

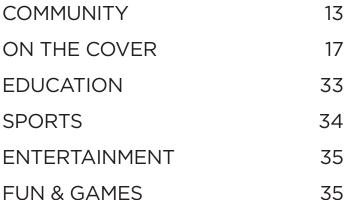
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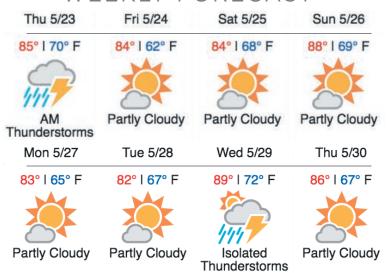
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## **Two St. Mary's Natives Perish in Honduras**

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Two men who were best friends growing up and graduated from St. Mary's Ryken High School together were killed, along with several other people, when their plane crashed off the coast of Honduras May 18.

Rick Tepel, who was the CEO of the Raley, Watts and O'Neill insurance business in California and member of numerous local boards, maintained a residence in St. Mary's while his longtime friend, Tony Dubler, had been living in Baltimore County with his family.

Dubler worked for the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, which is headquartered in Alaska.

Friends and family members of the two men said a their trip to Honduras was for a fishing excursion.

Tom Daugherty, Tepel's longtime stepfather who raised him as a child, said his son and Dubler loved angling.

"They had a love of fishing that goes back to when they were very young," Daugherty told The County Times. "They first met in middle school at Esperanza Middle School and went through high school together."

Tepel leaves behind a wife and two children both students at St Mary's Ryken High School with his son set to graduate this year.

His daughter just finished her freshmen year, Daugherty said.

"The thing I'm most proud of was the way he became a vital part of this community," Daugherty said. "He gave back and I've always been very proud of him for that."

Those who knew Tepel remembered him for his contributions to St. Mary's.

"He's a really good guy," County Commissioner Todd Morgan said of Tepel. "This is very sad.

"He was really engaged, young; this is a really unfortunate tragedy."

Tepel served on the board of trustees for Historic Sotterley as well as the foundation board for the College of Southern Maryland.

He was also a member of the foundation board of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, according to his corporate biography with Raley, Watts and O'Neill.

Elizabeth Dubler, Tony Dubler's mother, said Tony was her only son.

They were the best of friends," she said of the bond between the two men.

She also said her son left behind many



Rick Tepel

loved ones.

"He has a beautiful wife and two beautiful children," his mother said. "He had so much to live for.

"He was a great son."

Her son was due back from the fishing trip tonight, she said.

'It's like a bad dream, you expect him



Tony Dupler

to come home," Dubler's mother said. "It's just an awful, awful thing.

"He was my only child."

She said her son's entire family was suffering.

"I just don't know how we can go on." A total of five people perished in the crash, four Americans and one Canadian.

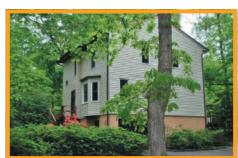
The crash took place off the coast of Honduras near the Island of Roatan, which is a popular fishing destination.

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## **MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Gets an "A"**



MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

A hospital watchdog group that rates hospitals nationwide on how they deal with a myriad of issues concerning patient safety has given MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown an overall grade of "A" in its latest report.

The Leapfrog Group rates hospitals around the nation on how they prevent infections, problems with surgery, what practices they use to prevent errors, dealing with safety problems and how doctors, nurses and hospital staff perform to promulgate their rankings.

In contrast CalvertHealth Medical Center in neighboring Calvert County received a grade of "B" for patient safety.

"Our top priority is always the safety of our patients. MedStar St. Mary Hospital's Medical Staff and associates work tirelessly to create a safe environment for all," said Christine R. Wray, president of MedStar St. Mary's.

"To be recognized nationally as an 'A' hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an 'A' grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medical harm and error."

Details in the report show that Med-Star St. Mary's had an above average rating for dealing with Clostridium difficile bacterial infections which can cause diarreah, abdominal pains and loss of appetite; but had a below average ranking in preventing blood infections.

The hospital rated above average for preventing surgical cite infections after colon surgery; the report showed.

MedStar St. Mary's had above average rankings for dealing with or preventing issues rising from surgical operations, to include leaving instruments or other dangerous objects in patients, as well as preventing surgical wounds from splitting open, collapsed lungs and serious breathing problems.

The hospital was below average. though, in preventing patient death from serious treatable complications from surgery, the report stated.

The hospital had a strong, above average showing in preventing errors from doctors using computer-aided prescriptions for medications, safely administering medications, handwashing and communicating the discharge of patients from the hospital's care.

The hospital faltered though, with a below average rating, of communication regarding medicines given to patients.

Like CalvertHealth, MedStar also had a problem preventing dangerous bed sores in patients but scored high in preventing falls and injuries, air or gas bubbles in the blood and reducing risks to patients in general.

In the final metric the hospital staff performed better than average in leadership to prevent errors, having enough qualified nurses and specially trained doctors for the intensive care unit and communicating with nurses.

The hospital had a below average rating for communicating with doctors, however. This category measured how well patients believed their doctors explained things to them and, in turn, listened to their patients.

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Thursday, May 23, 2019 The County Times Local News

## St. Mary's Man Arrested for Owings Bank Robbery

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Donald Edward Rankin, 63, of Lexington Park is confined to the Calvert County Detention Center after being arrested over the weekend for allegedly robbing the PNC Bank in Owings at gunpoint.

Deputies and detectives with the Calvert Investigative Team state in charging documents filed against Rankin for the May 9 armed robbery that they were able to determine that the defendant had used his own vehicle, a white new model pickup truck, as his getaway vehicle.

It would later be used to track him down for him to be arrested.

Using surveillance and witness accounts from businesses near the PNC Bank law officers were able to determine that Rankin, who has a long criminal record to include sex offenses, observed the bank the day before the robbery in his truck in a parking lot close to his target.

