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St. Mary's Native Missing in Hawaii



Amanda Eller

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last week Amanda Eller, a former Mechanicsville resident and local physical therapist, went missing while hiking in the Makawao Forest in Maui, Hawaii, her new home.

She has yet to be found, though county residents who call her friend are continuing to search for the 35-year-old yoga instructor.

A Go Fund Me page set up to raise funds to continue the search has raised more than \$40,000 to help supply volunteers; more than 100 volunteers are searching for Eller.

"She grew up in Mechanicsville and went to Chopticon High School," said Theresa Schlotterbeck, a long-time friend. "After completing her physical therapy training she wanted to travel, she wanted to see the world."

"She found an opportunity in Hawaii and she made it her home."

Eller went missing May 8; her white Toyota RAV-4 sport utility vehicle was discovered in the parking lot of the Kahakapao trail, which she frequently hiked, according to those who knew her.

She was not reported missing to police until May 9.

Her personal belongings, including her cell phone and wallet, were found in her vehicle, with her keys placed under the driver side tire.

Since the search began her parents, received a package from her and a note containing Mother's Day gifts; the package was sent the same day Eller went missing.

The family has posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to Eller or for her safe return.

The search has included police drones and tracker dogs and the family

has asked for experienced rappellers and hunters to aid in the search for her.

Jessica Eller, Amanda Eller's sister-in-law, said the family is trying to encourage the rescue effort to continue.

"We're trying to raise awareness to complete the search and bring her home safely," Jessica Eller said. "The family is very positive; Amanda is very strong and capable of taking care of herself out there."

"We're confident we'll find her there."

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Commissioners Approve Apartment Tax Deal



Renovations continue at Lex Wood apartments in Lexington Park

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved this week a payment in lieu of taxes program (PILOT) that would reduce the property tax requirement for a developer renovating the Lex Woods apartments in Lexington Park.

The program would reduce the overall property taxes owed to the county over the next 20 years by \$312,000.

The Lex Wood project is one of three such renovation projects in St. Mary's, the first is Queen Anne Park apartments and the third is Patuxent Cove which would be a new construction project.

The three projects represent about \$64 million in investments in low income and work force housing stock.

Tom Aud, representing Lex Wood Preservation LLC, which is overseeing the project, said they would continue ownership of the site for the next 15 years and would not sell the property upon completion of the renovations.

"We've spent \$11 million renovating 78 units," Aud said. "The tenancy will not be changing."

"We look to provide enhanced housing for the people already living there."

Aud said the entire complex of apartments was compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, though only five percent of the actual apartments met those standards.

"What I would like to see in this PILOT is a larger percentage of ADA accessible units," said Commissioner Eric Colvin. "Would something like 25 percent be possible?"

Aud said increasing the number was not possible but his company had already committed to offering 20 percent of the apartments to those with disabilities as a preference.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said he approved of the value of having such projects in St. Mary's County where affordable housing stock is difficult to find but he chided the local housing authority for not being able to get local contractors to participate in the work.

"None of the labor in the market takes place locally," Morgan said. "They [tax payers] foot the bill and the subcontractors come in from out of town."

"It doesn't seem to get remedied... by the housing authority."

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Commissioners Propose Income Tax Hike



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted at Tuesday's final budget work session to increase the income tax rate to 3.17 percent after last week's vote to place it at 3.1 percent.

They stood firm on last week's vote to remove the property tax increase that would have driven the rate to 90 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Commissioner Todd Morgan made the proposal as a way to restore some funding to the sheriff's office and Board of Education that had been removed last week.

Last week the commissioners removed \$4.4 million for a negotiated agreement to fund school system salaries as well as about \$900,000 from the sheriff's office.

Under Morgan's proposal, which got a majority of three votes to pass, the \$900,000 is back in the sheriff's budget to be used at Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron's discretion and about \$2.7 million goes back to the school board.

The school's budget portion from the county is about \$103 million, the largest expenditure.

The renewed money for schools will go to fulfilling a three percent salary increase for teachers, Morgan said, "not for everybody else."

This will qualify the county to receive a \$1.7 million grant for educational salaries from the recently passed Kirwan Commission legislation.

"Obviously there's nobody who's happy with the budget right now," Morgan said at the Tuesday session. "This still leaves the Board of Education short."

"But there's money in their accounts to get the negotiated agreement settled."

Part of Morgan's budgeting logic was based on the county receiving a four-percent increase in revenue next year; this in turn was based on the state's projection of a 6.7 percent increase.

"I'm playing voodoo economics here," Morgan said.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt was critical of Morgan's proposal, claiming that the county could only rely on its current 2.2 percent projection for growth.

He was equally critical of funding the school board's negotiated agreement since the county was not a party to those negotiations, only the school system and the system employees.

"We don't have an obligation to pay for a negotiated agreement we had nothing to do with," Hewitt said. "The point is they [the school system] have plenty of money."

Morgan said he was acting on the assumptions that Hewitt had long held, that the county overestimated expenses and underestimated revenues.

A four-percent increase in revenue, Morgan said Wednesday, was a compromise between Hewitt's 2.2 percent projection and the state's 6.7 percent prediction.

Commissioner Eric Colvin, along with Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy, supported Morgan's proposal.

Colvin said that since the school board was not a revenue raising body, it fell to the commissioners to ensure there was funding to support teachers, which he said Hewitt has himself supported.

Hewitt said it was ultimately up to the school board to spend the money the commissioners gave them to support their needs.

"This is the best ugly budget we could get," Colvin said.

The county's operating budget now stands balanced at about \$253 million for fiscal 2020 after Tuesday's budget work session.

Hewitt mocked the vote to support the new budget going forward.

"Voodoo economics ladies and gentlemen," Hewitt said Tuesday. "Come and get your voodoo dolls."

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Tiki Bar to Reopen This Weekend

Traditional Opening Bash Scheduled

By Dick Myers
Editor

It's back. After a year hiatus and several weeks later than usual the spring opening of the Solomons Tiki Bar is now scheduled. It will be this weekend, May 17-19. And the operators promise the event, which is known around the world as the place to be to party, will be bigger and better than ever.

The Solomons Tiki Bar didn't reopen last spring because of the death of its owner Terry Clarke, 54, and the decision by his heirs that they did not want to operate the bar. An attempt to find a buyer for last year's April regular opening was unsuccessful and the bar stayed shuttered for last summer.

Now new operators have stepped in to lease the iconic place, giving it a new lease on life. They are the owners and operators of three Union Jack's bars in Maryland and also a crabhouse.

Partner Rich Cutair told The County Times the opening would have "the same feel" as what attendees experi-



enced over the years when thousands flocked to the island. He said some of the previous staff would likely be working there.

Cutair said he and his partners had heard of the Tiki Bar before exploring an interest in leasing it. They have a location in Annapolis, and he said some of the people who work there were familiar

with the Solomons Tiki Bar.

This weekend will be filled with the following entertainment:

Friday, May 17

Chip Wood Band

Come Back Iris

Saturday, May 18

81 Run

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Sunday, May 19

Trilogy

Cutair said the Tiki Bar will be open every day from the opening throughout the summer. He said some minor changes might be made along the way.

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Town Council Tables Storage Facility Plan



An artist's rendering of the storage facility.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Town Council will take up the issue next month of the approval of a plan to build a three-story storage facility on Route 5 in the northern section of the town, fronting the Clark's Rest community.

The Clark's Rest developer Marrick Homes had requested the town council make a decision on whether to approve the project at their Monday meeting, but several members had concerns about the design and wanted Marrick to make amendments to the project.

"I'm not a big fan of this," said Council Member Christy Hollander. "It's like a big box and we're a small

town."

The storage facility plan calls for 97,332 square feet of space to accommodate storage units to include a parking facility for boats and recreational vehicles.

Rick Bailey, head of Marrick Homes, told the town council that the project was a continuation of the Clark's Rest planned unit development (PUD) concept's commercial component.

Attempts to attract a business such as Starbucks, Burger King or another Dunkin' Donuts failed, Bailey said, because those entities favored putting their stores at intersections controlled by a traffic signal.

Offers from companies such as The Dollar Store were rejected, Bai-

ley said, since they would be heavily trafficked.

"We turned down those offers," Bailey said. "We wanted something with a low traffic volume."

The storage facility would be built north of the Clark's Rest entrance on Route 5 on the same side; there are plans for an eventual traffic signal there but not in the near future.

Hollander was concerned that even with trees and other landscape additions to conceal the vehicle park it might still be too visible from the road.

She said if the project plan were adjusted to put the building in an "L" shape to create an alcove for the vehicles it would be more suitable to the surroundings.

Marrick homes had already made concessions in its design, according to the town's own planning commission.

It increased the buffer area around the proposed site and lowered the

building by three feet from the original 45 feet in height.

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Federal Law Prompts Recall of Thousands of Drivers Licenses

Documents needed for compliance; 66,300 Marylanders Have Not Yet Responded to Notices from MDOT MVA

A group of Marylanders are at risk of having their driver's licenses or identification cards recalled in June if they don't satisfy document requirements that are part of the federally-mandated REAL ID process.

Some Marylanders who have the new REAL ID license or identification card still must bring in certain documentation to comply with the federal REAL ID requirement.

The overall deadline for obtaining a REAL ID is October 1, 2020, but more than 66,300 Marylanders with a new REAL ID star license or identification card have not yet filed the required documents. These people have been contacted by the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) multiple times since December and need to bring those documents to the MDOT MVA by June to complete the process. Without those documents, MDOT MVA will start flagging the affected driver's licenses and identification cards in June as "recalled."

The recall of a driver's license will make the physical card invalid. Customers would still be licensed drivers, but if pulled over by law enforcement, they would have their driver's licenses confiscated. To avoid this, customers who are part of this group MUST come to a MDOT MVA branch with the required documents as soon as possible and are urged to make an appointment. Affected customers have received three notices via email since December that warn of the June 2019 deadline. They will receive three additional notices in the coming weeks via email and the U.S. Postal Service.

"It's very important that MDOT MVA customers who have received REAL ID notifications pay attention to the deadlines and provide documents to their nearest branch as soon as possible," said MDOT MVA Administrator Chrissy Nizer.

REAL ID was passed by Congress after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and creates standards for secure driver's licenses and identification cards nationwide. As of October 1, 2020, all Marylanders must have documents on file and be REAL ID compliant to use a state-issued driver's license or identification card to board an airplane or enter federal government facilities.

Maryland began issuing REAL ID licenses and identification cards in 2009 under a process that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) deemed compliant. However, in October 2017, DHS informed Maryland that all customers with a driver's license or identification card containing the REAL ID star must have documents on file with MDOT MVA.

As a result, some people have the newly-designed driver's license or identification card, but still need to bring in documents to become REAL ID compliant.

The documents can include: a birth certificate or passport, proof of social security and two documents proving a Maryland home address. For those in this group, including those facing the June deadline, there's no charge for this process since these customers already paid to get their new license.

Administrator Nizer said that for those unsure whether they are part of the group facing the June recall, "we have developed tools to make checking your REAL ID status as simple as possible."

People can go to the MVA's REAL ID Look Up Tool, at www.mva.maryland.gov/realidlookup. When customers enter their driver's license or identification card number, the tool provides details on their REAL ID status. For those facing the June deadline, the Look Up Tool will indicate:

"You are required to present documents in order to meet federal REAL ID Act requirements. Please bring your documents to a MDOT MVA branch office by MM/DD/YYYY. Failure to respond may result in action against your Maryland Driver's License or ID card."

