats of mass violence against all St. Mary's County public schools and against two specifically had sheriff's office detectives searching for who sent the social media and text messages and how credible a threat they were.

But the threats were later found to be not credible, said Cpl. Julie Yingling, sheriff's office spokesperson.

There were not enough deputies to stay at every school in the county Wednesday, Yingling said, but they were making active safety checks at all schools; March 20 was the anniversary of the Great Mills High School shooting that claimed two students' lives and wounded another.

"We do have an increased presence," Yingling said.

Police were first made aware of the alleged threats March 19; they were informed by the public school system, Yingling said.

Investigators were not releasing the full context of the threats since the investigation was ongoing, but Yingling said the multiple threats were somewhat

vague

"We had one directed at Great Mills High School and we had another directed at Spring Ridge Middle School," Yingling said. "And another threat sounded like it was geared to all of St. Mary's County schools."

Yingling said investigators were still trying to determine how many people were involved in sending the text and social media messages.

Schools Superintendent Scott Smith said late Wednesday that the Great Mills High School investigation started with a social media post "saying someone might shoot up Great Mills High School" on the anniversary of the March 20 shooting.

That post was tracked down to the original Instagram poster, Smith said.

The Springe Ridge Middle School incident was found to simply be rumors on social media speculating about someone possibly committing an act of violence at the school, but there was no actual threat made, Smith said.

"Both were unfounded, non-credible threats," Smith said.

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Pizza Restaurant Gets Liquor License Approval

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The St. Mary's Alcohol Beverage Board last week approved a beer, wine and liquor license for the Slice House pizza restaurant on Lawrence Avenue in Leonardtown.

The license is a 60-day conditional approval contingent on the owner of the new business, Ken Held, a recent Leonardtown resident, getting inspections certified for his trader's license, by the county health department and the fire marshal.

Held said he has enough capacity for 63 people in the establishment, formerly known as Kevin's Corner Café which served seafood, and six, six-person picnic tables just outside the establishment for customers.

Held told members of the Alcohol Beverage Board, at their Mar. 14 meeting, he would be open very late on Friday and Saturday nights; from 11a.m. to 2a.m. on those days.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said that expanding the availability of activities and businesses for residents and tourists to patronize was a key goal.

"The nighttime and weekend activ-



The Slice House will open this spring

ity is what we're looking for," McKay told The County Times. "I think a lot of businesses open up and test the waters.

"He may change it [the weekend hours.]"

One unique aspect Held has said he

would add to his business, which he is still in the process of renovating, was a machine that allows customers to pour and seal in a can their own beer.

The end result is called a "crowler," rather than a growler which is the same

in a container with a cork or plunger top.

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The County Times Local News Thursday, March 21, 2019

Crash Snarles Route 5 Traffic



Emergency crews responded to a crash on Route 5 last week between a school bus and an oil tanker; there were only three students on the bus and there were no serious injuries.

River Noise Advisory

Communities surrounding the naval air station are advised that noise-generating testing events are scheduled to take place March 26 - 29, 2019 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Pilots at NAS Patuxent River will be conducting Field Carrier Landing Practices (FCLPs). FCLPs are simulated carrier landings conducted to prepare the pilot to land safely on an aircraft carrier. Airspeed, altitude, and power are all precisely choreographed in order for a pilot to approach the ship within an acceptable window to land on the deck

safely. FCLP training is essential for the precision and safety of our military men and women and the success of their mission. It is a highly complex skill that requires an intense period of training before pilots deploy. Residents may notice increased noise levels due to these operations.

As with all operations, NAS Patuxent River takes precautions to lessen the impact of testing activities on the community. For more information, call the toll free noise hotline at 1-866-819-9028.

Great Mills Family Dental to Host Free Dentistry Day April 13



Residents in the Great Mills community and surrounding areas will have the opportunity to receive free dental services at Great Mills Family Dental on Saturday, April 13.

Dr. Vincent Davis and team at Great Mills Family Dental will be improving the oral health of the community as part of Free Dentistry Day, a day dedicated to providing free dental care to the growing number of Americans without dental insurance. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 108 million Americans are living without dental insurance.

"We understand that many people in our community and across the nation haven't been to the dentist for a long period of time. Some don't understand the importance of dental health, but more often than not, they don't have the finan-

cial means," said Dr. Davis. "This event is a great opportunity for us to share our time and resources with those less fortunate and give back to the community."

There is increasing evidence that links oral health to overall health and wellbeing. The signs and symptoms of over 100 medical conditions, including diabetes, HIV/AIDS, Lou Gehrig's disease and oral cancer may first be detected through traditional oral examinations.

"Dental health is a vital part of a person's overall health," said Dr. Davis. Through this event, we hope to educate patients on the importance of dental health and encourage them to adopt an ongoing oral care regimen.'

During Free Dentistry Day, a choice of one free cleaning, fillings or extraction will be provided per patient on Saturday, April 13, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 22329 Greenview Parkway in Great Mills. Patients will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call 301-862-2044 or visit www.FreeDentistryDay.org.

"It's very gratifying to see the impact that events like Free Dentistry Day can have on the life of a person. At the same time we're changing their life, they're changing ours," said Dr. Davis.

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Copies of the RFP package can be obtained by free download from the Town website or calling 301-475-9791. Detailed instructions for proposal submission are included in the proposal package. Electronically submitted or late proposals will not be accepted.

A voluntary pre-proposal conference is scheduled for April 4, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Additional information about The Commissioners of Leonardtown can be found on the Town's website at https://leonardtown.somd.com/.

By Authority:

Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator

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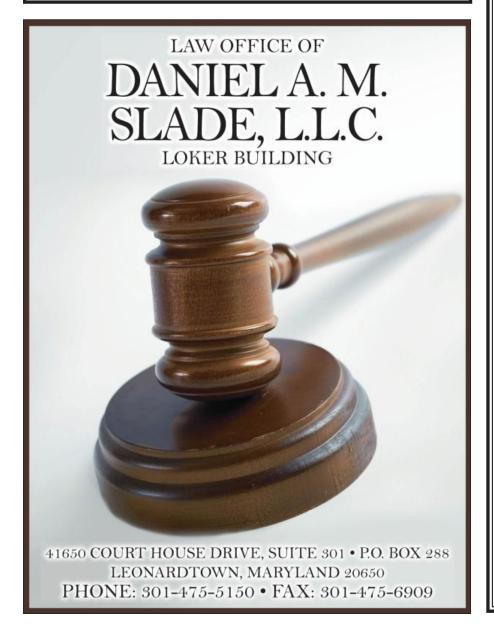
COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 189, Public Ethics. A fair summary of the ordinance follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 189 – Chapter 9 – Ethics of the Code of the Town of Leonardtown. An ordinance incorporating the relevant provisions of the Public Integrity Act of 2017.

Ordinance No. 189 will become effective April 1, 2019. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

By Authority: Laschelle McKay Town Administrator



St. Mary's Man Sentenced for Possession of a Rifle

Attorney General Announces Plea and Sentencing

Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced two guilty pleas by Joseph Ross West, 29, of Mechanicsville for felony illegal possession of a rifle and false statement on a firearms application

In January, West pled guilty to the illegal possession charge, and Charles County Circuit Court Judge Amy J. Bragunier subsequently sentenced him to 15 years' incarceration, suspending all but one year. Following a guilty plea in December 2018 to the false statement charge, West was sentenced by Circuit Court for Baltimore County Judge Ruth Jakubowski to one year incarceration.

The sentences will run concurrently. Upon release, West will be required to serve five years of supervised probation, to complete a jail-based treatment program, to not possess any firearms or drugs, to complete a substance abuse evaluation and any recommended treatment, and forfeit all firearms seized.

The investigation began with a firearms license application submitted by West. Despite a prior conviction for a crime of violence, West lied on the application and stated he had no prior record. While conducting a background check to review West's application, the Maryland State Police (MSP) Licensing Division spotted his prior conviction and denied his application. The case was then turned over to the MSP Criminal Enforcement Division for an investigation. Investigators with the State Police discovered that in addition to the false statement on the application, West had also recently pawned rifles and shotguns at pawn shops in Charles County. His prior crime of violence meant he was prohibited from possessing those rifles and shotguns as well. In conjunction with the Charles County Sheriff's Office, MSP investigators responded to the pawn shops and recovered the firearms.