When Ranking allegedly entered the bank before 10a.m., he was dressed in a flannel shirt, bandana mask and ball cap; armed with a handgun he ordered the teller, Theresa Ann Cory, to open a safe and remove money.

When she failed to enter the combination properly three times and was



**Donald Rankin** 

locked out, Rankin threatened to kill her, charging documents stated.

Cory was able to remove several thousands dollars, \$3,400 in all police reported in court papers, and give it to Rankin

The defendant again threatened Cory's life if he heard police coming to the scene, court papers stated.

As Rankin fled the scene, according to court papers, a deputy who was in

his cruiser in a nearby parking lot gave chase but could not find Rankin; the deputy pursued a white pick-up truck leaving the scene but lost it when it turned down Fowler Road.

Detectives were able to determine through a license plate reader hit when the vehicle crossed the northern border of Calvert County that the plates on the suspect vehicle was stolen; belonging to a resident in Clinton.

Police learned that one of Rankin's past residences was in a three-mile ra-

dius of where the plates had been stolen.

They were also able to trace his being at a Waldorf car dealership before the robbery and confirming his purchase of a truck matching the description of the one used in the bank heist.

Rankin was arrested in Prince George's County without incident, police reported.

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## **Met Com Rates Rising**

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Water and sewer rates will continue to increase for customers of the Metropolitan Commission according to their approved fiscal 2020 operating budget. MetCom officials told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday, however, that the rates are increasing at a slower rate than in previous years.

The county commissioners and Met-Com commissioners came together in a joint meeting Tuesday and the rate of increase for water and sewer services was a topic of discussion.

According to the current fiscal 2019 budget, MetCom is collecting \$7.7 million in metered sewerage treatment fees but the fiscal 2020 budget calls for \$7.9 million in sewerage collections.

Non-metered sewerage fees are climbing from \$1.33 million to \$1.39 million for fiscal 2020 as well.

The total budget for sewerage operations at MetCom is decreasing though from \$9.77 million to \$9.76 million due to savings in other activities, according to budget documents from MetCom

Total service charges for water is increasing from \$4.76 million in fiscal 2019 to \$5 million in the fiscal 2020 budget, MetCom documents show.

But savings in other departments from within the water division means that the operating expenses for water services are dropping slightly from \$5 million to \$4.97



million

Non-metered water service revenues are also projected to climb from approximately \$174,000 to \$182,000.

Patricia Steigman, MetCom's chief financial officer, told both governing bodies that overall water rates were rising 2.7 percent this year and sewer rates were rising 3.4 percent; surrounding jurisdictions providing public water and sewer were growing their service rates by as much as four to six percent per year, she said.

"This is the first time in a while that this has happened," said MetCom board chair John Carey regarding the slowing of rate increases.

George Erichsen, MetCom's executive director, said the utility's ultimate goal was to curb the rate of increase in water rates to just 1.5 percent a year and sewer rates to 2.0 percent increase each year.

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### **Commissioners Approve \$253 Million Budget**

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

By a 3-to-2 vote the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved an operating budget of \$253 million for fiscal 2020 that has a key income tax increase but did away with an earlier proposed property tax hike.

The budget included higher fees for county recreation and parks access and gave about \$900,000 back to the St. Marys' County Sheriff's Office and about \$2.7 million goes back to the school board.

The school's budget portion from the county is about \$106 million, the largest expenditure.

The renewed money for schools will go to fulfilling a 3 percent salary increase for teachers only; two weeks ago the commissioners had removed the full \$4.4 million from the operating budget that was to have been used to fund the entire negotiated agreement for salaries for all school system employees.

The return of the school system and sheriff's office money to the budget will be funded by an increase in the income tax; it will rise from three percent to 3.17 percent in fiscal 2020.

Commissioners Todd Morgan and



Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Eric Colvin voted to approve the budget as did Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy.

Commissioners John O'Connor and Mike Hewitt voted against the new budget.

"I voted 'no' to this budget and tax increase" O'Connor said in a social media post shortly after the budget vote on Tuesday. "Unfortunately, I don't believe the actual needs were met, the wants absolutely were, and our public safety was left out to dry.

"We will have our work cut out for us in the future." O'Connor was critical of a budget that moved ahead with tax increases but that cut out funding for public safety.

Colvin said the budget process, his first, was "interesting."

"We have a budget passed," Colvin said. "I think it's a good budget for the county."

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#### St. Mary's County Local Management Board Seeking Citizens to Serve on Board of Directors

The St. Mary's County Local Management Board is seeking citizens interested in serving on its board of directors. The Local Management Board (LMB) serves as the primary structure in the county charged with creating an effective system of services, supports and opportunities that improve the lives for all children, youth and families

The LMB designs and implements strategies to maintain standards of accountability and influences the allocation of resources to build local partnerships, eliminate fragmentation and duplication of services. Board members must be residents of St. Mary's County, be willing to serve a three-year term and are expected to attend all board meetings.

The board meets on the third Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 14 of the Potomac Building, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, MD.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, please visit the website at http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/boards/ to fill out an application. Applications must be received by Monday, May 27, 2019.

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## Fatal Accident in Mechanicsville Under Investigation

On May 18, 2019, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 40900 block of New Market Turner Road in the area of Rustin Family Way, for the reported motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival a 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier, with three occupants, was located off the roadway into a tree. The operator of the vehicle, Avery Leslie Stokes, 18, of Indian Head, and the front seat passenger Alexandra Catherine Howard, 18, of Mechanicsville, were flown to area trauma centers for incapacitating injuries. The rear seat passenger, Thomas Edward Douglas, 63, of Mechanicsville, was pronounced deceased on scene. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined the vehicle was traveling eastbound on New Market Turner Road when for unknown reasons the vehicle crossed the centerline, overcorrected and left the roadway striking a tree. At this time driver error and lack of seatbelt usage appear to be contributing factors in the fatal collision. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or any events leading to the collision is asked to contact Corporal Brandon Foor at (301) 475-4200 extension \*2265 or by email at Brandon. Foor@stmarysmd.com.