The message asks customers to collect the required documents and make an appointment. Appointments aren't required, but those who make one are guaranteed to be seen within 15 minutes of the scheduled time. Appointments can be made at www.mva.maryland.gov/realid.

The MVA has added more than 1,900 weekly appointment slots across the state, and now has more than 3,000 appointments available every day. Branch offices in Baltimore City, Essex, Easton, Frederick, Gaithersburg and Westminster have extended hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, continuing through July 2 to assist in handling high volumes of REAL ID transactions. The Loveville branch in St. Mary's County is offering Saturday hours of 8 a.m. to noon, also through July 2.

After the June deadline, there will still be nearly a million customers in the same situation – they received the new REAL ID license or identification card but need to file documents with the MVA to satisfy federal requirements. Those affected are being notified over a period of time, to ensure staff could meet standards for outstanding service for these customers, other REAL ID applicants and those conducting other business with the MVA. In May, the MVA will start another six-month notification process for people who will face a November 2019 deadline, then other notifications will go out monthly for those facing later deadlines. The timing allows all of these customers six months in order to comply.

There are 5 million Marylanders with a driver's license or identification card. Of these, 2.3 million to date have the required federal REAL ID documents on file with MDOT MVA.

Dfc. Bush Honored for Service at Memorial

The family, friends and brothers and sisters in blue said their farewells on Friday at the memorial service for DFC Jason Bush of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. DFC Bush, 34 of Ridge, passed away on April 29, 2019 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Bush entered duty with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Aug. 10, 2015 and graduated the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy, Class 42, on June 3, 2016. Deputy Bush distinguished himself with a kind spirit and commitment to others. He was a genuine peacemaker, patiently treating everyone with tremendous respect.

At the memorial service held at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, Sheriff Tim Cameron, Rev. Larry Crabtree and Capt. David Yingling, Commander of the Patrol Division, shared their thoughts and memories of Deputy Bush, along with colorful stories from his friends Sean Crotty and Lenny Sershen.

We are proud of our brother for the bravery he displayed in fighting cancer. Jason's calm courage in the storm, determination and commitment serve as an inspiration for us all. His gentle smile, trademark humor and grace under pressure touched the lives of everyone he encountered – leaving a legacy of altruism that meant so much to us all.

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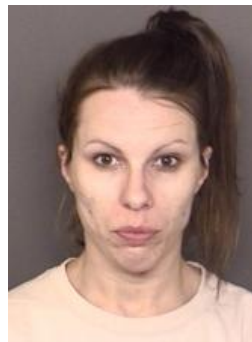
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Assault- On April 18, 2019, Dep. Fenwick responded to the 21700 block of Cabot Place in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **John Devonte Gale, age 24** of Ridge, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face during an argument. The victim sustained visible injury as a result of the assault. Gale was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. CASE# 22625-19



Drug Arrest- On April 19, 2019, Dep. Wynnyk was investigating a suspicious vehicle in the 21000 block of Croaker Street in Lexington Park. Located on scene was **Heather Nicole Hugel, age 28** of Great Mills.

Hugel had an outstanding warrant for the charge of FTA/Driving Without a License. When taken into custody, a metal smoking device was located in Hugel's jacket containing suspected cocaine. Hugel was served the outstanding warrant and also charged with CDS: Possess-Paraphernalia. CASE# 22731-19



Drug Arrest/DUI- On April 19, 2019, Dep. Luffey attempted a traffic stop in the 17000 block of Three Notch Road in Ridge. The vehicle did not stop and Dep. Luffey saw two baggies discarded from the vehicle while he was attempting to stop the vehicle. The vehicle ultimately stopped and the operator was identified as **Tony Adri-**


an Gray, age 40 of St. Inigoes. It was determined Gray was operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Also located in Gray's vehicle was a bottle of tequila, and a baggie containing suspected MDMA (Ecstasy). One of the baggies thrown from Gray's vehicle was recovered and contained suspected cocaine. Gray was charged with two counts of CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Attempt by Driver to Elude Police by Failing to Stop, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Per Se, and Driving While Impaired by Alcohol. CASE# 22903-19



Assault First Degree/DUI- On April 19, 2019, Cpl. Pesante responded to the 36900 block of Tanyard Drive in Mechanicsville, for the reported motor vehicle accident. Investigation determined **Zachary William Daniel Mozie, age 39** of Mechanicsville, intentionally rammed into the victim's vehicle two times, disabling both vehicles. Mozie was found to be operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Mozie was charged with five counts of Assault 1st and 2nd Degree, Driving Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Vehicle While Impaired by Alcohol, and Reckless Driving. CASE# 22892-19



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St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums Seek to Fill Open Board Member Position

The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Lighthouse Museums is looking to fill an opening on their Board of Directors. The all-volunteer nine-member Board meets quarterly on the second Thursday of the month.

The Friends is a 501 3(c) charitable organization whose mission is to raise funds in support of historical interpretation, education programs and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St Mary's County. For more information, please visit www.Facebook.com/FriendsSCI

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, li-



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

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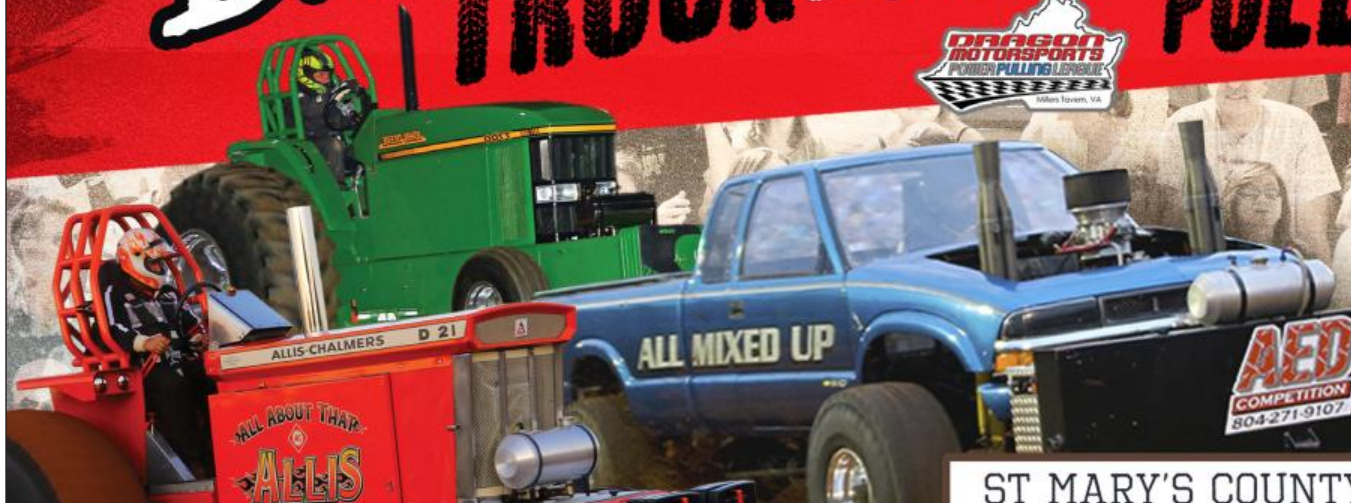
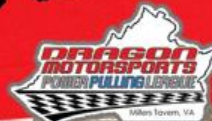
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The Maryland Traditions folklife program is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Heritage Awards, given annually to outstanding stewards of Maryland's living cultural traditions. This year's winners are:

Person or people: Bluegrass musician and promoter Jay Armsworthy, of St. Mary's County; Place: Generational supporter of African American community and culture, the Arch Social Club, of Baltimore City; Tradition: Puerto Rican percussion and dance practices of bomba and plena, as upheld by Cultura Plenera, based in Howard County.

Each winner will be honored in a ceremony hosted June 7th at the Proscenium Theatre on the campus of UMBC. The ceremony is free and open to the public, and will be a featured event at the Maryland Arts Summit, a convening of artists and arts leaders from around the state. Ticket information will be released shortly through MSAC's website and social media accounts.

"It is always a distinct pleasure to support folklife through our Heritage Awards," said Maryland Traditions director Chad Buterbaugh. "I invite everyone to join us on June 7th to see why Jay Armsworthy, the Arch Social Club, and Cultura Plenera make Maryland such a special place to live."

Inspired by the work of Garrett County folklorist Dr. Alta Schrock, the Maryland Traditions Heritage Awards have been given annually since 2007 to a person or group, a place, and a tradition that exemplify outstanding stewardship of Maryland's folklife. The Maryland Traditions program is dedicated to identi-



Bluegrass musician and promoter Jay Armsworthy of St. Mary's County is the 2019 Heritage Award winner in the category of Person or People. Photo by Edwin Remsberg Photographs.

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Sotterley to Participate in Publication Launch



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Historic Sotterley, as a UNESCO Slave Route Site of Memory, will participate in the global launch of the UNESCO publication entitled “Legacies of Slavery: A Resource Book for Managers of Sites and Itineraries of Memory” on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. The launch of this Resource book will be organized the same day and simultaneously in different countries of the world, in collaboration with our partners. On this occasion, the online version of “Legacies of Slavery” will be made available in three languages (English, French and Spanish) in free access on the UNESCO website.

This Resource book is the fruit of the intensive work that was achieved by UNESCO’s Slave Route Project: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage, in order to develop a tool that can be used by professionals involved in the safeguarding and promotion of sites related to the slave trade and slavery. Designed in two parts, it contains conceptual and practical information for managers of sites of memory. It also provides a comparative

analysis of best experiences and practices across regions, through 40 examples of sites, itineraries and museums implementing particular strategies for the preservation, promotion and interpretation of heritage related to slavery. Moreover, it offers advice and recommendations for the development of memory tourism, responding to the ethical exigencies of this sensitive subject.

This event also coincides with the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. It will be an opportunity to engage in a reflection on the stakes of the preservation of the memory of slavery, and mostly to question how this history can be integrated on memory policies.

Historic Sotterley will be participating with the following activities for this global launch:

10 a.m. - Organizational announcement of Sotterley’s UNESCO Slave Route Site of Memory designation and purpose for this event.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Exhibition—Re-discovering Historic Sotter-



ley’s Land, Lives, and Labor exhibit and Slave Cabin exhibit.

1:00 p.m. - Our Stories—A presentation and training of the interpretation of Sotterley’s manor house through diverse perspectives.

2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - Public Roundtable—Front-line Sotterley staff, volun-

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LSM Class Experiences Energy, Environment



Leadership Southern Maryland Class of 2019 tours Dominion Energy's LNG facility at Cove Point.

On April 25 & 26, the Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) Class of 2019 participated in the last of nine educational sessions for LSM's 2018-19 Executive Program - Energy and Environment.

The two-day event began at the Calvert Marine Museum's Lore Oyster House where the class met with Captain Jack Russell, owner of Fins & Claws. Russell spoke to the class about the life of a waterman, tools and practices of the trade, and challenges facing the industry.

Next, participants boarded a bus headed for Exelon's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant where they received a brief on nuclear energy and had the rare opportunity to take a walking tour of the facility.

The class then traveled to Dominion Energy's Cove Point LNG Terminal, where George Anas, External Affairs Manager State & Local Government for Dominion Energy and Frank Brayton, director of LNG Operations spoke with participants about Dominion Energy's transition to exportation of liquefied natural gas. Dominion Energy hosted lunch with an educational briefing followed by a windshield tour of the facility and a stop overlooking the off-shore exportation pier. The participants wrapped up their day with a "behind the scenes" tour of the Calvert Marine Museum.