Press Release from MD Attorney General's Office.

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One (1) check for \$50.00 made out to The Commissioners of Leonardtown, 22670 Washington Street, P. O. Box 1, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Check can be hand delivered to the Town between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. or sent via US Mail. Payment MUST be received before bid package can be picked up or sent out. Bid packages being sent will be sent via standard US Mail, unless the Express Mail account number of the company requesting the bid package is provided with the payment of the mailing of the bid package.

Bid packages can be reviewed at No Charge at the Leonardtown Town Hall located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday.

Sealed bids will be received until Friday, April 5, 2019 2:30 P.M. local time, at Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, P. O. Box 1, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Bids received will be opened, read aloud and recorded at that time.

A bid security, bid bond or certified check in the amount of 10 percent (10%) of the Total Bid Amount shall be submitted with each bid. Bid security/bond/certified check shall be made payable to The Commissioners of Leonardtown.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Leonardtown Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650, March 21, 2019 @ 10:00 AM local time to permit bidders to discuss the project, Scope of Work, present questions/concerns and then visit the actual tank site. Attendance is NOT mandatory, but is strongly recommended. This will be the ONLY time the water tank will be open for inspection by the bidders.

Please forward all questions in writing to Leonardtown Water Tank Consultant, Mr. Douglas DeClerck, 47 South Broad Street, Hughesville, Pennsylvania 17737 via e-mail: dadeclerck@hotmail.com – Questions received before 2:00 PM on Tuesday March 26, 2019 will be answered by Friday, March 29, 2019 @ 3:00 PM. Only written questions and responses will be binding.

The Town of Leonardtown, Maryland reserves the right, without liability, to accept or reject any or all bids, waive any and all informalities and to award this bid as it deems is in the best interest of the Town of Leonardtown. Bids shall remain firm for a period of 90 days after bid opening.

By Authority: Laschelle McKay Town Administrator **Earth Day is for the Birds**



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Nominees Sought for Waterman of the Year

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The award is given to an outstanding waterman who exemplifies the spirit of what it means to work the waters of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. To qualify, the nominee must meet the following criteria: The individual must make their living on the water; Must respect and preserve the natural habitat of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed; Must be respectful of the laws of the water and the current fishing regulations; Must always lend a hand when needed out on the water; Must teach the next generation the ways or history of the water; Must be a local resident (defined as the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Local citizens are encouraged to submit nominee choices to the 7th District Optimist Club no later than September 1, 2019. Nominations may be emailed to Blessing of the Fleet Committee Member Karen Stone at Karen.stone@stmarysmd.com or via regular postal mail to: Blessing of the Fleet Committee, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626.

Held the first weekend of October for more than 50 years, the Blessing of the Fleet has become known as one of St. Mary's County's, and indeed one of Southern Maryland's, most anticipated family events of the year. This significant occasion celebrates St. Mary's County's rich heritage ties to the magnificent Chesapeake Bay watershed and the watermen who work its waters. This year's event, featuring a fun revamped format, is slated for October 5 & 6, 2019 at St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, MD.

The 7th District Optimist Club, the host organization of Blessing of the Fleet, is made up of members of the local community dedicated to reaching out and helping the youth and the community in and around St. Mary's County's 7th District. The Club uses proceeds from the many yearly events and fundraisers, like Blessing of the Fleet, to provide funding for countless youth events and causes throughout the county, as well as to area elderly programs and local fire and rescue squads. For more information regarding the 7th District Optimist Club and its mission of community service, please visit www.7thdistrictoptimist.org.

Press Release from 7th District Optimist Club.

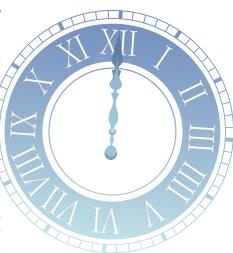
Museum Summer Hours Begin Maryland Day

Water Taxi Begins New Daily Operation

Starting on Maryland Day, March 25, St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, Maryland and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park in Piney Point, Maryland, will switch hours of operation over to Summer Hours. The museums will be open daily beginning March 25 to October 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The St. Clement's Island Water Taxi, which operates from St. Clement's Island Museum to St. Clement's Island State Park, will now be available daily starting March 25. Having only operated on the weekend and for special events, the St. Mary's County Museum Division has expanded water taxi operation for visitors every day due to popular

"We hated having to turn away out-of-town visitors from visiting the island during the week when the water taxi was not running," says Karen Stone, Manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "We are pleased to now have a captain available during the week in addition to the weekend, which allows the museum to run the water taxi to the

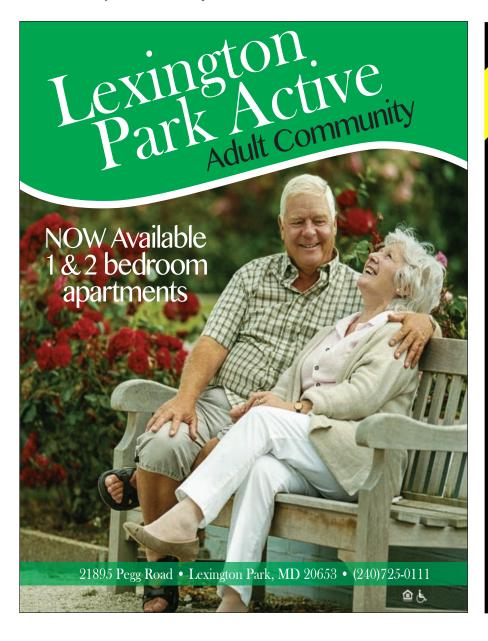


Island 7 days a

week, weather dependent."

For more information regarding hours of operation, programs, admission prices and more, visit the St. Mary's County Museum Division's social media pages on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum www.facebook.com/1836Light, or on Twitter at @StClemIsMuseum or @ PineyPtLHMuseum.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Government.





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Souvenir Penny Press Machine Arrives at Museum

The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Lighthouse Museums are pleased to announce the purchase and installation of the St. Mary's County Museum Division's first penny press machine at the St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, MD. The machine is located in the lobby of the museum and features original designs, highlighting St. Mary's County treasured historic sites associated with the Museum Division. The four pressed penny graphics include the Blackistone Lighthouse, the Piney Point Lighthouse, the Drayden African-American Schoolhouse and "Maryland Begins Here" with an illustration depicting Maryland's first settler's sailing ship, the Dove.

"The whole museum staff contributed to the pressed-penny design selection," says Karen Stone, Manager of the St. Mary's County Museum. "We wanted to represent the entirety of sites under the Division's care and the most popular destinations for visitors to our museums."

The official grand unveiling of the new penny press machine will be on Monday, March 25 at the Maryland Day festivities at St. Clement's Island Museum. The public is encouraged to come celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace with a ceremony from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring guest speakers, dignitaries from around the state and program. The museum and water taxi will be operating for visitors prior to and after the ceremony, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and are free to the general public during Maryland Day.

The Friends Museum Store would like to thank the community and patrons for their support in donations through our Friends Facebook page fundraiser and in the Friends Museum Stores "Spare Change" collections. \$443.14 has been raised through contributions that began as a campaign in September of 2018. The Friends organization sponsored a large portion of the procurement costs as well, donating \$2000 toward the final total.

Press Release from St. Mary; County Government.

The Friends of St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums raise funds in order to support historical interpretation, education programs and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks. The Friends organization is a 501(c) 3 organization sponsoring events, assisting with acquisitions and supporting efforts to broaden the understanding of our culture and community's heritage. For more information, please visit www.Facebook.com/FriendsSCI



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Brian Ganz Performs Chopin Mazurkas at Free "Piano Talk"



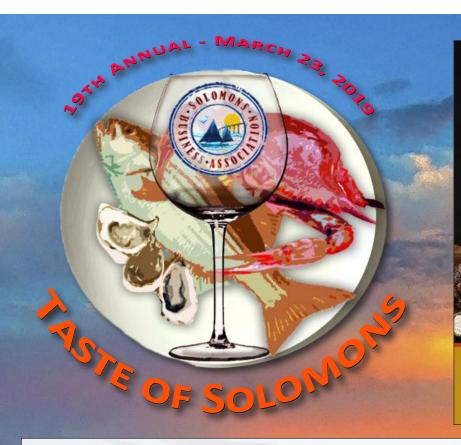
"The Mazurkas: Chopin's Creative Laboratory" SMCM, Noon, March 19

St. Mary's City- (March 11, 2019) On Tuesday, March 19, St. Mary's College of MD Musician-in-Residence Brian Ganz will continue his popular "PianoTalk" series, with an exploration and performance of four of Frédéric Chopin's mazurkas, including all three Mazurkas, Op. 56. The recital will be held in the Auerbach Auditiorium of St. Mary's Hall on the college campus, and will begin at noon. The program, which is free and open to the public, is the first of a series entitled "The Mazurkas: Chopin's Creative Laboratory." For more information call (240) 895-4498 or visit http://www.smcm.edu/events/organizer/ music-department/.