#### Felon Pleads Guilty to Firearm Thefts in St. Mary's County

Robert Jacob Eberle, 30, of Lexington Park, pleaded guilty today to the federal charge of theft of firearms, which Eberle admitted he stole from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

The guilty plea was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Robert K. Hur; Special Agent in Charge Rob Cekada of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Baltimore Field Division; and St. Mary's County Sheriff Tim Cameron.

As detailed in his plea agreement, Eberle admitted that on July 21, 2018, he stole 11 firearms from a federally licensed firearms dealer in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The guns included seven 9mm pistols, two .45-caliber pistols, a .40-caliber pistol, and a .380-caliber pistol. According to his plea agreement, in order to access the firearms, Eberle used a hammer to break through the rear cinderblock wall of the premises, crawled through the hole, broke the glass case containing numerous handguns, and stole the guns.

Eberle admitted that he sold or traded two or more of the stolen firearms to third parties, even though he had reason to believe that those individuals intended to use or dispose of the firearms illegally. Further, Eberle knew

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that he had a previous felony conviction and was prohibited from possessing firearms.

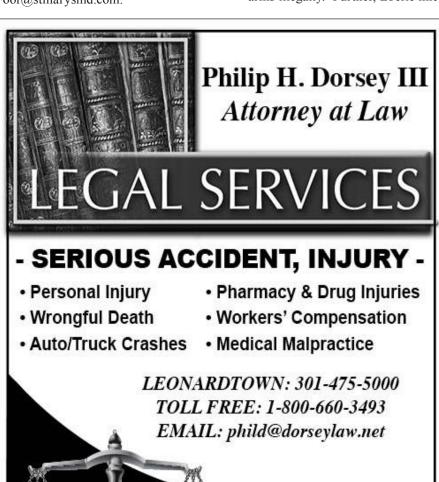
As part of his plea agreement, Eberle must forfeit all of the guns stolen from the dealer

Eberle faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for theft of firearms. U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis has scheduled sentencing for August 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based pro-

gram proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime

United States Attorney Robert K. Hur commended the ATF and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for their work in the investigation. Mr. Hur thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Baldwin, who is prosecuting the case.



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#### THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Monday June 10, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Town office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. Copies of the recommended budget will be available on May 28, 2019 online at http://leonardtown.somd.com or at the Town Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend or send written comments by 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2019 to:

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#### **Legal Notice**

#### COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 190

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed, and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 190, Chapter 62- Development Impact Fees. A fair summary of the ordinance will follow:

Ordinance No. 190- An ordinance for the purpose of approving the Commissioners of Leonardtown to increase the water impact fee from \$1,800 to \$3,000.

Ordinance No. 190 will become effective June 3, 2019. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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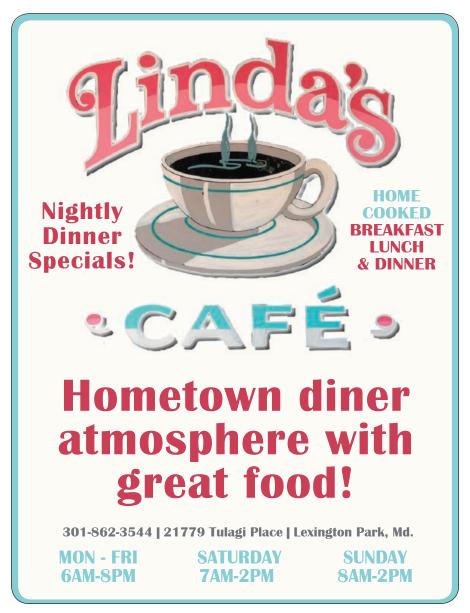
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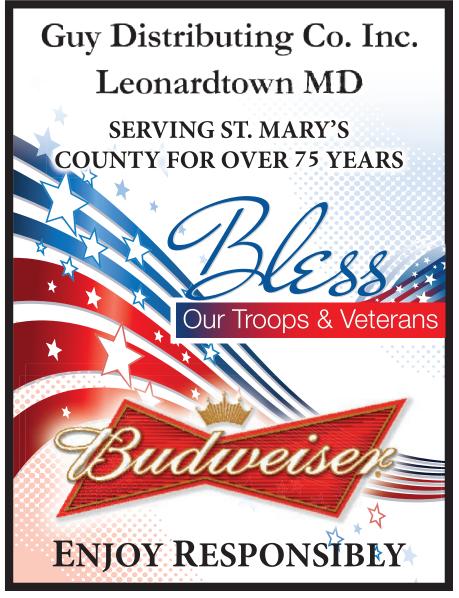
#### **Calvert County Memorial Day Events**

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American Legion Post 206 • Memorial Day Ceremony May 27, 2019 @ 10AM Veterans' Memorial Park Chesapeake Beach, MD







# Veteran Hopes Memorial Day Celebrations Don't Lose Sight of Sacrifice

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Dan Morris, former county commissioner and Vietnam War veteran, said it's important residents who celebrate Memorial Day don't just partake of picnics and barbeques, but take thought on the members of the military who have died, and are still dying, in the service of their country.

Morris served in the United State Marine Corp, as a driver and mechanic in an AMTRAC amphibious unit in Da Nang in 1969

"I lost a very good friend over there," Morris told The County Times. "Craig Blend, was his name.

"He was with me in January of 1970."
Official records show Blend was killed
Jan. 6. 1970.

"We would drive out of ships and hit the beach," Morris said. "But from time to time you have to do a patrol.

"Every marine is a rifleman."

Morris still takes part in the well-known Rolling Thunder motorcycle ride

to the Pentagon, which raises funds for veterans.

Some of those funds will go to the local Charlotte Hall Veteran Home, he said.

Remembering those he lost in Vietnam, Morris wanted residents to realize that their freedom wasn't free.

"It's to remember the men and women who sacrificed for what their country stands for," Morris said. "People are still dying serving in the military: remember those guys over there right now."