The second day began with a visit to the Loveville Produce Auction, allowing the participants to experience "commerce in action" while observing interaction of the Mennonite and Amish agricultural community with local restaurateurs, grocers, and individuals who purchased from their harvests. This portion of the program was facilitated

by Rob Plant, owner of Elements Eatery & Mixology in Lexington Park. Plant shared his extensive knowledge and passion for buying local.

The participants then traveled to Hughesville, where they were given a tour of the SMECO Solar Farm by Tom Dennison, SMECO's managing director of government and public affairs. Next, the class was off to Farming 4 Hunger where they had an opportunity to learn about the farm's mission and were introduced to tower gardens, one of the organization's newest projects that provides outreach to local schools.

Back at SMECO, President Joe Slater along with Dennison and Natalie Cotton LSM'11, director of community and public affairs, hosted the participants at the Engineering and Operations Center, where they had a tour of the facility and educational brief on SMECO. The group concluded the afternoon with an agricultural panel discussion. The guest speakers were Plant, of Elements, Shelby Watson-Hampton, director, Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), Chip Bowling, president of Bowling-Agri Services, Inc., and Paul Kellam, a commercial waterman and owner of Kellam's Seafood.

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

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Nurses Week Honors Those Who Serve The Suffering

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As the county, state and nation honor nurses and their profession this week, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital honored four of them for their outstanding achievement in a field of work that is as critical as it is challenging.

One nurse, Sherry Wolfe, an oncology nurse at MedStar in Leonardtown has worked treating cancer patients for almost 20 years; she was nominated for the Daisy Award, which recognizes excellent patient care, by a patient who is also an oncology nurse she has worked with for 13 years.

"I was kind of surprised," Wolfe said of receiving the award. "I guess I didn't expect it."

Over two decades Wolfe estimated she has easily treated thousands of patients who go through chemotherapy and other regimes on a regular basis.

The faces may change but the job and how she performs doesn't; she got into this line of work largely due to her personality, she said.

"It's just helping people, even as a little kid I was always trying to help someone else," Wolfe told The County Times. "It's challenging and rewarding at the same time."

Aside from administering medications to patients, Wolfe develops relationships with them to help them through their difficult times.

"You just try to make them laugh, make them smile," Wolfe said. "Sometimes we see them more than their families

"We get to know our patients very well and their immediate families, too."

Wolfe knows about that better than most; she treated her own father who she eventually lost to cancer.

"I learned a lot when I lost my father to cancer," Wolfe said. "You learn about the suffering of the care giver."

While nurses deal with difficult circumstances in treating cancer patients - the loss of hair, their sensitivity to environmental conditions like heat and cold that healthy people don't readily notice, their sensitivity to all kinds of smells - they only do it for a relatively short span of time.



Sherry Wolfe, an oncology nurse at MedStar St. Mary's and winner of this year's Daisy Award, treats her colleague Theresa Gould. Gould nominated Wolfe for the award she received during Nurses Week.

It's the families of the cancer patients who have to deal with the everyday misery their loved ones have to endure.

Treating her father was so difficult it almost ended her career as an oncology nurse.

"It almost made me not want to come back," Wolfe said. "But I did."

If anything, going through such a personal ordeal made her a better nurse, she said.

"That changed how I practiced," Wolfe said. "It made me more empathetic; I know what they're [fam-



Sydney Clement, BSN, RN, Intensive Care Center, 2018 DAISY Award winner; Sherry Wolfe, RN, Cancer Care & Infusion Services, 2019 DAISY Award winner; Yhamira Aud, RN, Telemetry, 2019 Preceptor of the Year; and Diana Altevers, RN, MedStar Health Good Catch Award winner pictured at the MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Annual Nurses' Dinner.

ily members and patients] are thinking."

She can anticipate questions and concerns of care givers before they ask them, telling them everything they need to know to help treat their own loved ones.

"People like coming here [for cancer treatment] because it's more like a family," said Holly Meyer, director of marketing for MedStar St. Mary's.

"Here, you're a person, not just a number at a larger hospital," Wolfe continued.

Her treatment of her fellow oncology nurse, Theresa Gould, was the reason she received the award.

"She and her husband nominated me," Wolfe said. "I was emotional, honored by that."

The two have worked together to get Gould well, Wolfe said, without her patient second guessing her nurse even though both have comparable experience.

"I treated her like she was any other patient," Wolfe said. "I made sure he [her husband] knew everything."

"She's doing great, she's back to work again."

Yhamira Aud, who has been working as a full-time registered nurse for just two years, has already been assigned to training the next generation of nurses and was honored this week as Preceptor of the Year; she described her work as being "a skilled nurse who teaches other nurses on the unit."

Beyond ensuring they can perform the medical and technical skills necessary for the job, Aud also teaches them how to deal with emergency situations and heavy levels of stress.

"You're teaching the newer nurses out there, preparing them to be on their own," Aud said. "It can be overwhelming, challenging."

"This is the perfect time to teach; you're not stuck in your ways and you're able to mold others."

Despite all the training nurses get, they still need hands on training with guidance to be successful in a job that is so unforgiving.

"Being in real life conditions are different," Aud said. "Sometimes you're faced with three different scenarios... I face it every day."

Aud shares a common trait with other nurses; a surplus of compassion.

"I've got a big heart," said Aud. "I've always wanted

to help people.

"I can't see myself doing anything else."

Still, even for someone with great compassion, it takes resolve to be a nurse.

"It means more than just coming to the hospital and punching in and out," Aud said. "You have to be in it 100 percent."

"You'll have those days that completely drain you."

For those who can deal with the strain, they will have a sense of true accomplishment.

"You feel like you're making a difference in the world," Aud said. "That makes me happy."

"That makes it worth it for me."

"I love my job, I love my patients but I love the nurses I work with, too."

Brittany Szaks, who has been a nurse since 2004, now works to help educate and manage nurses at MedStar; she has moved up the ranks seeing all kinds of medical cases and trauma.

Now, along with being in upper management, she has coordinated Nurses Week celebrations to include treats for nurses and nursing techs along with dinners and awards ceremonies.

With all that nurses endure, she said, they deserve it.

"It's a profession, not just a job," Szaks said. "It's something you have to have a love for."

"It's a privilege, but it takes a toll on the nurse."

That toll is often extracted by the loss of a patient's life, no matter how hard nurses worked to save it.

"You lose a lot of patients, but you also save lives," Szaks said.

Nurses are more than just people who provide constant care and hold hands, they are the core of hospital care, Szaks said.

"We make up a good 75 percent of hospital staffs," she said. "Without nurses there would be no primary care."

"Nurses are the backbone; they're at the bedside more than anyone else."

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MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Awards Eight Scholarships

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital announced the winners of its 2019 scholarship Tuesday, May 7, during a reception held in their honor. The scholarships are funded by the Philanthropy Committee of the Hospital's Board of Directors. Since 2001, 157 scholarships have been awarded and this year's scholarships totaled nearly \$100,000.

The 2019 scholarship winners are:

- Madeleine Bridgwater is a student at Leonardtown High School and plans to major in nursing
- Brooke Gatton attends Leonardtown High School and will major in nursing
- Amber Gontarek is a student at Leonardtown High School and plans to major in nursing
- Sarah Rannacher attends Leonardtown High School and will major in nursing
- Samantha Tercedo is a student at Leonardtown High School and plans to major in nursing
- Kylee Wickline attends York College of Pennsylvania and is majoring in nursing
- Samantha Wilt Conowingo attends Towson University and is majoring in speech-language pathology
- Kaitlin Zelonis is a student at Leonardtown High School and plans to major in nursing

"I assure you that if you are one of the eight individuals sitting up here today you – and your family – should feel very proud," said Rick Tepel, chair of the scholarship committee. "The entire committee was ex-



The 2019 MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Scholarship winner, pictured from left to right: Samantha Wilt Conowingo, Sarah Rannacher, Amber Gontarek, Madeleine Bridgwater, Brooke Gatton, Samantha Tercedo, and Kaitlin Zelonis. Not pictured, Kylee Wickline.

tremely impressed by all of the applicants for our 2019 scholarship program, and – to be honest – we had some difficult decisions to make.

"The road to this day was paved with many hours of hard work with more to come. MedStar St. Mary's believes with your drive and determination, you will make a difference in the lives of many," Tepel said.

The Philanthropy Committee, formerly the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, is a subset of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital's Board of Directors. The program is designed to help ensure the future of quality local healthcare. Applications are due each spring. Visit [MedStarStMarys.org/Scholarships](https://www.MedStarStMarys.org/Scholarships) to learn more.

Students Win Awards for Public Service Announcements



Having won accolades and prize money, nine CSM students will now have their award-winning public service announcements about vehicle theft prevention air throughout the year across the state of Maryland. The winners pictured with their professor from left are Tionte Smiley, Joseph Neal III, Kevin Poole, CSM Associate Professor and Program Coordinator Olaniyi Areke, Stephen Gardner, Jacob Buchanan, Jillian Roberts, Christian Pomponio and Dylan Fox. Not pictured is winner Michael Baranowski.

Nine College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students recently won accolades and prize money for producing public service announcements (PSAs) about preventing vehicle theft. The digital media production students wrote, filmed and produced 30-second PSAs that offered warnings and tips to Maryland motorists to help them avoid having their vehicles stolen or broken into.

This is the third year that CSM's students have participated the PSA contest sponsored by sponsored by The Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (VTPC), Maryland/DC Anti-Car Theft Committee and Maryland State Police (MSP). The CSM students took honors in both video and audio categories and won a combined \$4,800 of the \$7,000 in prize money being awarded.

Earning runner-up in the audio PSA

category and winning \$300 were the team of Dylan Fox and Stephen Gardner. A three-way tie in the video PSA category resulted in Micheal Baranowski, Tionte Smiley – who also won a top spot in the same competition in 2016 – and the team of Christian Pomponio and Jillian Roberts splitting a \$1,500 purse. And tying for first place and splitting the \$3,000 grand prize purse were Jacob Buchanan and the team of Kevin Poole and Joseph Neal III.

While the competition is open to all, developing and submitting an entry into the annual competition is a mandatory assignment for students enrolled in CSM's Digital Media Production (DMP) 1010 Class taught by CSM Associate Professor and Program Coordinator Olaniyi Areke, MFA.

"It is a service learning opportunity

for the DMP students to do a PSA on real issues that impact our community," explained Areke. "This exercise teaches the students to work together as a team and allows them to compete – and win – against students from four-year institutions. It also gives students great exposure because their PSAs will be shown at Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration offices and be broadcast on radio and television stations around the state."

Careers in digital media production, marketing, graphic design, art and history education, public relations, library science and much more can begin with the Arts and Humanities Pathway at CSM. This associate's degree pathway lays the groundwork for a bachelor's and then even a master's degree. CSM has many guaranteed admissions agreements with a variety of universities to

help you achieve your goals. Learn more about the program by visiting <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/pathways/arts-humanities/>.

The CSM student-produced PSAs will be aired on social media, on WBAL-TV and on the VTPC and MSP websites. To view all of the videos, visit <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuayfzAk0VPna6X7NqG-hQ8Pa5gJLv34G>.

Press Release from CSM

School Administrative Appointment Announced

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. Scott Smith, announces the administrative appointment made by the Board of Education at its meeting of May 8, 2019.

The Board appointed Ms. Tamatha Metcalf as Supervisor of Health Services in the Department of Student Services. Ms. Metcalf holds a Master's degree from Kaplan University and a Bachelor's degree from Immaculata University. She currently serves as a School Nurse at Chop-ticon High School.

This appointment will become effective July 1, 2019.