"Chopin adored writing mazurkas, which are the Polish folk or country dances," said Ganz. "He wrote more mazurkas than any other genre, and they brought out the best in him. I like to call them Chopin's creative laboratory because in just about every one of them you find him trying experiments and taking risks he didn't take anywhere else. The result is not just beautiful music but fascinating music."

Ganz has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the National Philharmonic, the Baltimore and the National Symphonies, the City of London Sinfonia, and L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte Carlo. He has performed in many of the world's major concert halls and has played under the baton of such conductors as Leonard Slatkin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Pinchas Zukerman, Jerzy Semkow and Yoel Levi. A critic for La Libre Belgique wrote of Ganz's work: "We don't have the words to speak of this fabulous musician who lives music with a generous urgency and brings his public into a state of intense joy."

Earlier this year Ganz performed his 9th recital at the Strathmore Music Center in North Bethesda in his decade long journey through the complete works of Chopin, a project he has undertaken in partnership with the National Philharmonic. He began his "Extreme Chopin" quest at Strathmore in January of 2011 in a sold out recital that launched the ambitious endeavor to perform the composer's approximately 250 works. The 10th recital in the series, Chopin and the Growth of Genius, will take place on February 1, 2020. Tickets and more information are at www.nationalphilharmonic.org



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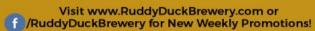
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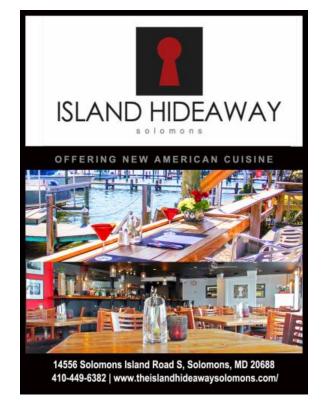
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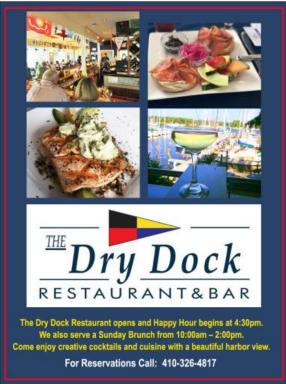
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IT'S NOT AN IF, IT'S A WHEN

Hello to all of you procrastinators out there. Three months of 2019 have passed and you have still not taken steps to protect yourself and your family with a will or a trust. Why not? Here are the five most used excuses not to have a will or a trust:

1. I'M NEVER GOING TO DIE: Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is "nobody is getting out of this alive." In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust. just focus on how you want to protect those you care about Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

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

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

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

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

4. IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE: Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. Trusts are more expensive but do not require that your beneficiaries pay legal fees for probate. Legal fees for making the probate filings can easily become far more costly than a trust. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. You would not go to a plumber to perform surgery on you. Why trust something as important as your family to chance? Creating a will or a trust is your last act of love and affection for your family. What price can you put on that?

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

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

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One Year After



By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

One year after her daughter's life was taken at Great Mills High School by another student, Melissa Willey still smiles and laughs when she thinks of Jaelynn.

What's more the community support that poured out for her and her family a year ago has not faded away.

"Usually once a week we get a dinner," Melissa told The County Times. "The support we've gotten has been amazing.

"I keep getting texts and cards from people with their support."

Still, the sense of loss is there.

"There are good days and not so good days," Willey said. "If you've lost someone, you go through different phases.

"She was a sweet girl, she deserves to be memorialized."

What Melissa remembers most about her daughter was her sociability, especially with her younger siblings and children in general.

"Jaelynn was very sweet and kind," Melissa remem-

bered. "She loved her two cats, she loved to knit, she loved to color – the adult coloring books – and she loved to swim.

"She loved the beach."

Being the second of nine children, Jaelynn had a close bond with her brothers and sisters; she was always engaged with her family, her mother said.

"I had to remind her sometimes that she was the kid and I was the mother," Melissa said. "She was very nurturing."

One year after Jaelynn's death; the county is still trying to heal after a gunman took her life.

"We're still here trying to recover and heal," said Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, who oversaw a massive police and emergency response to Great Mills High School on March 20 of last year. "I've said it since and after that day, none of us are the same.

"Once it happens to you [an active shooter at a school] you become the focus of the world," Cameron said.

Dfc. Blaine Gaskill, the school resource officer who responded in seconds to stop the shooter that day as he was taking his own life, remains at Great Mills High

School

"He was offered another school but he wanted to stay there," said Cpl. Julie Yingling, sheriff's office public information officer. "He takes ownership of that school and those students."

Cameron said he has been offered numerous chances to go on television, even on the Dr. Phil show, and discuss the shooting; he refused.

He will be speaking on it to a group of law officers at a Maryland Municipal League conference this spring because he believes it will benefit law enforcement response to such tragedies.

"In no way did it contribute to healing to be on those TV shows," Cameron said. "My place was here with the community."

Cameron was confidant in the training his deputies had received prior to the March 20 shooting; the emphasis had shifted to immediate response to an active shooter without waiting for backup.

After Gaskill's initial response some very young deputies found themselves responding to the worst situation imaginable.

"You had some people who had just graduated from



Sheriff Timothy Cameron and Melissa Willey

the academy that breached that door," Cameron said.

Sheriff Troy Berry from Charles County and Mike Evans from Calvert County pledged whatever assets they could immediately.

"It was incredible the response from those relationships," Cameron said.

Though the response to the tragedy has been lauded, it didn't stop that day from being the toughest day of Cameron's long career in law enforcement.

"It was one of the worst days," Cameron said. "I can't think of a worse day."

He still talks with Melissa occassionally.

"She's incredible, her family's incredible," Cameron said. "The sheer strength she showed during some-

thing I can't imagine going through."

After being the focus of such media attention, Cameron has learned to turn the news off.

His television in his office at sheriff's headquarters is now silent, before it was atuned to news channels.

"I don't read internet news anymore," Cameron said.
In the county school system, students, staff and officials are still recovering.

Principal Dr. Jake Heibel said: "I would say that even though this tragic event took place one year ago, for many it feels like it happened just yesterday. Students and staff remain at different places in terms of the recovery effort as we continue to try to move forward.

"I am personally grateful for the amount of sup-

port we have received from the community as we have worked to adjust to our new reality. We will continue to provide support for those who need it and do what is in the best interests of our students and staff."

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The system's leader said it was the toughest day of his educational career.

"It was most certainly the worst case scenario you could encounter for anyone dealing with kids," said Superintendent Scott Smith. "It hits all of us very, very hard."

When he learned of what had happened that day, Smith just focused on securing the school and getting through the day with students being safe.

"You just go into a react mode," Smith said. "You're just compartmentalizing and doing what needs to be done."

The evacuation of students from Great Mills to meet up with their families at Leonardtown High School was an arduous task but it taught the school system valuable lessons.

"I think we did as well as we could," Smith said. "I think we learned a lot about getting parents and students back together and providing information."

Since the tragedy the school system has concentrated more on texting staff with updates and coordinating with them to provide up to date information to parents once they arrive on scene.

Those same texting services are available to parents who can follow links to more information, Smith said.

Getting better at communication during a critical incident was a priority; the confluence of students, parents and first responders at Leonardtown – all 4,000 of them – overwhelmed the cell phone tower there, Smith said.

Even the school system's web site had to be shutdown as well as the Twitter page for Heibel.

Too many media agents were trying to e-mail which ever staff member they could throughout the school system to get any information.

"We weren't ready for the attention," said Smith.

On Wednesday the school was off limits to anyone but students and staff; grief counselors were on hand as were emotional support dogs that helped everyone inside through the most difficult of times.