Morris remembered returning to the U.S. and being harassed by war protesters.

"When we came back from Vietnam, we were not appreciated," Morris said. "They were demeaning us in public for going to a war we didn't want to go to."

Morris said members of the military continue to make sacrifices everyday.

"It's no small thing," Morris said.
"You're taking years out of someone's

"It's more than just a job."

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Dan Morris, former county commssioner and Vietnam War Veteran



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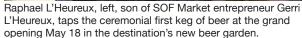
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## SOF Market's Grand Opening in Leonardtown











Inside at the bar activities were available for everyone, even kids, while outside there were many shops at Shepherd's Old Field to peruse.

## **2019 Public Sails**



Looking for a great way to experience the Patuxent River? The Calvert Marine Museum is offering two-hour public sails aboard the historic skipjack Dee of St. Mary's, departing from the museum dock at 2:30 p.m. Sail on Saturdays May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, and September 28 and on Sundays June 2, July 7, August 11, September 15, and October 20. Tickets are \$25 for ages 13 and up and \$15 for children 5 -12. No children under 5 permitted. To reserve your spot, visit bit.ly/DeeOfSt-MarysCruises. Advance reservations are taken by noon the Friday prior to the sail. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the Admissions Desk on the day of the sail. For more information, please contact Melissa McCormick at 410-326-2042 ext. 41 or Melissa.McCormick@calvertcountymd.gov.

The Dee of St. Mary's, built in 1979, is one of the last commercial skipjacks ever constructed on the Chesapeake Bay. The Dee was used originally in the oyster dredge fleet and later as a floating classroom, starting in 1989, when the oyster population dwindled. The Calvert Marine Museum took ownership in May 2013 and is pleased to offer public sails, educational opportunities, and private charters.

## Dee of St. Mary's Announces 3rd Annual Paddle for **Heroes Announced**

Events Pays Tribute to Our Local Heroes



This exciting fundraising event is a professionally-timed kayak and paddleboard event that will be held at the Leonardtown Wharf on Breton Bay on Saturday, June 8, 2019. A \$30 registration fee includes a Paddle for Heroes T-shirt. Event registration is available online or at the event between 9:00am-9:30am, with the races starting at 10:15 am. The race course will traverse an approximately 3-mile route around the shores of Breton Bay, in the historic town of Leonardtown. Racers who register online can also earn 1 second off their elapsed time for every dollar they raise through our social fundraising portal. There is NO LIMIT to the number of seconds that can be deducted, so less experienced racers have as good a chance of winning as the professionals.

Paddle for Heroes raises funds for the innovative and highly effective Warfighter Advance Programs. Warfighter Advance changes the trajectory of the warfighter's post-deployment life, so that rather than an existence characterized by an endless cycle of mental illness diagnoses, medications,

medical appointments and disappointments, the warfighter has a life characterized by pride, productivity, healthy relationships, continued service, and advocacy for the same outcomes for their fellow service members. www. warfighteradvance.org Scholarships for St. Mary's County First Responders and their families to attend the College of Southern Maryland. Lastly, the event raises funds to support Leonardtown Rotary Club's many contributions to local charities and international service projects.

Kayakers and paddleboarders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate in this fun community event. An award ceremony, food vendors and entertainment will be held at the Leonardtown Wharf at the conclusion of the races.

For more information on the event, please visit the Paddle for Heroes website at www.paddleforheroes.org.

> Press Release from Leonardtown Rotary

## **SMECO Awards** Planning for the Future **Scholarships**

#### Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) has awarded four scholarships to high school seniors for 2019 to students who live in the Cooperative's service area. Scholarships are based on the applicants' scholastic achievement, financial need, and school and community involvement. SMECO has awarded scholarships to 108 students in the 27 years since beginning the program in 1993. Each of the following students will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship: Alyssa Dorsey, Samuel Guzzone, William Runyon, and Andrew Tolarski.

Alyssa Dorsey, graduate of Chopticon High School in St. Mary's County, plans to attend the College of Southern Maryland and to pursue a career in nursing. She is an active volunteer with the Hollywood and Mechanicsville volunteer rescue squads. Through the Academy of Health Professions at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, Dorsey has worked to earn her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate. She has also competed in Skills USA and was awarded first place at a regional competition. Dorsey also completed an internship in the emergency room at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. Cara Grysko, a counselor at Chopticon, said, "Alyssa's commitment and dedication of her time to her school and community illustrate her selflessness and admirable traits. With her desire to succeed, self-motivation, and academic focus, any school or work organization would be honored to have her as part of their team." Dorsey is the daughter of Scott Allen Dorsey of Mechanicsville, Marvland.

Samuel Guzzone, son of Amy and Darren Guzzone of Indian Head, Maryland, is a graduate of Henry Lackey High School in Charles County. Guzzone plans to become a mechanical engineer. An accomplished athlete and musician, Guzzone played soccer and tennis at Lackey, and he played in the symphonic band and jazz band. He is also the drummer in the Flippin' Eyelids, a band he formed with his brothers. Guzzone is also active in the Mathematics Engineering Science Accomplishment club, the National Honor Society, 4H, It's Academic and Chess Club. He has done volunteer work through the Appalachian Service Project and Farming4Hunger. Laura Buzzell, the

Chair of the Mathematics Department at Lackey, said, "Samuel is very talented in math and science, and he is one of the most well-rounded students that I have ever taught. He leads by example and encourages his teammates and colleagues to work harder than they ever have before. Samuel has been extremely successful in all of his endeavors.'

William Runyon, graduate of Thomas Stone High School in Charles County, plans to attend Georgia State University and to pursue a career as an attorney. Runyon is a musician who has played the violin since elementary school. He performed with the All-County Orchestra and for the musical Beauty and the Beast at Thomas Stone. He also plays guitar and participated in the musical All Shook Up at Stone. As a student of Aikido, a Japanese martial art that promotes peace and cooperation, and Iaido, which relies heavily on focus and patience, Runyon said, "I can apply the lessons in focus, patience, and discipline in my school environment, as well as in my life in general." When faced with an Advanced Placement test, he added, "I simply took a deep breath and focused on the task at hand, quieting the mental chatter just as I would on the mat when training." Runyon is the son of Lea Sadler of Waldorf, Maryland.