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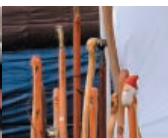
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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



Strawberry Brain

“Oh, strawberry brain, oh strawberry brain, how I miss my old brain.” Well actually, my real brain is just as mushy as the strawberry brain. I am at the “can’t eat, can’t sleep, can’t think” part of Strawberry Festival time. I start planning in January with my ten page monthly timeline of to-do’s and instructions - also known as the “if I get hit by a truck, anyone can pick the timeline up and run with it festival plan”. Everything goes smoothly from January until the third week of May. It really does...right up until the last week when it is time to actually get the strawberries. The weather plays a huge part of course of when the berries hit their peak. It’s a gamble every year. I could never be a true gambler because I would die from the constant worry.

Other than that, it sounds like it is going to be great weather for this year’s festival on Sunday. I am sooooo glad. I love the festival and have been chairperson for quite a number of years. This year is special since it is the 25th year. That’s a great milestone for an old-fashioned Sunday church social type of festival. Everything is so fast-paced and technologically oriented these days that it is nice to step back and just have a day to listen to live music, eat Mike’s barbecue (truly the best I have ever tasted), and strawberries, ice cream and cake What could be better than that? The old photo of me in my strawberry shirt???

Well, listening to The Bushmill Band and Folk Salad play music all day for one would be better. The Bushmill Band is an acoustic, 5-piece band featuring guitar, banjo, fiddle and bass, playing folk, old-time country, and bluegrass. Folk Salad has been serving up a variety of acoustic music including light rock, oldies, folk, original and more since January 2009. Their vocal harmonies and upbeat stage presence have made them popular at venues in Southern Maryland. And second would be checking out the wares of our local crafters, artisans and vendors.

We also have the Southern Maryland Boot Scooters with us again, who put on quite a dance show for the crowd. The Boot Scooters have participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s in LaPlata for the past four years. The Boot Scooters have an Alzheimer’s website where do-

nations can be made securely and are of course tax deductible. The Boot Scooters have various raffles and fundraisers going on that you can ask about at their table. <http://act.alz.org/goto/bootscooters>

Our three local charities who will benefit from the proceeds of the Strawberry Festival are below. All great charities that we are honored to help. I know people, including myself who have been helped by these great organizations.

ACTS (A COMMUNITY THAT SHARES), 21808 Colton’s Point Road, Avenue: From their website: “Since July 1993, ACTS has provided home convalescent equipment to residents of St. Mary’s County. www.acts-smc.org

HOSPICE From their website: “Our Mission: Hospice of St. Mary’s is a not-for-profit service that provides physical, psychological, spiritual care and comfort to those who are terminally ill and to their families. Hospice also offers grief support to those who have experienced a loss. Hospice cares for patients in a variety of settings: home, nursing homes, assisted living centers and the Hospice House.” www.hospiceofstmarys.org

CLEMENTS CUTIES FOUNDATION: Raising awareness for childhood cancers: From the website: “The Clements Cuties originated in the 1970’s as a group of male softball players who would dress as ladies and play softball games for charity. The Clements Cuties Raising Awareness for Childhood Cancers yearly softball games are an incredible event at Cryer’s Back Road Inn ball field in Compton, MD. www.clementsCutiesfoundation.org

So, hope to see you at the Festival this Sunday, as always you know I will be the one wearing the tiara; the only chance I’ll ever have.

*To each new day’s adventure,
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CSM Joins Achieving the Dream Network

Focus to Strengthen Student Success

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) today announced that it has joined Achieving the Dream (ATD), a network of more than 220 colleges in 43 states dedicated to improving student success. As a Network institution, CSM will innovate to implement, align, and scale cutting-edge reforms, work with ATD coaches to build institutional capacity and connect with peers to foster learning and share information.

“Achieving the Dream is a network of people across the country that will support us as we focus on what it is we need to do to help our students in finding their paths and finish what they started. This is something that is going to be very powerful for Southern Maryland,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. “CSM is joining Achieving the Dream for three years, and the ultimate result is that our students will be so much better off. They will help us identify exactly what we need to do. We will really understand what our students’ needs are and we can shape our programs and services around their needs. Most of all we can help our students find their paths and finish what they start in a timely manner that improves their lives, the lives of the families and really enriches our entire communities.”

“The strength of local and regional economies, our ability to rebuild the middle class, and the possibility that a new generation will achieve their goals depends on community colleges,” said Dr. Karen A. Stout, ATD president and CEO. “Colleges that join the ATD Network show an exceptional commitment to becoming the kind of institution that will lead the nation into the future.”

ATD offers a capacity-building framework and companion self-assessment that allow colleges to pinpoint strengths and areas for improvement across seven institutional capacities in areas such as leadership and vision, teaching and learning, and data and technology. ATD’s approach integrates and aligns existing college success efforts and offers valuable support in preparing for accreditation, fostering conversation about goals, and making bold, holistic institution-wide changes because initiatives that don’t reach most of a college’s student body have not shown strong results.

“Achieving the Dream brings together everybody across the college. We’re all in it,” Murphy said. “Every single one of us is responsible for student success in a very different way. It’s not just in the classroom. It’s not just with the advisors. Every single one of us touches these students on their journeys and we can help make a difference in where they go. Achieving the Dream helps us identify those things more clearly.”

A team from CSM will meet with leaders from 15 other colleges in Phoe-



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nix, Arizona in June to plan the launch of their ATD work. Murphy outlined CSM’s concentration will be on student success to solidify a shared vision that will allow the focused, evidence-based work to fulfill the goals of the college’s strategic plan. This includes improving student progress and completion, providing targeted programming to meet regional needs, and to function as one regional college.

“Our focus areas are going to be around guided pathways, something we’ve started already by mapping our curriculum. We’ve also connected our guided pathways with our short-term workforce training because we know that sometimes that’s what our students need more than a degree,” Murphy said. “CSM is the primary cog in the economic development engine in our region when it comes to developing the workforce. Our students will be able to identify their career paths and their career goals, how that connects those high demand occupations right here in Southern Maryland, and we will be supporting them all the way until they achieve those credentials.”

ATD Network colleges report data using metrics that answer critical questions about who attends college, who succeeds in and after college and how college is financed. To advance goals of social mobility and equity, the metrics provide information on how low income and other underserved students fare. These metrics are categorized into performance metrics, efficiency metrics and equity metrics at points during the student experience from access through post-college outcomes.

As colleges in the new cohort progress, they may apply to participate in initiatives supported by philanthropic funding and managed by ATD. These initiatives help incubate new ideas that help colleges refine practices based on evidence of what works and allow ATD to disseminate knowledge to the broader network and the field. New initiatives address the challenge of engaging adjunct faculty more deeply as key members of colleges’ workforces and implementing degree programs using only open educational resources/

Press Release from CSM

A View From The **BLEACHERS**

A Marvel-ous Ending

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The view from the bleachers is melancholy, but satisfied. It is also hopeful that the sheer majesty, and both the regretful but exhilarating feeling manufactured by this climatic event, didn't blur or diminish the great end to the most spectacular superhero experience – ever.

With the spoiler prohibition now lifted discussing “Avengers: End Game” is fair game. Although, if you are still clinging to ignorance, worry not – this is more about what we mere mortals can take from this departing franchise than any particular “End Game” scene. Oh, and it has nothing to do with traditional sports.

I have come to appreciate my generation, the relatively small and overlooked Gen-X, for this fact: We will be the last generation to remember a pre-internet/information age and were its first navigators. That said, the humble comic book was my introduction to superheroes. It was a good day when I could talk my folks into buying me a pack of Topps baseball cards and a comic book from the old High's store in Leonardtown. I vividly recall the anticipation while holding a new comic in my hands. What overwhelming challenge would the hero defeat? How would the world...or the universe...be saved? Beautiful artwork. Suspenseful storyline. Humanity's fate in the balance. All of it for just 35-cents.

That probably sounds antiquated (or altogether lame) to today's kids, who have grown up on adrenaline-inducing blockbuster superhero movies. It's a fair assessment, but I'm still glad to have a connection to comic books, for that is how superheroes first captured our imagination.

I am equally grateful for the technology that has enabled comic book heroes and villains to properly transition to the big screen. That technology brought the Marvel Cinematic Universe to life - and what a ride it has been. Starting with “Iron Man” in 2008 and now culminating with “End Game” in 2019, Marvel has taken us on a decade-plus, 20-ish film adventure that would have been unimaginable to my 10-year-old self while flipping through an early 80s Spider-Man comic.

Now the future is uncertain. More movies will be made, of course, and the franchise and the remaining characters will evolve. But this run by Marvel, and the Avengers movies in particular, was a cultural apex for comics and superheroes that will be difficult to repeat. The coalescence of heroes allowed for complex storylines, seemingly omnipotent forces of evil and I-can't-get-enough-of-this, keep-you-coming-back-for-more battles – and the big screen was the big stage it all needed. Even I'll admit that a modest comic book would never have done it justice.

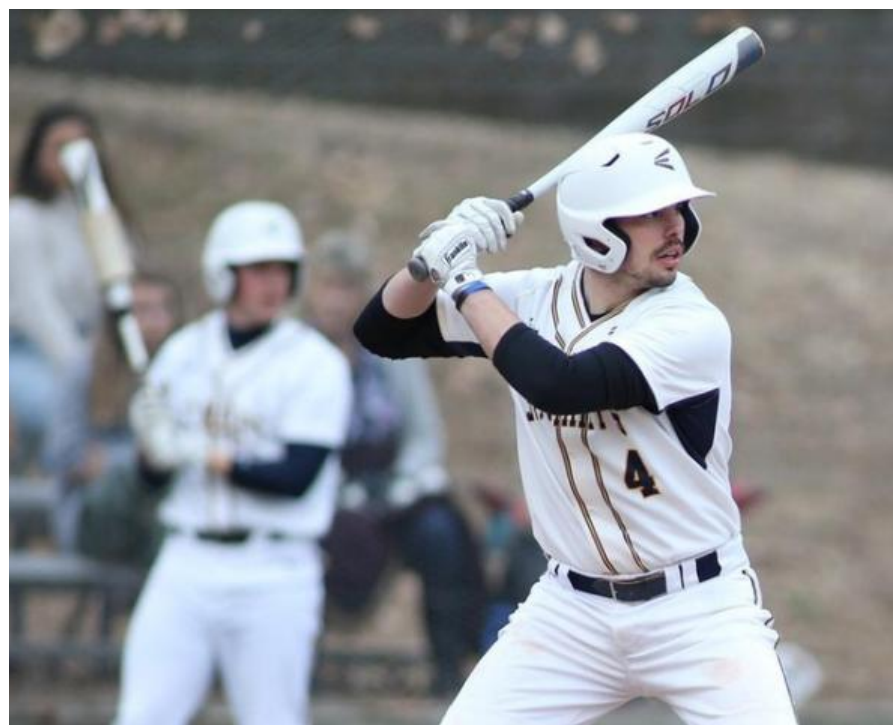
Beyond the struggles between good and evil (a predictable plot), what Avengers always got right, and what should be its lasting legacy, is the power of collaboration. It took a lot for all these powerful characters to coexist and adopt a common cause. I would imagine (because that's all I can do), that if you can fly, possess great strength or are legitimately a god, it's hard to check your ego and operate within a team structure.

The Avengers storyline always included that struggle and, ultimately, their collective realization – sometimes at the passionate urging Nick Fury - that they were far more powerful united than separated. The diversity of the heroes - in skill-set, background, generation, nationality, race and gender (and even life-form) - was certainly no mistake either. The immediate message: No one is strong enough, not even Thor or Hulk, no one is smart enough, not Tony Stark or Shuri, and no gender or race is singularly adequate to defeat the challenges ahead. The lasting message for the mere mortals: We all need each other.