Smith said since the events of March 20 of last year, the community has continued to surround and support Great Mills High School.

"We have to figure out how to come together," Smith said. "Hope and healing go hand in hand."

In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, some could never feel the same as they walked the halls of their high school.

"It just felt different; it was really sad going through the rest of the school year," said Joan Popoola, a senior last year who has since graduated. "I feel like I can't look at the school the same.

"But it's good people are coming together to remember what happened."

On Wednesday Gov. Larry Hogan requested a statewide moment of silence at 10 a.m. in memoriam of Jaelynn Willey.

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Thanks, Commission for Women for the Honor of Woman of the Year

I want to thank the St. Mary's County Commission for Women for the honor of being chosen the Woman of the Year at their annual National Women's History Month Banquet. I am grateful to Dale Taylor, President of the Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc., (Garvey Council) for the nomination. We have been heavily involved in the push for the new Garvey Senior Activity Center (Garvey Center) for the past 5 years along with many other members of the Garvey Council. I am, also, the Vice President of the Garvey Council and Dale and I attended and spoke at every County Commissioner Board and Budget meeting until the funding and the contract was let for the Garvey Center. I thank all the 3,288 county residents who signed the Garvey Council's petition to move the funding or the Garvey Center from the outyear budget to the 2016 budget. I thank Commissioner Mike Hewitt for listening to my idea of combing the two "very much needed" facilities along with subsequent support from all the other county commissioners to move it forward in the budget process when it looked like the Leonardtown Library would not be funded once again. I personally, thank Lori Jennings-Harris, Director, Department of Aging and Human Services for her continuous support; Katherine Reif, the Library Director

at the time we first started (June 2014) and Michael Blackwell, current Library Director, for supporting combining the two facilities. The anticipated ribbon cutting is in early 2020.

In addition to the Garvey Council, I have been involved and volunteered with numerous non-profit community organizations since 1982: Minority Business Alliance charter member; Margaret Brent Business and Professional Women; Tri-County Community Action Committee; Hospice; NAACP; Non-Profit Institute of College of Southern Maryland; Retired Senior Volunteer Program – 400 plus hours this year, and the Commission on Aging - currently the Vice President. The Garvey Center has been and is a major achievement because I wanted

to get the word out that the senior centers in our County are for use by anyone aged 50 and older and it's not about just playing bingo and card games. It's a vibrant "active" community that offers fitness (Men and Women's Enhanced Fitness, Zumba, ing, arthritis classes); sports (pickleball, softball, basketball, table tennis); Music, Theater, Arts and Crafts, etc.

Finally, congratulations to the Tomorrow's Woman of the Year, Ashley Williams, also, honored by the Commission for Women for her volunteer service with "Sending Smiles." She is a junior at Chopticon High School of which I am a graduate and my husband, and I were among the first students to integrate the school. She has a very promising future.

Margaret Forrest

VP, Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc. VP, St. Mary's County Commission on Aging









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NAVAIR International Partnership Successes Recognized



the obligation rates of all programs to ensure good stewardship of taxpayer funds. NAVAIR international programs ended FY18 with an obligation rate of 95%, which Morley called "outstanding". Morley stated, "we would like to once again take a moment to thank you and the team for your hard work and dedication towards the success of these programs". Because FMS programs by nature involve support across the globe, these programs face obstacles others may not encounter as often. Acts of God, product shortages, and civil commotion are all normal occurrences that NAVAIR International Programs navigate with ease.

In his email to NAVAIR leadership, Morley specifically praised NAVAIR International Programs, Tactical Airlift program office (PMA-207), Direct and Time Sensitive Weapons program office (PMA-242), Small Tactical Unmanned Air Systems program office (PMA-263), "and other supporting personnel for the efforts towards developing, implementing, funding and executing requirements".

The production and sustainment process is further enriched by international partnerships according to Michael Sears, NAVAIR's director of international programs. "This kind of recognition is important to NAVAIR as we look at supporting our international customers," said Sears. "We are looking to reduce costs for all partners and the U.S. Navy through economies of scale."

International partnerships have many benefits for all parties, such as economies of scale leading to a lower unit cost for all partners, research and development cost sharing opportunities, keeping industrial bases operating, and increasing geo-political stability. To say that international partnerships are an important part of the National Defense Strategy would be an understatement.

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John Richardson released A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority, Version 2.0 on Dec. 17, 2018. Richardson stated, "This update ensures the Navy's alignment with the most current strategic guidance, assesses the progress made since Version 1.0, and validates the initial design's characterization of the strategic environment." Version 2.0 is structured along four Lines of Effort (LOEs). Version 2.0 updates the tasks supporting the LOEs to establish new and ambitious goals that will accelerate the Navy's progress.

The CNO's four LOEs are:

Strengthen naval power at and from

Achieve highvelocity outcomes Strengthen our Navy team for the future

Expand and strengthen our network

of partners

Expanding and strengthening our network of partners is exactly what the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), the NAVAIR International Programs Office and the NA-VAIR Foreign Military Sales (FMS) workforce are doing every day. The International Programs Office mans, trains, and certifies the NAVAIR FMS workforce. It supports the Navy International Program Office (NIPO) strategic planning, and monitors FMS case development, execution, and closure. The International Programs Office manages a portfolio of 85 countries and a value of \$53 billion. Most NAVAIR PMAs have FMS activity. which translates to a robust execution of the CNO's fourth line of effort and a tremendous contribution to the National Defense Strategy.

With such heady responsibilities and a portfolio of this magnitude, it is no wonder NAVAIR and its International Programs Office has Navy leadership's attention. Rear Adm. Francis Morley, Director, NIPO, recently recognized the efforts of NAVAIR's International Programs Office, and the superior performance of many members of the NAVAIR FMS workforce in an email to NAVAIR leadership. Congress closely tracks



Wanderings Aimless Mind



by Shelby Oppermann Contributing Writer

"Spring at Last"

Happy Spring to you all! I am going to wear yellow today - I love yellow. You can probably tell that from the picture I have attached of me at 4 years old in 1965 standing in front of my oldest brother's fraternity house at WVU. I was happy yellow from head to toe, plus I had on my favorite ducky glasses. The colors yellow and green are just the best to me. I read that equinox means equality of night and day, so I guess I will have to wear something dark, a dark green maybe, with all the yellow I want to wear. I wonder if I can still find some ducky glasses somewhere?

I think this is one spring that has felt long overdue, not because of the temperatures – we have a nice temperature range here in St. Mary's County, but because of the amount of rainy weather we have had. I hope all this rain somehow equates to great sweet corn this year. I know that the managers and winemakers in the wineries we have visited have all said how hard all of this rain has been on the grapes. Oh Noooo!

This year, however, will feel bright and sunny to us since my husband purchased a bright red, '65 Mustang convertible just for winery and car show visiting this past October. My sons and I were on our way to visit my brother Billy in Virginia before he passed, and I happened to spot the Mustang at a classic car restoration shop in Fredericksburg. That week we had the Mustang and ever since my husband has been working on it – under the new metal garage he had put over top of it. But the owner was honest and said that it needed quite a bit of work, and what it needed. The first thing my husband did was put in power brakes, since he (and he's a pretty big guy) had to nearly stand up to stop the car. Nothing like those older, heavy metal cars with great profiles – cruising in style, real style. If I am ever going to drive it. I will need to either sit on a stack of cushions or get a booster seat. The seats are right on the floor. But we will have fun with it I know. I'm thinking that I could sell my artwork out of the back at car shows or do custom car paintings again like I did at the first Spring Fling Car Show when it was held behind Leonardtown Middle School years ago. Sunday, April 7th will be our first big outing with the Mustang at The



Southern Knights Classic Car Show at The Charlotte Hall Plaza Park and Ride lot. This also means that I get to have Cool Beanz coffee and those cute little \$1 bite size fruit muffins. I always think I am saving calories until I realize that I have bought 5 of the little muffins.

I am really looking forward to the Colonial Beach car shows. We try to get to one every summer and just walk around and drool over the amazing work that people have put in these classics. One of the years, one couple had brought their airstream camper completely retrofitted. I fell in love there and then, thinking wouldn't that be fun in retirement years to travel around car shows in an airstream and the Mustang selling artwork, eating from food trucks, having fun. Then I remembered, Oh, we have to work until we are 90 - we were not the smart ones who planned ahead. That's okay, floating through life isn't so bad really...oops, I meant "cruising" through life.