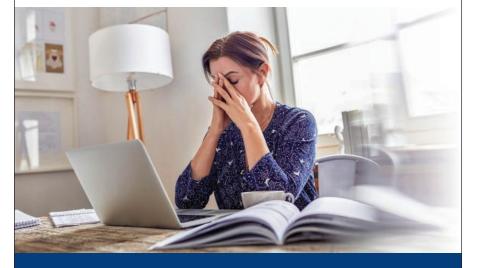
Andrew Tolarski, graduate of Leonardtown High School in St. Mary's County, plans to attend the University of Maryland and to major in Music Education in order to become a music teacher. He plays the viola and piano and sings. Tolarski said, "My goal is to be a teacher, not only to instruct, but to help people grow. I want to be able to look back at what I have done and see the results as contributing to the growth and happiness of other human beings." He is a member of the International Thespian Society and was the student conductor of two choirs for the Maryland All-State Chorus. He is a choir section lead at Lexington Park United Methodist Church, a member of the community choir Musica. and a volunteer and employee at Greenwell State Park, where he assists with summer camp. Tolarski is the son of Laura Tolarski of Hollywood, Maryland.

SMECO provides scholarships to local students who excel in their endeavors and who show promise in their chosen field of



Paul Carlson, co-founder of Seventy2 Capital Wealth Management LLC, an independent affiliate of Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, explains the Bethesda, Md. based investment firm's reasons for affiliating with the Leonardtown office of Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network. Seated next to Carlson at an April 24 meeting at Port of Leonardtown Winery is Steve Richardson, former Branch Manager (now Vice President/Senior Financial Advisor) of the Leonardtown office. Also shown is Tom Fautrel, other co-founder of Seventy2 Capital Wealth Management. "As the Southern Maryland area continues to grow," Carlson explained, "we felt there was an opportunity to join with an already successful practice in Leonardtown, and enhance it further by making available the resources and staff in Bethesda to provide an even greater level of service to Steve's clients."

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## **BECA Announces Scholarship Winners**



On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 BECA hosted the 13th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Altogether, 100 2019 graduating seniors from all St. Mary's County high schools were awarded a total of 133 local scholarships totaling \$205,000 (first-year only). These numbers are all records. Additionally, 55 different scholarships were offered by 44 providers this year resulting in 277 applications received in February; also all record numbers.

2019 Scholarship Providers include: Alpha Beta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Frances Lancaster for Teacher Education; American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Southern Maryland Chapter; Association of Naval Aviation; Aviation Systems Engineering Co. (ASEC) STEM; Business, Education and Community Alliance (BECA); Cedar Point Federal Credit Union and Cedar Point Financial Services; Charlotte Hall Rotary Club; Danny Ryce Memorial for Music; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Elvear B. Johnson Ph.D.; Dugan, McKissick & Longmore, LLC for Barbara Horn; Easton Family; Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (2); Daniel Fitzgerald; Fitzgerald Family; Garner Visual and Performing Arts; Hollywood Elementary School PTA; Leonardtown Lions

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About BECA: The Business, Education and Community Alliance, Inc. (BECA), is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit and public charity organization founded in 1989 jointly by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce and Superintendent of Schools. BECA's mission is to bring together business and community organizations and individuals to support our local school system improve student success. BECA has awarded one-time scholarships to St. Mary's High School graduating seniors since 1995, awarding 270 scholarships totaling almost \$250,000. BECA also administers the Common Scholarship Application, allowing students to apply for more than 50 local scholarships using one application. Since its introduction in 2007, approximately \$3.5 million in local scholarships have been awarded through the common application.

For more information on BECA please visit www. smcbeca.org or contact at smcbeca@gmail.com or 240-257-2322.

## **Horseshoe Crabs Spawning May Through June**

One of the world's oldest wildlife migrations is set to begin on Maryland's coastal bays and beaches.

For 350 million years, the May and June full and new moons have fostered a giant migration of horseshoe crabs. Coming from the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, millions of these prehistoric arthropods clumsily invade Maryland's beaches for this ritualistic spawn, laying their eggs on shore.

The best chance for viewing these living fossils on Maryland's Atlantic Coast and along the Chesapeake Bay this year are during the high tides of a full moon, May 18 and June 17, and the new moon, June 3. Cold water temperatures may delay the early part of the spawn.

Every year during this time, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources conducts a horseshoe crab migration survey.

"I'm in a unique place to be able to witness this event," said fisheries biologist Steven Doctor, who leads the yearly survey. "This event has significant ecological impacts not just for future generations of horseshoe crabs but for other species up and down the coast."

On average, one horseshoe crab can deposit nearly 20,000 eggs on the beach. Ultimately, many of the horseshoe crabs eggs never reach maturity, and instead are devoured by crustaceans, fish, and migrating shorebirds such as the red knot and sandpiper; who depend on this feast for survival.

Despite a horseshoe crab's armor and menacing tail, they are gentle creatures that do not bite or sting, and can only survive outside of water for a short amount of time. To help sustain the population and return back to the water, individuals who see a horseshoe crab on its back are asked to gently flip it over using two hands; and never by its telson (tail).

While the horseshoe crab is not consumed, its copper-based blue blood is invaluable to cutting-edge biomedical research.



## **Bugeye Edna Lockwood to Visit Calvert Marine Museum**

Edna Lockwood, the last historic sailing bugeye in the world, will be visiting the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) from May 28 through May 31, as part of a National Park Service-funded heritage tour around the Chesapeake Bay.