The choice Avengers leaves us with is simple, yet enormous. It is a question for all humanity. Are we going to do this together? Are we going to unite and solve global issues like climate change and national issues like income disparity, racism, sexism, homophobia and gun violence? Or will we close ranks and cordon off society based on petty differences? If we choose the latter, a “Thanos” of some sort will ultimately win our end game, for unlike the comics, real life doesn't guarantee a happy ending.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Plagge Earns All-CAC Second Team Honors



Bowen Plagge '20 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

Bowen Plagge, a member of the St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team, earned All-CAC Second Team honors, the league announced today. This is the second consecutive season the Seahawks were represented on the All-CAC team.

Plagge, a junior transfer by way of Towson University, made an immediate impact from the plate for the Seahawks this season. The Leonardtown, Maryland native led the Seahawks in a number of offensive statistical categories, including runs (32), hits (56), doubles (12), triples (3), home runs (7), RBI (35), stolen bases (12), batting average (.421),

on base percentage (.463), and slugging percentage (.714).

His numbers also stacked up well in the CAC with a variety reaching the top ten of the conference. Plagge finished the 2019 season ninth in hits, eighth in triples, eighth in stolen bases, third in batting average, eighth in on base percentage, and fourth in slugging percentage. The 6-2 catcher particularly excelled in conference play, leading the way with a conference best .410 batting average against CAC foes and recording 34 hits, good for third in the league.

Press Release from SMCM

The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

At last! a weekend forecast coming up with sunny days, warm temperatures, and light winds.

In addition, the rockfish minimum falls to 19 inches on Thursday the 16th, and more areas are open to fish. The mouth of the Patuxent will be available up to Point Patience, and the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac open up, those are the most important factors for our region.

More good news is that rockfish in the 19- to 24-inch size are in pretty good supply as both trollers and lure casters have been successful in any areas catching and releasing these smaller fish while seeking the trophy size of 36 inches or better. There were good catches of rockfish in the mouth of the Patuxent by fishermen throwing Bomber Wind Cheater (swimming plugs) around structure and the wrecks. Jiggers at the Power Plant Discharge found stripers in

the 22 inch size, and sighted some that were in the mid 30 inch range.

Catfish are most everywhere in the rivers and even on the bay shore at Point Lookout. A fisherman landed four catfish off the public pier in Piney Point at the St. George Island Bridge in about 45 minutes last Friday in mid afternoon on cut bait. White perch should turn on in earnest this week as we get some normal temperatures. Crabs will be very active to make up lost time as the cold has set them back at least two weeks.

Surf casters on the Naval Air Station found willing young stripers all around Cedar Point on the rocks and in the mouths of creeks.

Fresh water fishing is excellent in the lakes and ponds. The extended cool is just right for crappie and limits of 15 per day have been common at St. Mary's Lake. Pickerel, bass, bluegill, and even yellow perch are very active. Live crickets, minnows, and lure (Beetle Spins are great) are all producing.



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Communication, Preparedness and Flexibility Nets NATEC Employee Recognition



Lt. Ed Butler, Military Site Lead for NATEC Site Whidbey Island (left), presents Dwight Felty a certificate on his recognition as the 2019 National Logistics and Industrial Operations Competency Supervisor of the Year.

The purposeful exchange of information among stakeholders is one of the first steps in readiness production, according to Dwight Felty, a Naval Air Technical Data and Engineering Service Center (NATEC) Avionics Supervisor/Equipment Specialist at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.

"I'm a firm believer in clear, concise and timely communication," he said. "Without it, neither NATEC Headquarters [in San Diego, California] or I have means of anticipating any changes that will impact the fleet, my organization, the team or myself. It's a two-way street. Without making my intentions clear to employees, success would be difficult, if not impossible."

Felty was recently named the 2019 National Logistics and Industrial Operations Competency Supervisor of the Year. He is credited with providing training to Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10 prior to their deployment that was tailored to meet the special needs of each squadron. As a result, CPRW-10 made fewer requests for NATEC services while its squadrons were deployed.

Communication, he explained, makes it possible for

him to be forward thinking and be adaptable in his approach to problem solving—two leadership qualities he believes are essential in providing support to the fleet. "I formulate plans in anticipation of future needs and challenges. Flexibility is also key. Change is the norm in our field of disciplines," he said.

Tom Rudowsky, Director, Sustainment Group, commended Felty for taking on the NATEC P-8A technical coordinator responsibilities in addition to his full-time job during the Navy's transition from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A. "Supervising several teams at the same time is tough," he said. "You covered multiple disciplines across logistics for a transitioning platform in a competitive environment. Thank you for all you do in providing capabilities to the fleet."

"Mr. Felty is a model supervisor," said NATEC Director Cmdr. Ken Tachikawa who nominated him. "He is a proactive leader who cares immensely about the NATEC team, the quality of the engineering technical services that we provide to the Naval Aviation Enterprise, and the unmatched impact NATEC has on aviation readiness."

Felty was also recognized for leading the development of the P-8A Qualified Proficient Technical Representative curriculum in the Advanced Skills Management program. As a result, 18 technical representatives earned their accreditation, enabling NATEC Sites Whidbey Island and Jacksonville to provide highly responsive troubleshooting assistance and over-the-shoulder training to seven squadrons. These standards are now used by the Navy to qualify Sailors as technical representatives on the aircraft.

There is a distinct difference between managers and leaders that is reflected in the effectiveness of products and services provided to the fleet, according to Felty.

"My approach to identifying and developing solutions to challenges is simple—communicate, anticipate, be flexible," he said. "But it takes a proficient workforce in conjunction with engaged leadership to ensure NATEC provides the high level of support to the Fleet and the program offices. Providing readiness starts with communication."

Broadway is Back

The Newtowne Players present their fourth year of "A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song"



Eddie Carter takes the lead in "Be the Hero" from the musical Big Fish. (Photo by Stacey Park)



Sarah Gravelle and Autumn Mallory kick off the song "Be the Hero" from Big Fish. They are joined on stage by Christine Kalil (far left) and eventually the full ensemble. (Photo by Stacey Park)

By Jeni Coster
Graphic Designer

The Newtowne Players are at it again, bringing Broadway hits to life in their latest production. The Three Notch Theatre is currently presenting "A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song," written by Thomas Esposito and Diane Trautman, and directed by Esposito.

This year's gifted cast is starring Eddie Carter, Marina Broome-Eason, Erich Engel, Sarah Gravelle, Christine Kalil, Autumn Mallory, Hunter Martin, and Stephanie Taubert. Taubert was not present at the show I attended, but her songs were covered by Mallory and Gravelle. The musicians are Tommy Chedester, Stephanie Gleason, Erin Moss, Joe Scrittore, Ed Delmoro, and Diane Trautman.

The songs range from top hits and not as well known songs from Broadway shows including: Fiddler on the Roof, Something Rotten, Guys and Dolls, Hamilton, Jekyll and Hyde, Motown the Musical, Catch Me If You Can, Shout the Mod Musical, Frozen, Beautiful, Aladdin, Dear Evan Hansen and more. There are more than 27 different Broadway musicals represented in this years lineup, something for musical lovers of

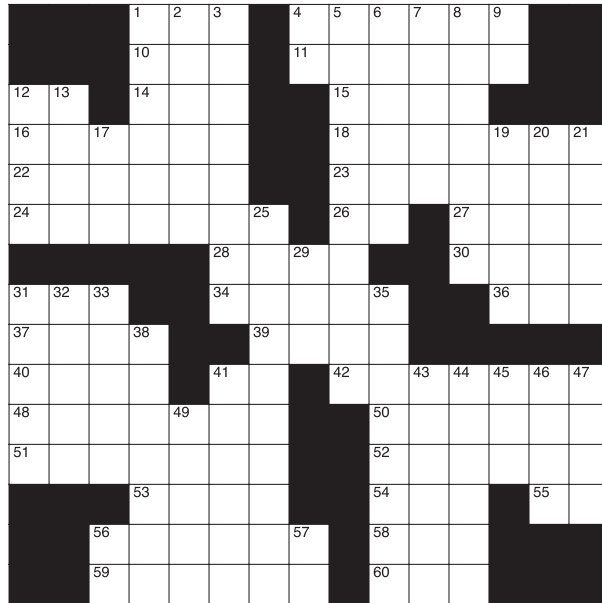
every age.

The evening opened with an energizing performance by the ensemble of "There's No Business Like Show Business" and closed with their outstanding performances of "Thank You For The Music" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". I was particularly mesmerized by the choreography and performance of "My Shot", also by the ensemble. Other numbers that I found remarkable were "Wishin' & Hopin'" by Gravelle and the women, "Only Us" by Mallory and Engel, "Butter Outta Cream" by Engel and Martin, and "When I Marry Mr. Snow" by Kalil. Overall the entire cast did a wonderful job really getting into their roles and moving the audience.

With more than 30 musical performances, you're bound to hear many songs you know and love; and you may even discover something new to delight you. The show runs now until May 19th, Fridays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3:30 p.m., doors open one hour prior to the performance. Tickets are available at www.newtowneplayers.org/tickets Adults \$18, Seniors/Students/Military \$15, Children \$13. This show is appropriate for all ages.

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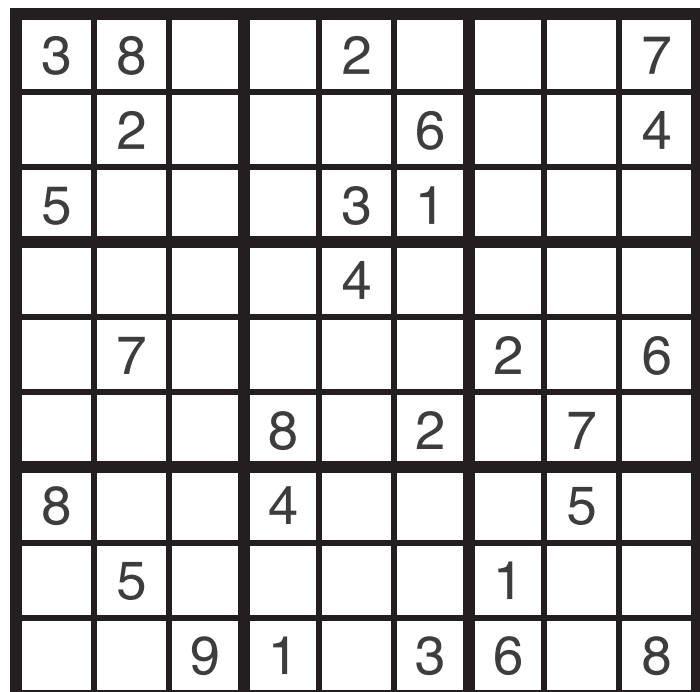


CLUES DOWN

1. ___ and her sisters
2. Smear or rub with oil
3. Holy places
4. Indicates position
5. Drives around
6. Price
7. Semiaquatic mammal
8. With three uneven sides
9. Sacrifice hit
12. Covers a wound
13. Jaguarundi
17. Works produced by skill and imagination
19. A way to improve
20. River along India and Nepal border
21. Hairnet
25. DePaul University athletes
29. Bachelor of Laws
31. Game of skill
32. Holy man
33. Cylinder of tobacco
35. Most ingratiating
38. Repeats aloud
41. Red wine
43. Debilitating tropical disease
44. Entirely lacking
45. Female sheep
46. Where a bird lives
47. Stalk that supports the capsule
49. Cutlery
56. Symptom of withdrawal (abbr.)
57. Delaware