P.S. Donna, Dottie said you scolded me last week, sorry. I got my Johns Hopkins appointment days mixed up which messed everything else up.

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

a View From The BLEACHERS

Aunts, Honest Abe and Shameless Fraud

By Ronald N. Guy Jr. Contributing Writer

I had a special aunt growing up. You know the profile: younger, cooler than your parents, actually listened to your problems and offered advice like she could remember the struggles of adolescence. Unlike mom and dad, her default mode didn't involve lecturing, judging or reprimanding. She was kind and jovial, didn't embarrass you around friends and didn't make you earn a piece of cake by choking down vegetables.

Okay, she wasn't really my aunt – or just my aunt. For anyone and everyone who viewed the television show "Full House" with any regularity, she was our Aunt Becky.

Last week, in one of those reality ruins fantasy moments or, more specifically, when the real person destroys the character, we learned that Lori Loughlin, the actor who played Aunt Becky, is a crook. Loughlin, it is alleged, is one of nearly three dozen wealthy parents who used the services of William Singer, miscreant college recruiter for the stars, to develop fraudulent applications and bribe school officials to ensure their otherwise undeserving children were granted admission to prestigious institutions across the country. Aside from the dirty dollars that exchanged hands, the trust fund babies' applications included doctored ACT and SAT scores and faked photos of the 'students" playing lower-on-the-radar sports (rowing, soccer, volleyball, etc.) they had never actually participated in.

Aunt Becky, how could you?

See if this sounds familiar: I had the good fortune of attending Towson State University (now just Towson University). Mid-sized, state school. Largely unknown to non-lacrosse fans outside the mid-Atlantic region. A prestigious institution? Not by any outside measure, but to me it is. I got there based on my (modest) academic credentials and graduated because of my own sweat. I did not play sports at Towson because...I wasn't good enough. That's how it's supposed to work. You get in, play and graduate or not – based on your own credentials, talent and willingness to work.

It would be recklessly naïve, though, to think privilege and connections don't influence the admissions process. As Deep Throat said to The

Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward during the Watergate investigation, "Follow the money." Follow it indeed. President Trump's academic record and path to the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) is shrouded in mystery and former President George W. Bush's stint at Yale and with the Texas Air National Guard is dubious at best. But Loughlin and her associates were involved in blatant fraud, a do-whatever-it-takes - money, test scores, manufactured profiles to get my child admitted because it is their right, their privilege. The outrageous mentality values perceived entitlement because of economic or social standing over merit. The audacity and arrogance is enraging, but not surprising. Still, it p----s me off!

My fellow parents and guardians, see if this also sounds familiar: My oldest is in high school and is on the cusp of the college hunt. It seems daunting, a vastly different and more complicated process than I remember. My wife and I are worried. Our festering anxiety is based on this unfortunate reality: the gap between those with and without an advanced education has widened even since we were roaming college campuses in the 1990s. Good grades, strong standardized test scores, participation in a variety of extracurricular activities, volunteer work and endorsements are all part of constructing a strong candidacy. Then there's the financial aspect (something else that's changed dramatically in the last 20 years) - determining what is affordable and locating and competing for scholarships.

Competing...now there's a word. Just like when an umpire yells "play ball" or a referee tosses the ball up to start a basketball game, ultimately most parents and children (or those with any moral compass) just want an ability to compete fairly during the college admissions process. We owe that to our children. To think that more qualified candidates lost opportunities because of this criminal scheme is unconscionable. Shame on all involved.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." It is a simple test that many powerful people have failed. Aunt Becky is just the latest.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

Jacob Stauffer Brubacher



Jacob Stauffer Brubacher, 70, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on March 17, 2019 at his home. Born on October 1, 1948 in Leonardtown, MD he was the son of the late Priscilla W. Brubacher and Eli G. Brubacher. Jacob was the loving husband of Mary Lou Brubacher of Mechanicsville, MD. Jacob is survived by his children Melanie Stauffer (Sylvam) of Elkhorn, KY, Donna Zimmerman (Von) of Mechanicsville, MD Mark Brubacher (Martha) of Mechanicsville, MD, James Brubacher (Maria) of Leonardtown, MD, Roy Brubacher (Amy) of Leonardtown, MD, Clyde Brubacher (Sadie) of Mechanicsville, MD, Walter Brubacher (Laura) of Mechanicsville, MD, Shirley Stauffer (Mahlon) of Leonardtown, MD, Joel Brubacher (Sandra) of Tunas, MO, Karl Brubacher (Lucy) of Leonardtown, MD, and Lorraine Stauffer (Ryan) of Mechanicsville, Along with 57 grandchildren. Siblings Harvey Brubacher, Willis Brubacher, Henry Brubacher, Sueie Martin, Irvin Brubacher, and Alice Weaver. He was preceded in death by 1 granddaughter and siblings Ella Brubacher, Lena Blessing, Eli Brubacher, and Earl Brubacher. Jacob was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and was the owner operator of Jacob's Sharpening.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, 9:00 AM in the Mennonite Church Loveville, MD with Bishop Norman Stauffer officiating and Co-Officiating Bishop Edwin Stauffer. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be John B. Zimmerman, Dwayne Brubacher,

Glendon Zimmerman, and Laverne Brubacher.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Frances Idalia Cusic



Frances Idalia Cusic,"Teenie, 90, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on March 13, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on October 11, 1928 in Leonardtown, MD. She was the daughter of the late Mary Frances Pillsbury Hazel and Joseph Matthew Hazel. Teenie was the loving wife of the late Benjamin "Lester" Cusic, whom she married on June 15, 1948 in Compton, MD, and whom preceded her in death on February 8, 2018. Teenie is survived by her children Gail Fletcher (Jim) of Leonardtown, MD, Ben Cusic of Leonardtown, MD, Deborah Swann (Tommy) of Piney Point, MD, Marlene Long (David) of St. Mary's City, MD, and Ken Cusic (Jane) of Leonardtown, MD. Along with 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and her sister Mary Cusic of Leonardtown, MD. Teenie was preceded in death by her siblings; Elsie Tilton, Eva Alvey, Nettie Mattingly, Raymond Hazel, John Hazel, Elmer Hazel, Bob Hazel, and Daniel Hazel. She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. She graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1946. As a teenager Teenie worked for her father running the Harbor View Inn in Compton, MD. She enjoyed crabbing, playing cards with family and friends. After the retirement of her husband, Teenie and Lester would travel to Florida for the winters. They had met and made friends from all over the country. They continued to be snow birds for over 25 years. She enjoyed bingo, riding on her golf cart, and crocheting she made beautiful afghans for every member of the family. Teenie also enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and especially her grand dog (Buddy). Recently she taught her great granddaughters how to play pitch. She was extremely lucky in bingo and card playing. Even at her age of 90, she rarely lost a game of cards.

Contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Earl Hart



Earl Hart, 72 of Hollywood, MD formerly of Rocky Mount, NC passed away

on March 15, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on January 28, 1947 in Edgecombe County. NC he was the son of the late Christanner Parker Hart and David Aaron Hart. Earl was the loving husband of Mary L. Graham Hart whom he married in Aberdeen North Carolina on August 9, 1975. He is survived by his children; Christopher Hart (Claudia) of Atlanta, GA and Kimberly Hart of Hollywood, MD. Siblings; Lillie Mae Hart, Warren Hart, and Moses Hart. Earl is preceded in death by his brothers; Aaron Hart, Jr., Ed Thomas Anderson, Wilbert J. Hart, James Anderson, Jr., Jay D. Hart, William A. Hart, Samuel P. Hart, Willie Lee Anderson, Sr., and William Henry Anderson.

Earl graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1967 and Winston Salem State University in 1971 with a Bachelor's Degree. He moved from Rocky Mount, NC to St. Mary's County MD in 1971 and graduated from Bowie State College with a Master's Degree in Administrative Supervision. He was a Teacher/Assistant Principal for St. Mary's County Board of Education for 34 years, retiring in 2003.

Earl lived a simple life and enjoyed grilling out for his family, listening to Blues & Jazz music, traveling to watch "HBC" football and basketball games, going to the grocery store and discussing history.

The family will also receive friends on March 23, 2019 from 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM in Mark Chapel Baptist Church 2355 Leggett Road Rocky Mount, NC 27801 where a Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow in Northeastern Cemetery 12 E. Virginia Street Rocky Mount, NC. Pallbearers will be Earl's nephews.