Owned and operated by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM), Edna Lockwood recently underwent a two-year restoration of her nine-log hull. She was re-launched into the Miles River in St. Michaels, Maryland, in fall of 2018. This summer and fall, Edna is traveling to ports around the Bay, bringing free experiential programming and interpretation of traditional Chesapeake Bay boatbuilding techniques and the oystering industry past and present.

During her stay at CMM, CBMM staff members will offer free deck tours, giving guests a chance to explore the bugeye while she's docked. Regular museum admission is required.

Built in 1889 by John B. Harrison on

Tilghman Island for Daniel W. Haddaway, Edna Lockwood dredged for oysters on the Chesapeake Bay through winter, and carried freight—such as lumber, grain, and produce—after the dredging season ended. She worked faithfully for many owners, mainly out of Cambridge, Maryland, until she stopped "drudging" in 1967. In 1973, Edna was donated to the CBMM by John R. Kimberly. Recognized as the last working oyster boat of her kind, Edna Lockwood was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1994.

For additional details on Edna's visit, contact CMM Curator of Maritime History Mark Wilkins at (410) 326-2042, ext. 31, or Mark.Wilkins@calvertcountymd.gov. To learn more about Edna Lockwood and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, including a full list of stops on Edna's heritage tour, visit cbmmshipyard.org/ednalockwood.



## Retire Your Worn Flags Bring them to your local Senior Activity Centers



Do you have old and worn American or Maryland State flags? Give them the retirement they deserve. The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services' three Senior Activity Centers are collecting flags in preparation for the St. Mary's County Flag Day ceremony to be held on Friday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center in Leonardtown, MD.

Bring your flags to any Senior Activity Center by 4 p.m. on June 11:

Northern Senior Activity Center 29655 Charlotte Hall Road Charlotte

Hall, MD

Garvey Senior Activity Center 41780 Baldridge Street Leonardtown, MD

Loffler Senior Activity Center 21905 Chancellors Run Road Great Mills, MD During Flag Day, American Legion

Post 221 will conduct an official flag disposal ceremony.

For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, or visit www.st-marysmd.com/aging.

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## St. Mary's County Commission On Aging Seeking New Members

The St. Mary's County Commission on Aging (COA) is seeking members with an interest in improving St. Mary's County for its senior population.

The COA is integral in bringing awareness to the needs of the senior community. Commissioners of St. Mary's County appoint volunteer members to the COA to represent the senior citizen community. Volunteers are needed to ensure the needs and concerns of the senior community are met. The COA provides the Commissioners with advice and assistance concerning county programs and resources offered for the



senior residents of St. Mary's County. Also, the COA works with the community to develop awareness and understanding of the problems and concerns of the senior population.

The nominations for the COA are open; new appointments will be made in June. Please respond by May 30, 2019. Volunteers do not need to be senior citizens to become members of the COA. Please Contact Diane Gleissner at 301-475-4200 ext. 71700; or diane.gleissner@stmarysmd.com

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# TAKE A SOUTHERN MARYLAND STAYCATION

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

With the summer months fast approaching and families planning their vacations, tourism specialists on either side of the Patuxent River say there's plenty of fun and sun in both St. Mary's and Calvert counties; enough for a staycation without any of the worries or hassle of going out of town.

In St. Mary's County, Jason Aul, the director of the county's tourism management group, says the county's mix of new and old, history and modernity and its natural beauty make it ideal for a staycation.

"We're quite blessed this region has so much going on," Aul said. "It's the cradle of Maryland.

"Everything Maryland has become, began here; it's all here."

The county's museums offer destinations for vacationing families, looking to either see the past or get a glimpse of the future.

In Historic St. Mary's City, visitors can see Maryland's founding and witness it's struggle to survive, at St. Clements Island Museum in Coltons Point, they can see where English colonists first trod on Maryland soil.

St. Mary's County was the fourth English colony, founded in 1634.

But in Lexington Park, just outside the main gate of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the eponymous Naval Air Museum sits, the most modern of all the museums in the county. It tells the story of the humble beginnings of naval aviation all the way up to the latest technological advancements in military hardware.

"We're very close to museums that are often overlooked, especially Patuxent River Naval Air Museum," Aul said. "Every aircraft on the ground [at the museum] was tested here.

"It's a living history museum."

Aul was quick to point to Leonardtown, with its burgeoning restaurant and café scene, complete with many boutique shops, as another staycation destination.

Concentrating on more than just food and drink, there are art galleries and unique activities, such as Escape Rooms of Southern Maryland and Shepherd's Old Field; Leonardtown has grown as an attraction.

"There's a lot of love for Leonardtown right now," Aul said.

Golfing opportunities such as Wicomico Shores in St. Mary's and Chesapeake Hill in Calvert are open to the public as the courses are county-owned.

In the southern portion of the county, bed and breakfast and rental homes round out the accommodation options for families looking for remote, relaxing getaways.

With nearly 500 miles of shoreline in St. Mary's County, the most in the state, relaxation by the water is one of the key attractions.

Charter boat excursions are also a

big attraction in St. Mary's, said Capt. Phil Langley, owner of Fish the Bay Charters.

Known for their trips out into the bay for spectacular sport fishing, charter boats and their captains also give vacationers a glimpse into a vanishing way of life in Southern Maryland, that of the watermen.

Langley has started giving what he calls "watermen's heritage" tours of the bay where he teaches about the fishery, its ecosystem and making a living from the water.

"It's an educational experience," Langley said. "I let them get in some hands on experience, pulling in crab pots and I even put a set of oyster tongs in their hands.

"That's pretty popular down here; but most of the local people don't know that this is available down here."

An old favorite of special activities for vacationers is the return of the Smith Island cruises, leaving from Point Lookout State Park; the launch from Point Lookout leaves at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday through Sunday during the vacation season.

Smith Island, discovered by English explorer John Smith in 1608, nestles close to the Eastern Shore and has three large communities there with golf excursions available as well as lodging for romantic getaways; the island is only accessible by boat.