CLUES ACROSS

1. Maintains possession of
4. Other side
10. Comedienne Gaster
11. Lawn buildup
12. Southeast
14. Negative
15. Greek temple pillar
16. Blue
18. Pointless
22. Complete
23. Supervisor
24. Where kids bathe
26. Radio frequency
27. Cruel Roman emperor
28. Young woman (French)
30. Within
31. Civil Service Commission
34. Sarongs
36. Father
37. It grows on heads
39. A Spanish river
40. Boundary
41. Contains music
42. Causes to feel sorrow
48. Used to restrain
50. Fictional kids character
51. South American country
52. Devote resources to
53. Beginner
54. Everyone has one (abbr.)
55. University worker
56. Resist an attack
58. Unifying Chinese dynasty
59. Blood-sucking African fly
60. CNN's founder



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 31

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

Shirley Marie Nickerson



Shirley Marie Nickerson, 82, "Miss Shirley" of Compton, MD passed away surrounded by her loving family on May 10, 2019 in Callaway, MD. She was born on February 6, 1936 in St. Mary's City, MD to the late Hilda Marie Mattingly and William Jennings Mattingly. Shirley was the loving wife of Deacon William Jess Nickerson, whom she married on February 6, 1954 in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD. Shirley is survived by her children Windy Schaller of Breton Bay, MD, Mary Shields of Owings, MD, Barbara Castle of Compton, MD, William J. Nickerson, Jr. of Compton, MD, Victoria Caster of Hollywood, MD, Margaret Rorex of San Antonio, TX, Michael Nickerson of Compton, MD, Tracey Shields of Compton, MD, Anthony Dickerson of Compton, MD, 32 grandchildren and 60 great grandchildren. Along with her siblings Linda Pistachio,

Gloria Turbyne, Martha Fisher, Sharon Connelly, Dennis Mattingly, Roy Mattingly, John Mattingly, Brenda Gerber, Debra Majkut, Theresa Mayor, Leona Butler, Anna Braithwaite, Mary Carol, Bobby Mattingly, and Alan Mattingly. She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent School. Shirley was a switchboard operator with St. Mary's Hospital for 23 years.

Contributions may be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 21370 Newtowne Neck Road Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Sonja Jean Wallace



Sonja Jean "Sunny" Wallace, 47, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 6, 2019 at Med-Star Washington Hospital Center in

Washington, D.C.

She was born on March 24, 1972 in Leonardtown, MD to Barbara Clarke of Hollywood, MD and Michael Norris of Sunset Beach, NC.

Sunny is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and a 1990 graduate of Leonardtown High School. On July 31, 1994, she married her beloved husband, Clifford Wallace in Las Vegas, NV. Together they celebrated over 24 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for many years as a dedicated administrative assistant with various government contractors, with the last company being Wyle. She enjoyed taking vacations to visit family, especially to Myrtle Beach, NC. Her other hobbies included crocheting, in which she made beautiful scarfs, blankets and hats. Her family was her greatest pride and joy, and she enjoyed spending as much time as possible with her children.

In addition to her beloved husband, Sunny is also survived by her children, Kylie Jean Wallace and Garrett Michael Wallace, both of Leonardtown, MD; Brian Norris (Jen) of Hollywood, MD; her in-laws, Charles Grant and Nita Wallace of Hollywood, MD, her brother-in-law, Grant Wallace (Fay) of Hollywood, MD; her sister-in-law, Donna Shaffer (C.W.) of Leonardtown, MD; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, 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. in Leonardtown, MD.

Daniel Ignatius Ridgell



Daniel Ignatius Ridgell, 74, of California, MD passed away on May 3, 2019 at Johns Hopkins Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Dan was born on June 15, 1944 in Ridge, MD to the late Edward Abell Ridgell and Agnes Lucille (Hammett) Ridgell.

Dan was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He started early working for different ones in the HVAC Industry until starting Ridgell Burner Service in 1974. He would continue his career opening Ridgell Service Center in the late 70's to early 80's. As that didn't seem to be enough, Dan went on to open Ridgell Oil Company in 1982. Dan worked on furnaces/boilers, drove the oil truck for home deliveries and went on to drive his Peterbilt transporting his own oil/gas. Dan truly loved his customers; it didn't matter what time day or night he would always carry on a conversation with them. He didn't get

a chance to retire however work wasn't work to him, it was doing what he loved the most.

When Dan would take a break from working 24/7, you could find him vacationing with his family in Maine. He loved Maine so much, he purchased a farm in North Whitefield Maine in the early 2000's. Dan enjoyed working, crabbing, fishing, riding his Harley, and dancing. Dad loved every minute he spent with his children and their families. He was known as Grandfather to all the grandkids and great grandkids.

He is survived by his children, Danielle M. Lacey, of California, MD, Luvinna M. Lacey (Norman), of Leonardtown, MD, Andrea R. Ridgell (Douglas Hunter), of Lusby, MD, and Kimberly M. Dove, of California, MD; siblings, Mary Jane Bowles, of Mechanicsville, MD, Ralph Ridgell, of Mechanicsville, MD, William Ridgell, of California, MD, Orem Ridgell, of Clements, MD, Lucy Caton, of Mechanicsville, MD, and Jodi Bates, of New Lebanon, NY; grandchildren, Brittany, Courtney, Gwendolyn, Thomas Lacey, CJ Dean Jr., Korie Hunter, Charity Phetteplace, Riley Smith, Arabella Garrison; and great grandchildren, Aaliyah, Janiah Dickens and Carter Buckler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Cody Michael Lacey and brothers, Louis A. Ridgell and Alfred W. Ridgell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Johns Hopkins Hospital, 750 East Pratt Street, 17th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, or the Cody Michael Lacey Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 716, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

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

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Ann Laurah Harris



Ann Laurah Harris, 87, of Columbia, MD (formerly of Hollywood, MD) passed away on Friday, May 3, 2019 at Howard County General Hospital.

She was born on October 31, 1932, near Morehead City, NC to the late Jim and Rena Mitchell. She was one of six children born to the couple.

Ann met her future husband, John of Montana, who was stationed at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. They moved to Missoula, Mt where they started to raise their family. From their they moved to Seattle, WA, Vista, CA, Fairport, NY and Pleasantville, NY. In Pleasantville she started a very successful boutique of



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handmade clothes called Sewtique.

They eventually moved to Hollywood, MD where they enjoyed retirement together. They spent the last few years of their lives at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living.

Ann is survived by her two sons and their family. Her eldest son, John and his wife, Mary, and their son Mark and his wife, Ingrid, and her youngest son, Dave and his wife, Denise. She is also survived by her two sisters, Margaret Wagner of Morehead City, NC and Audrey Piner of Atlantic Beach, NC; her brother, Jim Mitchell of Bellevue, NE; and her sister in law, Collie Mitchell of Newport, NC. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Richard "Dick" Harris who passed away in December 2016; and her brothers, Clarence Mitchell and Gerald Mitchell.

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

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Michael Alan McCurdy



Michael Alan McCurdy, "Mike" 60 of Leonardtown, MD formerly of San Jose, CA passed on April 24, 2019 in Washington, DC. Born on February 15, 1959 in Maysville, KY he was the son of the late Lois Ann Chambers and Charles McCurdy. Mike was the loving husband of Debra McCurdy whom he married on October 19, 1996 in Patuxent River, MD. He is survived by his children; Phillip McCurdy (Fiancée Jessica White) of Atlanta, GA, Christopher McCurdy (Erin Wilson) of Durham, NC, Kathryn McCurdy of Leonardtown, MD and Staci Gaeschler of Virginia Beach, VA and 1 grandchild; as well as his siblings Megan Krcik, Alicia Hinton, Derek McCurdy, Dana McCurdy, Michelle Doran and Stephanie Eaton.

Mike moved to St. Mary's County MD from Sigonella Italy in 1995. He graduated from Homestead High School in Cupertino, CA. in 1977. Mike also earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Information Systems from the University of Maryland in 2003.

Mike served in the United States Navy for 20 years, from August 10, 1977 to August 31, 1997. While serving in the Navy he earned the Navy Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Navy Expeditionary

Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3rd Award), Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Navy Unit Commendation, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, Naval Air Crewman, and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Mike enjoyed boating, fishing and coaching the St. Mary's Girls Lacrosse League. He especially loved spending time with family and friends and watching his daughter play lacrosse. Contributions may be made to Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Joann Hope Carter



Joann Hope Carter, 56, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, died on May 11th, 2019 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on March 17th, 1963 in Orleans France, she was the daughter of Mary Luckett and the late Ralph Luckett.

Joann Carter was a homemaker, and a Mom. She loved listening to music, dancing, embroidering, and spending time with family. She enjoyed watching television, especially Judge Judy.

Joann Carter was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Michael Carter; children Susan Carter, and Jacob Carter. She is also survived by her mother, her sisters Constance Walton, and Elizabeth Kidwell; her brother John Luckett; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Family and friends to gather on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at 11 AM with the memorial service to follow at 12 PM at Hughesville Baptist Church, 8505 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Maryland 20637. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America, 15 South Franklin Street, New Ulm, Minnesota, 56073 or to the Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650.

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Louis Edward Quinlan

Louis Edward Quinlan, age 80, of Hollywood, MD, died on Friday, May 10th, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD, surrounded by his loving family.



Ed was born to Beverly Elizabeth Souder and John Joseph Quinlan on July 17, 1938 in Savage, MD, in the middle of a fierce thunderstorm, as the family lore goes. He grew up in Lansdowne, MD, in his grandmother Laura's house, with his cousins Jim, Buzz and Bobby Quinlan, and spent his youth playing baseball, rollerskating (he always told us they called him "Lightning on Wheels"), and riding the bus into Baltimore to watch his favorite cowboys on the big screen. An injury to his hip as a toddler kept him bedridden in Kernan Hospital until the age of five, when he had to re-learn how to walk. He spent so much time in the hospital that they took his picture and made him the poster child, literally, for "Crippled Children of Baltimore." These posters were hung up in stores all over the city, much to his grandmother's displeasure!

Ed met his future wife, Miss Rebecca Tomberlin, at the Wigwam in Waldorf in 1971. They were married a year later, on Becky's birthday, and spent 48 wonderful years together. He retired from People's Life Insurance Company, and later also retired from driving buses for St. Mary's Transit System. In his free time, he loved going to listen to live bluegrass music, watching old cowboy movies on tv, and taking long road trips with Becky in his beloved red pickup truck. Out of all his travels, he talked the most about Monument Valley in Utah, and about visiting John Wayne's grave in Orange County, CA.

Ed leaves behind his beloved wife, Becky Quinlan. He always said his children were the light of his life, and he is survived by his son, Eddie (and his wife Dana), and his daughters Amy (and her husband Mark Saye), and Amanda (and her husband Kyle Leger). "Old Grand-Dad" will be missed greatly by his five grandchildren: Ethan, Madeleine, Chloe, Layne and Scarlett.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Mary Llewlyn Budd



Mary Llewlyn Budd, 75, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born March 3, 1944 in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Levy Cole and Edith Dorsey.

Mary married the love her life, Lester Howard Budd on November 29, 1973. Together they celebrated over 45 years of marriage and shared six wonderful children.

Mary was wonderful woman who loved her family and her best "fur-friend" Sophie. She loved to paint and express her artistic abilities. She also was always available to play cards. She was a wonderful mother and loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was proud of the beautiful family she and Lester had together. She will be missed by many but her legacy will live on in the bright eyes of her family.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her children, Bruce Burke (Terry) of Supply, NC, John Nichols of Charlotte Hall, MD, Linda Baxter, Mechanicsville, MD, Angela Goad, Lexington Park MD; and twelve (12) grandchildren, and eleven (11) great-grandchildren. She also is survived by one sister, Betty Deckard. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Diana L. Burke and sister Nancy Myers.