Flowers may be sent to H D Pope Funeral Home 325 Nash Street Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

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Barbara Virginia Daly

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Barbara Virginia Daly, 55, of Great Mills, MD, died March 1, 2019, at her home.

She was born May 31, 1963 in Philadelphia, PA to the late John Rolston, and Barbara Kennedy of Philadelphia, PA.

Barbara was a loving mother, grandmother and supportive friend. She was a sports fan with her favorites being football and baseball. She could be found playing with her grandchildren. She was a great cook and baker. She specialized in her stuffed ham, cakes and cookies. Barbara loved to relax at the beach or at a sporting event. Her greatest love was spending time with her family.

Barbara is survived by her children: Michael Tarlini of Philadelphia, PA, Danielle Tarlini of Philadelphia, PA, Patrick Shawn Daly, Jr. of Great Mills and Destiny Kennedy of Great Mills, MD; her grandchildren: Brandon Thomas, Jr., Makayla Thomas and D'Mari K. Chase and her long-time boyfriend, Patrick Cain and many extended family and friends.

All services will be private.

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

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

Dewey Lee Cecil, Jr.

Dewey Lee Cecil, Jr. 53, of Brandywine, MD passed away March 9, 2019 in Lothian, MD.

He was born on November 8, 1965 in St. Augustine, FL to the late Dewey Lee Cecil, Sr. and Lucille Pauline Osteen.



Dewey was employed in construction for many years. He was an outdoorsman, and loved horses, spending time in the Luray Mountains, fishing and hunting. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan and regularly cheered them on. He was a socialite and made friends everywhere he went.

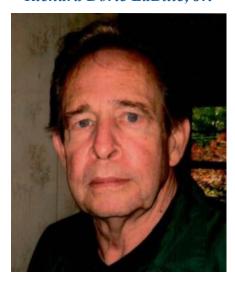
Dewey is survived by his sisters: Carol Cecil of Jacksonville, FL, Virginia Vallecillo (Gabriel) of Frederick, MD, and Julie Moreno (James) of Brandywine, MD; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and one nephew.

Interment will be private.

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

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Richard Dorie LaBille, Jr.



Richard "Dickie" Dorie LaBille, Jr., 75, of Harpers Ferry, WV (formerly of Mechanicsville, MD), passed away on March 11, 2019 in West Virginia. Born on April 1, 1943, he was the only child of the late Richard Dorie LaBille, Sr. and the late Ruth (Jones) LaBille. Dickie worked as Union Carpenter at the U.S. Capitol building and the White House and retired as a Supervisor from Southern Maryland Floors. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends,

bird watching and feeding the deer every night. Dickie is survived by his wife, Jacqueline S. LaBille, his sons, Richard LaBille III, Jason LaBille, Aaron La-Bille, Jeffery LaBille; step-sons, Joseph Lare and Jeffery Lare; 17 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

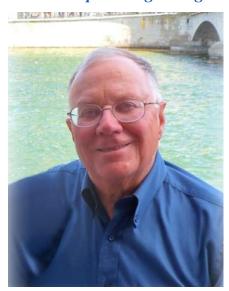
A Funeral Service and interment was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Contributions to offset funeral expenses may be made to: Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

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

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

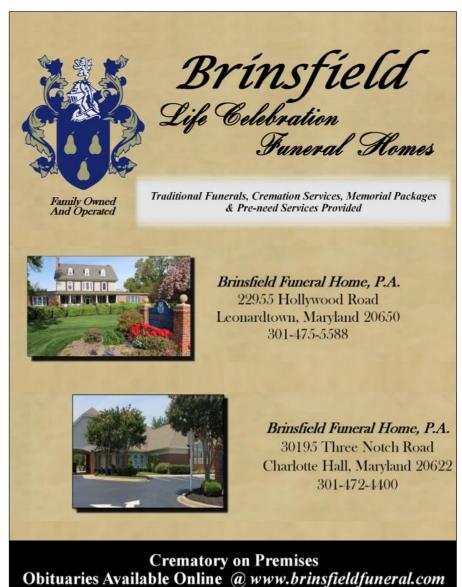
Dr. Joseph George Hoeg



Dr. Joseph George Hoeg, 75, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on March 10, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

Dr. Hoeg was born on December 13, 1943 in Wilkes-Barre, PA to the late Joseph Hoeg and Frieda Heinbach Hoeg.

Joseph moved to St. Mary's County in 1963. He met and married the love of his life, Jeannie Daniel Hoeg on June 30, 1973. Together they have celebrated over 45 years of blissful marriage. Dr. Hoeg was a graduate of Missouri University of Science and Technology with his Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate all in Engineering. Joseph proudly worked over 53 years of hands on experience at NAVAIR in Flight Test and RDT&E. Joseph held positions as the Technical Director for the Strike Aircraft Test Directorate, Director of the Flight Test and Engineering Group, and the Executive Director of the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. He worked as a Senior Scientist at Pennsylvania State University with a specialty in Applied Research working on Naval Weapon Systems. Dr. Hoeg and his loving wife, Jeannie, traveled extensively throughout Europe and had an affinity for Western Europe. Joseph loved to relax while boating. He also found great relaxation in "fixing" things. Joseph was an active member of First Saints Community





Church in Leonardtown. He will missed by his family and friends.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his sister, Marilyn Przirembel (Hans), of Monterey, TN; niece, Janet Przirembel; and nephew, Scott Przirembel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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Carol Jean Anderson



Carol Jean Anderson, 87, of Leonardtown, MD passed away Saturday, March 9, 2019 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

She was born on December 28, 1931 in Racine, WI to the late Julius P. Ritter and Helen Therkelsen Ritter.

Carol earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she met the love of her life. On June 19, 1955 she married her beloved husband, CAPT. Thomas Frank Anderson, USN (Ret.) in Wisconsin. Together they celebrated over 59 loving and faithful years together before his passing in March 2015. She loved God and her country, and enjoyed traveling and supporting her husband's military career. Once he retired they continued traveling abroad, with their favorite trips being to Norway and Ireland. She also went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1994 with her daughter where they swam in The Dead Sea and were baptized in the Jordan River. She was a member of Lexington Park United Methodist Church since1976 where she and her husband sang in the choir for over 30 years. Up to the time of her death she enjoyed bowling and taking walks along the beach near her home in Valley Lee. She also enjoyed swimming, watching tennis and old movies, and driving her VW Beetle, and had a great sense of humor with a ready laugh and a joyful

Carol is survived by her children, Su-

zin Carol Anderson of La Plata, MD and Paul Anderson (Bettina) of Seneca, SC; her grandchildren: Caroline Anderson of Japan, Thomas Frank Anderson II of Asheville, NC and Zachary Evans of Leonardtown, MD; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her brother, Thomas Ritter and twin brother, Donald Ritter.

All services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lexington Park United Methodist Church, 21760 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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Joseph Elmer Norris Sr.



Joseph Elmer Norris Sr., 98 of Chaptico, died March 11, 2019 at the St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown.

Elmer was born July 23, 1920 in Leonardtown, Maryland to Herbert Eugene and Lucille Norris, the fourth of 15 children, two of whom died in childbirth.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Ora Hill Norris, who died May 15, 2000; brothers James, Andrew, Ed, Ernest, Gene, Bob and Benny Norris; sisters Mary Reddehase, Frances Redmond Woodburn, Virginia Boggs and Alice Haley.

He is survived by one sister, Agnes Marie Higgs; his children, Joseph Leo (Mary), Kathy (Alan), King, David (Cathy), Joseph Jr., Agnes and Rose Mary (Mel); 12 grandchildren; 19 greatgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren due to be born this year.

Elmer Norris enlisted in the Army "Because he was tired of looking at the back end of a mule." This was in June 1939, before the United States involvement in the Second World War. He took basic training at what is now Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he qualified as Sharp Shooter with a Springfield 1903 model. The army sent him to Camp Pickett, Virginia, to attend the military intelligence school, which "didn't agree with him so much," he admitted, so he transferred to the Combat Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, where he was trained on

heavy equipment, bridging and demolitions. He served for three years before the war started, then he was assigned to the 808th Engineer Battalion and sent to Australia in May of 1943, to prepare for the invasion of New Guinea, the longest and hardest sustained battle of World War II. He had a disagreement with one of his NCO's, so he walked down the beach and asked an officer for a transfer and since the officer was short a bulldozer operator, he took him on the spot. The 808th was imbedded with the Australian infantry, and through triple canopy jungle where your clothes rotted off in less than a month, they took hill after hill. As soon as they would take one, "I had to get up on that bulldozer and flatten out the top of the hill, so the air force could fly in and out. And I didn't have no armor except for the blade on the front of that thing." They were under constant and sustained sniper fire, and it was somewhere in this time period he earned a Bronze Star with a V for valor. He wouldn't go into the circumstances, but it was not a medal bestowed lightly

in World War II. The campaign for New Guinea came to an end, and Mr. Norris, by now the equivalent of a sergeant in rank, thought they would get some leave, but Mac Arthur "Just loaded us up on more ships and we went to the Philippines, so he could return." This campaign was not as hotly contested, because Japanese troops were low on everything, food, ammo and clean water. The war wound down, and in August 1945, Mr. Norris was sent home, where he was discharged at the Ft. Meade separation center under the general demobilization in September of 1945. He received the Bronze Star, with a V for valor; Asiatic Pacific Service Ribbon; The meritorious Service unit Insignia; the Philippine Liberation medal, and the lapel button issued for not missing one day of service.

After wartime, he returned to St. Mary's County where he struggled as a farmer and mechanic before employment with the Pepsi-Cola Company in La Plata, where he worked for 26 years before retiring in 1983. He loved fishing, hunting and gardening, which he enjoyed well into his 80s.

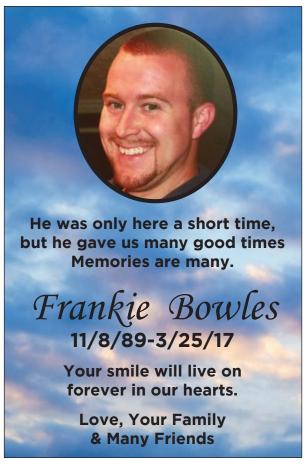
He was a fan of the Washington Senators, the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Redskins.

Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown.

Pallbearers will be David Norris, Joseph Norris, Mel Longfield, Matthew Hennessey, Joey Thompson and Henry Hill. Honorary pallbearer will be Stephen Alexander Norris.

Contributions may be made to Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 152 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church 37575 Chaptico Road Chaptico, MD 20621.

Funeral services provided by Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown.





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Volunteer Opportunities

Historic Sotterley Plantation: Museum Store/Visitor Center.

Become a Docent. Garden Guild Volunteers. May 1 thru October 31. Tuesdays-Saturdays: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Sundays: Noon-4:00 PM. To volunteer or make inquiries, call 301-373-2280 or email: officemanager@sotterley.org.

Recreation and Parks

Accepting Applications for Water Safety Instructors at the Great Mills Pool. www. stmarysmd.com

Academy Application

St. Mary's County Public Schools is accepting online applications for its four signature Academy Programs at www.smcps. org/academies until Friday, April 19. Late applications will not be accepted. Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 301-475-5511 x32104.

Thu.-Sat., March 21, 22 & 23

Anne of Green Gables

King's Christian Academy, 20738 Pt. Lookout, Callaway

6:30 - 8:30 PM

This family-friendly play captures the charm of L.M. Montgomery's enduring classic about an orphan girl. Advance tickets, 301-994-3080: Adult \$10, Child/ Student \$5. At the door: Adult \$12, Child/ Student \$7.

Thursday, March 21

Infant Loss Support Group

East Run Center, 45870 East Run Drive, Lexington Park 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Positive approaches to grieving for those struggling in the wake of miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. Sponsored by Footprints of Faith and Hospice of St. Mary's. No fee, registration required. 301-994-3565

Friday, March 22

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Presented by the Knights of Columbus. Fried Fish, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Coffee & Tea prepared by Crab Knockers. Adults \$12. Children 5-10 \$ 6. 4 years and under Free. POC: Tom Koviak, 240-434-1464

Open Mic

Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are welcome

Music and friendship, hone your perfor-

mance skills, meet new friends and learn a few new licks. \$7. Performers free. Refreshments available. Sign up to perform: Mike Smith at smtmdmike@gmail.com. Visit www.smtmd.org.

Pitch Tournament

Leonardtown VFD, 22733 Lawrence Av-

7:30 PM - 6:00 AM

Doors open at 6:00. Early Birds starts at 6:30. Tournament starts at 7:30. Must be on time---all tables start at once! Early Birds \$10 and \$20 Registration Fee. Nightly payouts for the top 5; plus we pay the biggest loser. Cash bar and food available. Info: email jrussell@lvfd1.org

Sat. & Sun., March 23 & 24

Fishing Fair and Boat Safety Expo

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, Leonardtown

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Fishing Fair includes vendors selling fishing rods, fishing tackle, fishing trips, artwork, and food to fishing enthusiasts. Speakers address fishing opportunities and fishing camps for 7 -14 years old. The Boat Safety Exposition includes boat safety preparation, training, and demonstrations. Sponsored by the Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization. www.smrfo. Visit www.visitstmarysmd.com/events/southern-marylandfishing-fair-and-boat-safety-exposition

Saturday, March 23

Yard Sale

Father Andrew White School gym 8:00 AM - Noon

Shop and support the Father Andrew White School Theater Department. Tables \$25/ea., \$40 for two.

Potato Planting Day

Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM

Growing for Good program! Volunteer to help Sotterley plant 11 acres of potatoes. Two sessions. Family-friendly event; 5 years and older. Treats provided! Rain/ Mud date Sat., March 30. 301-373-2280. www.sotterley.org

Relay for Life Vendor/Craft Fair

Hollywood Elementary School, 44345 Joy Chapel Road 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Shop with vendors for spring and summer events. Raffle baskets for bid. Photos with the Easter Bunny. Childcare while vou shop. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life/ American Cancer Society.

Community Connections

Great Mills High School 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

TEDxGreatMills presents talks and performances followed by a reception at St. Inie's Coffee for attendees and speakers. \$25 includes complimentary lunch. Info. and tickets: www.TEDxGreatMills.com.

Maryland Day

Historic St. Mary's City, 47414 Old State House Road

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Celebrate Maryland's 385th anniversary with ceremony, pageantry and speeches. Free admission to living history and museum exhibits. 240-895-4990, info@HSMCdigshistory.org,

Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner

St. John's Church, 43900 St. John's Rd., Hollywood

12:00 - 4:00 PM

\$12/meal includes four pieces (breast, thigh, leg and wing) of fried chicken and sides. Enter ballfield entrance. Contact Gabriela DeBons at grod2@aol.com or Cindy Pollack at pollockc@sjshollywood.org.

Art Share Series

Downtown Leonardtown, 22660 Washington St. (across from Winegardner Motor Company)

3:00 - 4:00 PM

A special event featuring Sheila Klotz from the SoMar Drummers. Stay for the Drum Circle from 4:00-5:00. Instruments provided or bring your own, all ages and skill levels are welcome. Free. (Note: originally scheduled for Feb. 1st; rescheduled due to snow.) 240-309-4061. www. stmarysartscouncil.com

Sunday, March 24

American Legion Turkey Shoot

Big Foot Hunt Club, 24450 Pin Cushion Rd., Loveville

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sign up starts at 10:00. \$80 for 15 rounds.10 Meat rounds. 5 Cash rounds. Info contact the Post 301-274-3522.

Seafood Dinner

Holy Angels Church, Avenue 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - \$28. Children (12 to 6) - \$8. and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carryouts \$26 each. 301-769-2394. 301-518-1538.

Turkey Shoot

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge 1:00 - 5:30 PM

Sign up at 12 noon. First round goes off at 1:00. Shoot for money and prizes. Jimmy Suite 240-417-5767.

Monday, March 25

Maryland Day

St. Clement's Island Museum, 8370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point 10:00 AM-5:00 PM (Museum Open) 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (Ceremony)

Celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace with a ceremony featuring guest speakers and program at 2:00. The museum and water taxi will operate for visitors prior to and after the ceremony. Local author Amy Schisler, who will be signing her new book "The Devil's Fortune" in the Museum. 301-769-2385

Bible Study

Leonardtown Library 5:00 - 7:00 PM

All are invited. We will read and comment on the Gospel of John starting at the beginning and reading a chapter or two each session. Contact Mike Thompson, 301 373 8545.