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Sergio Manuel Hernandez, Jr.

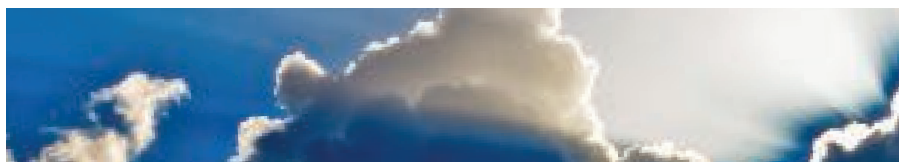


Sergio Manuel Hernandez, Jr. 37, of Charlotte Hall, MD departed this life on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, after succumbing to injuries from an automobile

accident.

He was born March 9, 1982 in Washington, D.C. He is the son of the late Sergio Manuel Hernandez Sr. and Salvadora (Fernandez) Hernandez of Capital Heights, MD.

Sergio met the love of his life and best friend, Colleen Hernandez, when he was a young man of 15 and she a sweet 13 years old. They were married for



two glorious years after spending over twenty years living and loving in a committed relationship that produced three wonderful and beautiful children. They only recently purchased their dream home on fifteen acres to raise their loving family.

Sergio provided for his family working as a construction worker. He believed in working hard and keeping his family first and foremost in everything he did. He would take his children to work on various jobs with him and they loved to go with their dad.

Sergio was a caring father who loved his children. He would spend hours riding around with his oldest son, as he practiced driving with his new permit. He enjoyed watching his middle son, Damian, play football and cheered him from the sidelines. His beautiful three-year old princess, Mia Rose was a Daddy's Girl. When he wasn't with his wife and children, Sergio could be found repairing small engines, checking out classic cars or driving around just to discover new places. He enjoyed thrift shopping and looking for a great find. He spent many hours riding his dirt bike and ATV's with his family and children on their property. Sergio went on family vacations to the beach to keep his family happy when he would have preferred a cooler climate. He would do anything to keep his family happy.

He was such a kind and caring man. He was always accepting of others and he would do anything he could to help. He was a wonderful example of true human kindness. He enjoyed spending time with his brothers, Danny, Michael and David and sisters, Patty and Belkis and other extended family when he would host everyone for cookouts and family get-togethers. Sergio will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his three children, Sergio Emilio Hernandez, Damian Antonio Hernandez and Mia Rose Hernandez all of Charlotte Hall, MD. He is also survived by three brothers, Daniel Hernandez of Hyattsville, MD, David Alvarez of Greenbelt, MD and Michael Hernandez of Oneonta, NY; two sisters, Patricia Hernandez of Greenbelt, MD and Belkis Alvarez of Greenbelt, MD; his mother-in-law Gail Basle, father-in-law Kenny Mohamed and two brothers-in-law, Bryan Bolden and David Worley; three nephews, Izaiah, Jaxson and Wilson and one niece, Ava and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Sergio was preceded in death by his father, Sergio Manuel Hernandez, Sr. and sister, Theresa Hernandez.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a Memorial Celebration at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Memorial prayers

will be heard at 1:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be private.

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Kenneth John Zimmerer



Kenneth John "Kenny" Zimmerer, formerly of Romney, West Virginia departed this life on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans

Home.

He was born April 5, 1957 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the son of the late Walter Anthony Zimmerer and Mildred Eva (Fleckenstein) Zimmerer.

Kenny proudly served his country in the United States Navy beginning on January 7, 1977. He was proud to have served on the John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier before his honorable discharge on January 3, 1980. During his tour he was privileged to be able to travel the world and experience other cultures. He loved to reminisce about his favorite location, Italy.

Kenny was a good man and spent his final years charming the ladies at the Veterans Home. He made many friends during his time there, and the staff and residents honored him with a Special Final Salute as he left the property for the last time. He enjoyed playing Bingo, hiking and crabbing. He could spend hours outdoors in nature. He favored the beauty and peace nature brought to his soul. He was a kind man who made life-long friends with the people he encountered throughout his life and he will be missed by all.

Kenny is survived by his siblings, Steve Zimmerer of Baltimore, MD, Lenny Zimmerer (Karen) of Baltimore, MD and Shelly McLaughlin of Romney, WV. He is also survived by two (2) nephews, Tyler and Corey and one (1) niece, Ava. He was preceded in death by his parents.

At this time all arrangements will be private, with a Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

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

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PROTECTING YOUR ASSETS AND YOUR CHILDREN THE SECOND TIME AROUND

What are pre-nups? These are pre-nuptial agreements entered into by prospective husbands and wives that set forth how the couple wants to manage their assets in the event one of them dies or there is a divorce. Some people consider pre-nups to be anti-romantic. However, others recognize that these days, when so many people get divorced or whose spouses have died and then get re-married, pre-nups play an important role in taking care of children from a prior marriage and protecting the assets of those who have been previously divorced.

Not long ago, we were approached to create a pre-nup for a wonderful couple in their mid-80's. The couple met in an assisted living facility, fell in love and decided to get married. Both of them had been married and had adult children and grandchildren from their prior marriages. Rather than create controversy in the family about inheritances, the couple decided to make it clear in their pre-nup that each of their children and grandchildren from prior marriages would continue to receive the inheritances they were expecting from their parent or grandparent after marriage. With the pre-nup signed, the children and grandchildren of the couple were able to celebrate the new marriage with no concerns about what would happen when their mother/grandmother or father/grandfather died. In this case, both parties had assets to protect for their children and, by creating the pre-nup, both parties helped create family harmony with their new extended family members.

Pre-nups are commonly used to protect children from a prior marriage. What does a pre-nup involve? Primarily, each party exchanges financial information with the other. One of the primary assets a person has is their retirement account. When a person marries, their new spouse has a legal claim on the retirement account of the other spouse. Particularly in cases of a second marriage where children are involved, most parties want to preserve their retirement accounts for their children. The pre-nup makes that clear—each party agrees they will not claim against the retirement account of the other in the event of death or divorce.

Similarly, if one party owns a house, upon marriage the other may assert a legal claim to ownership of one-half of the house. Under the pre-nup, each party clearly states that when they marry they will not assert any claim to the house the other owns.

What about other assets each party might own individually? The pre-nup addresses those as well. For example, suppose one party has a valuable stamp collection that they have promised to a grandchild. The pre-nup will make it clear that the stamp collection is the sole property of one party and will not be distributed or divided up on the death of that party.

The pre-nup addresses property owned by each party individually prior to their marriage. But, what about property the soon to be married couple acquire after marriage? This too is addressed in the pre-nup. Ordinarily, the couple decides that they will split any assets they acquire after marriage, fifty-fifty. So, if they buy a house together as joint tenants with right of survivorship, and one of them dies, the other takes complete ownership of the house. In the event of a divorce, the other has a claim for 50% of the value of the house. Of course, there are lots of other factors that are involved, but you get the picture.

In a pre-nup, each party exchanges personal financial statements with the other. These financial statements must be complete and detailed so that one party can never accuse the other of hiding any assets.

A pre-nup is a contract between the parties. As such, it is enforceable in a court of law. Some people think that their Will or a Trust has decided who owns what assets after death, but whatever you have decided in those documents is not enforceable because the surviving spouse can execute a new Will or Trust after the death of the other spouse that completely changes the distribution of the property. People that use pre-nups are concerned about this. Even if your potential spouse has an excellent relationship with your children from a prior marriage, when you die, how can you be assured those children will be protected? Not with a Will or a Trust—only through a pre-nup.

To those who claim the pre-nup is anti-romantic because it addresses what happens on divorce or death, think again. Divorce may not be inevitable but death is. If you want to truly protect your children the second time around and preserve family harmony, both parties should welcome the opportunity to do so in a pre-nup.

Join me for a discussion of this and other matters on Thursday June 20th at 11 am at our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat. See you there.

By Lyn Striegel

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Celebrating Centenarians

Department of Aging & Human Services to Host First Annual Centenarian Luncheon

Do you know someone living in St. Mary's County who will be 100 years of age or older this year? We want to honor them!

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to host the first annual Centenarian Luncheon in St. Mary's County at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, located at 24005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, Md., on Wednesday, May 22, at 11 a.m.

Friends, family, and caregivers are welcome to accompany our honorees to the first annual Centenarian Luncheon. Due to space constraints, each honoree is limited to a maximum of three guests. Indicate the number of participants when registering. Honorees must be 100 years of age or older as of December 31, 2019.

Space is limited and registration is required. Please contact Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com to RSVP.

Department of Aging & Human Services to Host Area Plan Discussion

Do you want to provide input on the Department of Aging & Human Services' four-year (2020-2023) Area

Plan? This is your opportunity!

The Department of Aging & Human Services will be updating their four-year Area Plan in the coming weeks. On Friday, May 17, from 2:30-4 p.m., the Department will host an informal discussion at the Garvey Senior Activity Center, located at 41780 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Md., for the public to voice their opinion about the needs of the Senior Community in the coming years.

In addition to the public meeting, community members participate may participate in a survey, available online at - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNS3X8J>. For those unable to access the online survey, print copies are available at the Garvey, Northern, and Loffler Senior Activity Centers.

For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, or email Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.

Enhance Fitness classes offered for FREE during the month of May

In honor of Older Americans Month, join us at a senior activity center near you for a well-rounded fitness class that incorporates aerobic, strength, balance, and flexibility components all in a one-hour workout. Enhance Fitness is being offered during the month of May at the Garvey, Loffler, and Northern Senior Activity Centers FREE of charge to all participants. Whether you already

regularly participate in Enhance Fitness, or have been wanting to give it a try, here's your chance for free if you are 50 years of age or older. For more information, call Alice Allen, Division Manager for Senior Center Operations, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063.

Seated Tai Chi at Northern

Tai Chi for Arthritis is an evidence-based program that is designed to help reduce pain, improve balance, and promote total body wellness. The seated version of this class is ideal for those interested in the health benefits of Tai Chi while utilizing the safety and security of a chair. This series does involve commitment to attend as many of the six classes as possible. Classes are on Mondays, May 20-July 1, from 10:15-11 a.m. and are progressive. Attending all will help participants get the maximum benefit. Please note that not all classes are consecutive due to holiday closings. Space is limited. Advanced sign up is required, no drop in space is available. To sign up for this free series in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Create an Inspirational Quote

Join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center to create an inspirational quote on Monday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. You can create artwork to be used in decorating the NEW Garvey Senior Activity Center. Join us in creating colorful inspirational quotes for us to frame and use in the new Garvey Senior Activity

Center. We will provide all supplies needed. Call the receptionist to sign up or for more information at, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Nutrition Talk at Loffler

Donna Taggart, licensed dietician, will offer the presentation Nutrition and Your Gut on Monday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This will be a good opportunity to get some questions answered about foods that are good for your digestive system. Additionally, Donna will offer private nutrition counseling at no cost on the same date. To sign up for the presentation, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk at Loffler. To make an appointment for nutrition counseling, text or call Donna at 240-538-6539

Coffee with the Sheriff

The Triad/SALT Council invites you to have Coffee with the Sheriff! Are you interested in learning about the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office? Do you want to know more about issues that affect you? This is an opportunity to ask Sheriff Timothy Cameron directly! Join us at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required. Contact Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or email Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.