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park

7:00 - 11:00 PM No Limit Texas Holdem Poker Tourna-

ment. \$25 Buy in. \$5 add on, more chip and raffle drawing.

Food and beverage for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@ vahoo.com

Tuesday, March 26

Science for Citizens Seminar

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Bernie Fowler Lab, 142 William St., Solomons,

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Diversifying the Geosciences: Lessons in culture, inclusion & community engagement. Free. Seating is first-come, first-served. Learn more: http://bit.ly/ Science4Citizens

Wednesday, March 27

Christmas in April

862-3354 or 301-884-2905.

Showtime Deli 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Spirit Night. Full menu available. Fourth Wednesday each month to support Christmas in April, St. Mary's County, Inc. 301-

Chesapeake Toastmasters Open

Lexington Park Library, 21677 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Inspirational guest speaker Jennifer Foxworthy. Light refreshments. Build skills to become better communicators. Chesapeake Toastmasters website: 7218. toastmastersclubs.org

Thursday, March 28

Dinner and Show

Esperanza Middle School 5:00 - 8:00 PM

The Theater/Musical Department presents Elk, Jr. to benefit Christmas in April, St. Mary's County, Inc. Dinner and Show – \$5.00 cash. 301-997-6161 or 301-884-2905.

St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

Programs and Activities

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

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

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Pop-up LIFE presentation

Join us on Friday, April 5, from 9:30 11 a.m. in Room 14 of the Potomac Building for an informative presentation by Susan Youhn entitled Amazing Grace. Learn about Rear Admiral Grace Hopper, her many achievements including her World War II work on the Mark I computer; her difficult transfer to civilian life, her work on the COBOL programming language, and her many honors. Ms. Youhn is always an interesting, informative speaker presenting wonderfully historical information. This presentation is part of the LIFE (Learning is ForEver) program and is free of charge. Advance registration is required. Please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063, to preregister or complete the LIFE registration form at any of the senior activity centers in the county.

Lunchtime Theater

Come join us at The Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, March 27, at 12 p.m. for a performance and lunch as our Reader's Theater presents 2 short performances. "Mother's Day": Join us for a new spin on Mother's Day when a mother and her friends concoct a scheme to teach the daughter a lesson about the importance of visiting her mom. "The Prize": A retirement community's new resident is stunned and you will be, too when he learns what role he plays in an astonishing lottery! The lunch that day will be baked chicken leg, lentil soup, carrots, seasoned greens, WW dinner roll and fruited jell-0. Cost for the meal is \$6 for those under

the age of 60 or a donation for those ages 60 and above. Advance sign up required. See the receptionist or call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

LIFE Trip to James E. Richmond Science Center

On Wednesday, April 3, enjoy an afternoon trip to the James E. Richmond Science Center, an amazing facility in nearby Charles County. First, an instructor will demonstrate the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Science on a Sphere® (SOS), a room-sized globe that provides visual instruction about science, the Earth, and the environment. Then we enter the Digital Dome classroom. With a diameter of 60 feet and seating for up to 184 people, the Digital Dome classroom is one of the largest of its kind! Enjoy the 35-minute film "Perfect Little Planet." Following the film, take in a planetarium show of the current seasonal sky. This tour is part of the LIFE (Learning is ForEver) program and is led by Melissa Georgiou. Van departs from the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 12:45 p.m. and returns around 4:30 p.m. Please arrive at the Center by 12:30 p.m. to sign-in. Register at any of the county's senior activity centers. Fee is \$20 and includes transportation, van driver tip and museum admission. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063, for more information.

CSM Wellness Clinic

The College of Southern Maryland's Nursing Program will provide a free wellness clinic at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, March 28, from 9-11:30 a.m. Health checks include blood pressure, height and weight, heart rate, and vision. Presentations include topics such as: Flu vs. Pneumonia, Insomnia, Are Artificial Sweeteners More Healthy Than Sugar?, I Forgot - Normal Signs of Aging vs. Signs of Concern, and The Pros and Cons of a Gluten-Free Diet. Drop-ins are welcome; prior sign up is not required.

Hearts Desire Creations Painting Class

Showcase your inner artist and create a beautiful impressionist painting at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, March 26, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.! Local self-taught artist, Lorrie Johnston of Hearts Desire Creations, will guide you as you paint the class design on a 16" x 20" canvas using acrylic paint. Back by popular demand, the class will paint a cardinal in the snow. This design is suitable for artists of all skill levels. Please be sure to dress ready to paint. The cost per class is \$5 and is due at signup. This fee includes all materials and instruction. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for each class in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Walk with Ease Is Coming Back to Loffler

The Arthritis Foundation has developed a program that uses walking to relieve the pain and stress of arthritis. This six-week program is part classroom instruction and part walking and has been shown to reduce the pain of arthritis and improve your overall health. This series will be offered at the Loffler Senior Activity Center for free! It is an evidence-based program that is taught by Arthritis Foundation-trained lay leaders. Classes will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning April 8 and continuing through May 17, 9-11 a.m. Commitment to regular class attendance and follow up at home is required. Call 301-475-6019 to sign up. Class size is limited. Free.

Spring Luncheon & Performance by the Chopticon High School Performance Troupe

Join us for lunch and a performance at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, April 10, at 12 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. and will feature orange juice, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, applesauce, and lemon meringue pie for dessert. Beginning at 12:45 p.m., the Chopticon High School Performance Troupe will perform your favorite and most popular theater songs, even adding in a few Disney tunes. Space is limited for the event so sign up early. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 to register.

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Zumba at the Library

Leonardtown Library will host Zumba at the Library on Tuesday, March 26 from 10 – 11 a.m. Looking to try Zumba at your gym but not sure if you will like it? Join us for a one-time Zumba class sponsored by United HealthCare Community Plan. You will get an awesome aerobic workout while dancing to energetic music such as hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo. Squats and lunges are also included. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.

Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the St. Mary's County Library will hold their annual Spring Book Sale at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds from Friday, March 29 through Sunday, March 31. The first day of the sale, Friday, March 29 will be open for Friends members only from 12 – 8 p.m. Become a member online at www.stmalib.

org or at the door! The sale opens to the general public Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 31, 12 – 4 p.m. Sunday will also be ½ price day. Cash, checks, and credits cards will be accepted, and an ATM will be available onsite. Volunteers will be needed on moving and set up days (Saturday, March 23 – Thursday, March 28), as well as during the sale. Please sign up on www.stmalib.org if you're interested in volunteering!

Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will host Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, April 1 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.

Chillax at the Lex – Try It! Stress Balls

Lexington Park Library will hold Chillax at the Lex – Try it! Stress Balls on Thursday, April 4 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: Squeezing a small ball can squeeze away your

stress and help you pay attention to other things. Come in and make your own stress ball.

Storytime at Greenwell State Park

St. Mary's County Library will hold a special Storytime at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Ln, Hollywood, MD 20636) on Saturday, April 6 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. Since the barn will be open to guests on this day, be sure to check out all the friendly horses and goats after the program. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch in case you get hungry! Siblings welcome; no registration required.

Improving Your Professional Image

Leonardtown Library will hold Improving Your Professional Image on Saturday, April 6 from 2 – 3 p.m. Join us as Ginamarie DeMilio, Professional Etiquette Instructor, discusses the best way to promote a positive professional image. She will talk about personal appearance with regard to clothing, grooming, personal behavior, manners and etiquette, and communicating effectiveness. Ms. DeMilio's goal is to help attendees gain the confidence necessary to join the workforce and leave a lasting, positive image with potential employers.



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37. Portuguese folk

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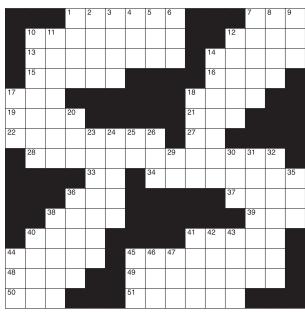
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- 7. When you hope to arrive
- 10. Ducks
- 12. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 13. Hatch
- 14. Genus of finches
- 15. Knifes
- 16. Towards the oral region
- 17. Bitter-flavored beer
- 18. Brews
- 19. Hideouts
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- 27. Hammer is one
- 28. Racing legend
- 33. Commercial
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- a few

- 8. Rocker Rundgren
- 7. Icelandic poems

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