Crafts and Conversations

Lexington Park Library will hold Crafts and Conversations on Saturday, May 18 from 2 - 4 p.m. If you have a craft project you're working on and would love some company, come to the library and join other crafters.

St. Mary's County Library Closed for Memorial Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. All three locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, May 28.

Take the St. Mary's County Library Survey for our Strategic Plan!

The St. Mary's County Library is conducting strategic planning to focus on the services it should offer our

developing County over the next four years. As part of the process, St. Mary's County Library is surveying our community to gain a more precise understanding of the community's needs, interests, and priorities. The survey will be available until Monday, May 27 through the St. Mary's County Library website, www.stmalib.org.

You do not have to have a library card or currently use the library to take the survey. The survey is open to all, regardless of age. Those under 18 will be counted as "17 and under." The survey software provides respondents with complete anonymity. You will not be asked to identify yourself, nor will your IP address be captured at any time over the course of data collection. Individual responses will not be shared.

Tickets for The Longest Table on sale now!

Join the St. Mary's County Library on Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. for a community conversation over a family-style meal from Mission BBQ. Tickets are \$10 and available for sale through the St. Mary's County Library website, www.stmalib.org. The event will be held at the St. Mary's County Government Center, on the front lawn near Miedzinski Park (23145 Leonard Hall Dr, Leonardtown, MD 20650). During the meal, participants will discuss how to Choose Civility in

their everyday interactions. In the event of rain, dinner will be held inside the Leonard Hall Recreation Center. Share a meal and conversation with someone you don't know, exchange stories about life in St. Mary's County, and discover both common ground and new ideas. The conversation starts when you come to the table!

Common Thread

Lexington Park Library will hold Common Thread on Tuesday, May 28 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Whether you have been stitching for years, or you just want to learn, join fellow crafters who love all things fabric and fiber. Open to knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, cross-stitchers, and any other kind of needleworkers. Bring your current project, mingle with like-minded makers, and swap patterns, ideas, and tips. Basic supplies available, if needed. All skill levels welcome. No registration required.

Itsy Bitsy Storytime

Leonardtown Library will hold Itsy Bitsy Storytime on Friday, May 31 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. A storytime designed for a smaller group, but still filled with lots of fun. If your little one finds our regular storytimes a little too overwhelming then this may be more their style. Designed for ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Registration required.

Community Calendar

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

UPCOMING

Call for Artists

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is accepting submissions for their multimedia Summer/Fall Art Show, July 3 to January 31, 2020. Artwork entries must be submitted by email to VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org. 240-577-7003.

Fri. - Sun., May 17 - 19

Armed Forces Weekend at Sotterley

Historic Sotterley, Hollywood
Complimentary tour for active duty, and retired military as a special and sincere "Thank You" for your service. Tour schedules: Friday & Saturday; 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm. Sunday, Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm. Check in at our Visitor Center. 301-373-2280. www.sotterley.org

A Night on Broadway

Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park
Friday & Saturday 8:00 PM, Sunday 3:30 PM

The Newtowne Players present a fourth edition of "A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song." \$18 adults; \$15 seniors, students and military; and \$13 age 12 and under. Purchase online: www.newtowneplayers.org, or call 301-737-5447.

Friday, May 17

Maritime Performance Series

Harms Gallery, Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Rd S, Solomons
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Al Petteway and Amy White eclectic repertoire includes original, traditional, contemporary Celtic- and Appalachian-influenced music. Beer and wine for purchase. Performance 7:00 \$20 online, \$25 at the door. Tickets at www.bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts.

"Oliver"

Mother Catherine Academy, 38833 Chaptico Road, Mechanicsville
7:00 - 9:00 PM

See the play "OLIVER." Also presented on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 PM. Tickets \$6 each at the door or come to school and purchase ahead. 301-884-3165

Texas Hold'em Tournament

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

No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament. \$50 Buyin (\$40 Prize Pool + \$10 Charity). Pre-registration encouraged, not required. Must be 18 or older to play. Info/register: Brian, 240-925-4000. Email: vfwpoker@gmail.com

Sat. & Sun., May 18 & 19

Pork Loin & Beef Sandwich Sale

American Legion Post 221, 21690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242), Avenue
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches. \$7 each. 301-884-4071

Saturday, May 18

Rockfish Fishing Tournament

Fitzie's Marina, Leonardtown
6:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad 2nd Annual Rockfish Fishing Tournament-Potomac River. Sign ups: Friday May 17 at Fitzie's Marina. Tournament questions/rules or advanced sign-up please call John Weber 240-538-1248. Entry fee: \$150.

Warrior 5K Fun Run/Walk

Solomons Island
8:00 AM registration. Race starts 9:00 AM
Patuxent Habitat for Humanity. \$30. Info/register: www.patuxenthabitat.org. 301-863-6227

Historic Sotterley's Farmer's Market - Going on the Road!

Tobacco Barn Distillery, 24460 Hollywood Road
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
History, great food from our farmers and watermen; a convenient place to shop at this historic 1830's tobacco barn.
Take a "Rickhouse Tour" at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 PM. Tours limited to eight people and take about an hour. \$30 includes a laser etched Glencairn tasting glass.
Introductory Tasting and Tour 1:00-5:00. Logo shot glass included. \$15 person. Call 240-243-9151 to arrange a tour or email: sales@tobaccobarndistillery.com.

Shoppes at Asbury Sale

Asbury Solomons Retirement Community, 11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
"Betty's Closet" - resale of gently used clothing and accessories. "Library Committee" - books at fabulous prices. "Granny's Treasures" - furniture, housewares and miscellaneous items. Proceeds benefit the Benevolent Care Fund. 410-394-3466

Fossil Field Experience

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Explore the fossils of Cove Point. Tour the paleo hall and fossil prep lab and the museum at your leisure! Ages 8 and up. \$20. Space limited. Pre-registration required; bit.ly/CMMfossils. 410-326-2042 x41.

Rosary and Mass

St Mary's Youth Memorial, 20016 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills
10:00 AM - Noon
Rosary recited followed by Mass. Fellowship and light refreshments immediately following.

Appraiser's Fair

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Appraiser's on site to look at coins, antiques, and other collectibles. Items must be small enough to carry in. Small fees apply.

Pet Fair

St Mary's County Fairgrounds
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Please bring your pets on leashes and join St. Mary's Animal Welfare League (SMAWL) for a fun-filled day! \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Free for kids under 5. Petfair@smawl.org

Praise in the Park

John G. Lancaster Park, 21550 Willows Road, Lexington Park
12:00 - 3:00 PM
Join the celebration! First Missionary Baptist Church annual event. Inspirational Messages, Liturgical Dance, Food, and Fellowship. 301-863-8388.

Fried Chicken Carry-Out Dinner

2nd District VFD & RS, Company 6, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee
3:30 - 6:30 PM
One half Chicken, Coleslaw, Green beans,

Parsley potatoes and Dinner roll. \$12 a dinner. Pre-orders suggested. Robin 301-737-4366(H) or 240-577-0270(C)

Summer Music Festival

Leonardtown Square, 22735 Washington Street
6:00 - 8:00 PM
In honor of Armed Forces Day, the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival presents the U.S. Navy Band Country Current Bluegrass Ensemble. Order a picnic bag from participating local restaurants. Bring blankets or chairs and enjoy a free, family-friendly concert. www.LeonardtownMusicFest.com

Sunday, May 19

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Our Lady of the Wayside, Loretto Hall, 37575 Chaptico Road
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Menu: scrambled eggs, pancakes, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, coffee and tea. Buffet style. Donations only. Carry out available. Brenda Russell at 301-247-1871.

East Coast Drifters Car Show

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge, 27636 Mechanicsville Road
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
All Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles welcome. Top 60 and other awards. First 100 receive dash plaques. Registration \$20. Larry 301-266-9705 or Chuck 301-751-5602. www.facebook.com/eastcoast.drifters

Drive Thru Fried Chicken Dinner

7th District Optimist Club Park, 21804 Colton's Point Rd., Bushwood
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Menu: one half fried chicken, country style green beans, potatoes, roll and dessert. \$13. Credit cards accepted. Benefit Optimist Club's youth and community outreach programs. 301-904-0921. malderson69@gmail.com

Designer Bags and Diamonds Bingo

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall
11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Sugar Faces Senior Dog Rescue of Southern Maryland announce their 2019 Spring Bingo Extravaganza. Early birds 1:00. Regular games 1:30. Designer bags and accessories. Fine jewelry prizes. Tickets \$30 advance; \$35 at the door. Ordering info, email sugarfacesrescue@yahoo.com or call 410-474-2958.

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5K Fun Run/Walk

Woodlawn, 16040 Woodlawn Drive, Ridge
12:00 - 2:30 PM

Hosted by The SkillsUSA chapter, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Runners of all ages invited to participate. \$25 for ages 6-adult. Children 5 and younger are free. Prizes awarded for category winners. Bonnie Skinner at bjskinner@smcps.org.

Open House

2nd District Fire and Rescue, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee
12:00 - 4:00 PM

Raffle for Knaggs "Tuckahoe" Guitar, Fire Extinguisher "How to," Free Blood Pressure Check, Bouncy House, Car Cut Up Show, Chief's Food Truck, Teddy Bear Clinic, Stretcher and Stair Chair Races, Maryland State Police and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will be present.

Historic Christ Church in Choptico—25th Annual Strawberry Festival and Bazaar

The Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

off of Rt. 234, Village of Choptico
1:30 - 5:00 PM

Strawberry Shortcake with "The Works" – Ice Cream, Strawberry pies, Strawberry desserts and Mike's Barbecue with all the trimmings. Artists and Crafters. Live Music. Funds support local charities in St. Mary's County. Parish office, 301-884-3451 or Shelby 301-904-2532. www.cckqp.net and Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church, Choptico. A day of old-fashioned fun in the country!

The Kalnasy Concert Series

St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown
3:00 PM

The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland. Lucy Snell, Director. Free concert! keyofgmh@gmail.com

Monday, May 20

CABS

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown
6:00 PM

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com/CABS

St. Mary's County Genealogy Society Meeting

44219 Airport Rd, California
7:00 - 9:00 PM

"Women's Letters and Diaries in 19th Century America: How Archival History Can Assist Genealogists." Eric Stoykovich, Historical Manuscript Project Archivist will speak about his current research project. Public welcome.

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

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

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament. \$25 Buy in; \$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing. Food and beverage for purchase. Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Tuesday, May 21

UNESCO Slave Route Site of Memory

Historic Sotterley, 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Historic Sotterley is participating with activities in the global launch of the UNESCO publication "Legacies of Slavery: A Resource Book for Managers of Sites and Itineraries of Memory." 301-373-2280 or 800-681-0850. www.sotterley.org

Adult Children of Alcoholics

Beacon of Hope, 21770 FDR Blvd, Lexington Park

ton Park

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Twelve Step program of recovery for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes.

Visit: adultchildren.org or call Kathy Nash 240-298-0306.

Wednesday, May 22

Saving Monticello

Historic Sotterley, Hollywood
7:00 PM

Speaker Series #1—The Levy Family's Epic Quest to Rescue the House That Jefferson Built. Marc Leepson - Historian, Author, Journalist. The first complete post-Jefferson history of this American icon.

Free. Seating limited; reservations online: www.sotterley.org.

Thursday, May 23

Leonardtown High School Jazz Band

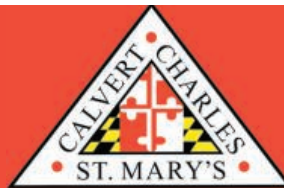
The Wharf, Leonardtown
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Rain date May 30 same time.

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Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department Social Hall
6:30 - 7:30 PM

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