Aul said residents should think about vacationing close to home, as it would save money, travel time and help local businesses; moreover the attractions here were just as good as any outside the region.

"Because were so close to Washington D.C. and Baltimore, people tend to think more externally," Aul said. "But they're surprised to see what's going on down here.

"You can do a proper staycation here."

Hillary Dailey, tourism director for Calvert County government, said residents were often aware of the many attractions there but only ever visited them when family or friends came from out of town for their vacations.

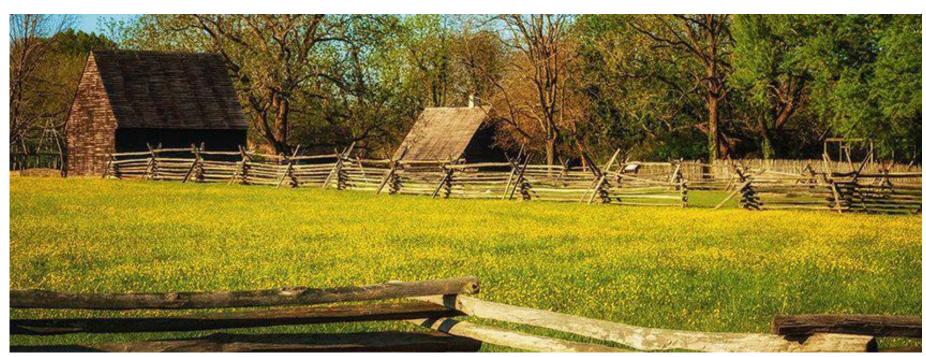
"A lot of people know about them but they don't actually go," Dailey told The County Times. "Look around your backyard for fun; it's a resort area."

The activities in Calvert that are readily accessible are many and often nautical in nature.

From the Chesapeake Beach Water Park in the northern portion of the county to the many charter boat rentals available in the Solomons area, Calvert boasts strong access to vacation-ready waterfront land and riverine ways.

"There are always the beaches," Dailey said. "They're either free to use or cheap to access."

Much of the beach access in Calvert can be accessed through either county-owned or state-run parks; Calvert Cliffs State Park boasts walking trails through forests and wetlands to access beachfront on the



Chesapeake Bay.

These types of attractions are some of the biggest tourist draws in Calvert, Dailey said, but local residents should take just as much advantage of what's offered.

"People really come here for that," Dailey said.

More than just waterfront fun; residents who stay in Calvert for a vacation have farmers markets – from North Beach to Lusby and Dunkirk Park – with many local items for sale.

"You can get local produce and crafts there," Dailey said. "And we have two lighthouses; one in Cove Point and another in Drum Point."

The Drum Point lighthouse had a cottage used by those who attended it, Dailey said, which itself is a rarity.

"It's one of three remaining in the Chesapeake Bay from those days," said Dailey.

Other attractions for which Calvert is well known include six wineries, six breweries – even the Tiki Bar in Solomons has been resurrected.

"The Tiki Bar just reopened, that's a big draw," Dailey said.

For entertainment, there are plays performed by the Twin Beach Players from North Beach and Chesapeake Beach and the newly formed New Direction group from St. Leonard.

The Calvert Marine Museum and Jefferson Patterson Park also stand ready as easy places to go for family vacation outings, she said. Everything to do in Calvert takes advantage of its unique position in the region.

"It's a Chesapeake lifestyle," she said

For those looking for a special treat during their vacation, Wind Sail Cruises in Chesapeake Beach offers cruises in the bay on a 42-foot yacht.

"It's not powered," said Nate Pope, chairman of the board of the group which runs the cruise business. "It gives our county residents the opportunity to do something for a staycation.

"Not everyone wants to go fishing and people love sailing."

The cruise lasts for two-and-ahalf hours, Pope said, with one hour spent going out far enough into the bay; close enough to see the shipping channels.

Each of the cruises is captained by an experienced officer with the United States Coast Guard, he said.

Pope said they've had visitors from as far away as Pennsylvania and even Russia, but even people in Calvert were often unaware of the vacation opportunities in such close proximity.

"A lot of people say they never knew this was here," said Pope.

For more information on Smith Island Cruises visit smithislandcruises.com.

In Calvert for information on bay cruises, visit chesapeakewindsailcruises.com

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## ST.MARY'S COUNTY SUMMER CALENDAR

#### **MAY 18**

#### **Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

Coastal Arts Market • 9AM-3PM Leonardtown Whart

We know Southern Maryland is full of creative, artistic people and we have the perfect venue at the Leonardtown Wharf Park for local artists and craftsmen to sell their handcrafted products at our open air Arts Market. Our market is for handcrafted products only.

**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: U.S. Navy Band Country Current in Concert** • 6PM- 8PM

Leonardtown Square

In honor of Armed Forces Day

#### **MAY 23**

**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: LHS Jazz Band** Concert • 6PM-7:30PM

Leonardtown Wharf

Rain date May 30.

#### **MAY 25**

#### Life's Good in LG 5k & Fun Run • 8AM

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#### **Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

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#### **MAY 27**

**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: SMYOC** Concert • 5PM

Leonardtown Wharf

#### **JUNE 1**

**Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: The Lucky** Few in Concer • 6PM-8PM Leonardtown Square

#### St. Clement's Island Heritage **Day • 10AM-3PM**

St. Clement's Island

Discover St. Clement's Island State Park and its history as the site of Maryland's first coloniallanding in 1634. This free event invites everyone to visit the St. Clement's Island Museum. www.stmarysmd.com/ recreate/museums

**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: Church of** the Nazarene Concert (Lindsay Higgins) • 5PM-9PM

Leonardtown Wharf

#### **JUNE 7**

**Crab Fest First Friday featuring** a HydraFX Concert • 5PM-8PM Leonardtown Square

#### JUNE 8

Sunrise Yoga • 7:30AM-8:30AM Leonardtown Wharf

Lift your spirits, warm your body, still your mind and ignite your soul! We are excited to announce that we will once again be returning to the Leonardtown Wharf for another successful summer of our Sunrise Yoga series

#### **Leonardtown Lions Club present** the St Mary's County Crab Festival • 11AM-7PM

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

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#### **Rotary Paddle for Heroes • 8AM-**2PM

Leonardtown Wharf

We hold this annual event to raise funds for collegiate scholarship programs that will benefit our St. Mary's County First Responders and their families:

military personnel wishing to attend the the Warfighters Advance™ Postcombat Reintegration Program, and the Rotary Club of Leonardtown's charitable endeavors. Rain date June 22.

**Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

#### **JUNE 15**

**Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

Coastal Arts Market • 9AM-3PM Leonardtown Wharf

#### Juneteenth Celebration 12PM-8PM

John G. Lancaster Park

Juneteenth commemorates African American freedomand emphasizes educationand achievement. Music, family entertainment and activities. ucaconlineorg

**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: Six Gun South** Concert • 6PM-9PM

Leonardtown Square

#### **JUNE 21**

**River Concert Series • The Travel Program • 7PM** St. Marv's College

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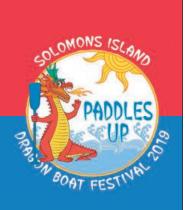
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## Solomons Island Dragon Boat Festival **AUGUST 17**

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Proceeds from the Solomons Dragon Boat Festival proudly support



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www.SolomonsDragonBoatFestival.com

#### **JUNE 22**

#### Beerfest • 12PM-6PM

Historic St. Mary's City

Join the annual celebration of brews, food, and music! Sample select craft brews, local cuisine, artisans, demos, activities, and live music. stmaryscitybeerfest.org

Beer and brewing have long been a part of Maryland history. Starting when the Ark and Dove brought the first colonists over with provisions of beer, to Garrett Van Sweringen starting one of the first breweries in the colony, beer has played an important role at St. Mary's. It is only fitting Historic St. Mary's City Foundation hosts an annual beer festival!

Each June during the one-day festival, Historic St. Mary's City State House grounds are filled with music from local bands, beer making demonstrations, kids activities, Maryland microbrews, craft vendors, and a variety of food trucks. All proceeds from BeerFest will help further education and research at the museum.

#### **JUNE 28**

#### **River Concert Series • The Art of** Dance • 7PM

St. Mary's College

"Les Syphides" Ballet Caliente with the Chesapeake Orchestra. Music of Chopin, Arvo Part, and others.

#### **JUNE 29**

#### Independence Day Fireworks • 5PM-10PM

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

#### **JULY 5**

**Leonardtown Summer Music** Festival Presents: Red, White & Blues/Jazz First Friday featuring **Bob Schaller & Friends • 5PM-**

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#### **River Concert Series • A Super** Celebration + Fireworks • 7PM

St. Marv's College

Sound track favorites: Star Wars, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Lincoln, Sousa, and Tchaikovsky's 1812

#### JULY 6

#### **Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Leonardtown Whart

**Leonardtown Summer Music** Festival Presents: Latrice Carr • **5PM-8PM** 

Leonardtown Square

#### **JULY 12**

#### **Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: The Chesapeake Swing Band • 6PM-**

Leonardtown Square

This is a Jazz Era Kickoff Party for the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend Celebration celebrating jazz from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's. Featuring a Roaring 20's performance by Ballet Caliente.

#### **River Concert Series • Mystical** Singing Under the Stars • 7PM

St. Mary's College

Music of Rutter, Arvo Part, and others Larry Vote, guest conductor and St. Mary's Singers "Ping".

#### **JULY 13**

Sunrise Yoga • 7:30AM-8:30AM Leonardtown Wharf

**Zumba Fitness Around Town •** 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

#### Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival • 12PM-8PM

St. Clement's Island

Enjoy jazz, seafood & stunning waterside views with a variety of activities for jazz enthusiasts! To celebrate our 20th year, we're adding a special FREE Friday concert celebration in Leonardtown & Sunday jazz brunches & activities in downtown Historic Leonardtown in addition to the Saturday festival at St. Clement's Island Museum. potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com

#### **JULY 19**

#### **River Concert Series • Buenos** Aires Night on the St. Mary's •

St. Mary's College

Music of Ginastera, Guastavino, Piazzolla, and Giraurdo. Jose Cueto, violin soloist and guest artist The "2018 Latin Grammy Award Winner" The Pedro Giraudo Quartet join the Chesapeake Orchestra.

#### **JULY 20**

#### Zumba Fitness Around Town • 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

Coastal Arts Market • 9AM-3PM Leonardtown Whart

**Leonardtown Summer Music** Festival Presents: The Ryan Forrester Band • 6PM-9PM Leonardtown Square





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#### **JULY 27**

#### Zumba Fitness Around Town • 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

#### SMBC Summer Boat Regatta • 8AM-4PM • July 27 & 28

Leonardtown Wharf

Vintage racing boats hearken back to a bygone era and put on quite a show as they compete in various heats on the waters of Breton Bay. southernmarylandboatclub.

#### **AUGUST 2**

#### 1st Responders First Friday • 5PM-8PM

Leonardtown

#### Govener's Cup Yacht Race August 2-3

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Join the oldest and longest overnight race on the Chesapeake. The race starts in Annapolis and ends in St. Mary's City. smcm.edu/events/govcup

#### **AUGUST 3**

#### Beach Party on the Square • 4PM-9PM

Leonardtown

Fun in the sun in downtown Leonardtown! Say goodbye to summer with sand volleyball, live bands, fire truck hose downs, strolling entertainers, and so much more. leonardtown.somd.com

#### National Lighthouse Weekend at Piney Point Lighthouse • 10AM

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic

Head to Piney Point for a fun and \*\*FREE\*\*
Open House Weekend in recognition of
National Lighthouse Day, celebrated each
year on August 7th. Enjoy tours of the
museum, Potomac River Maritime Exhibit,
lighthouse tower and grounds. The keeper's
quarters and lighthouse will offer special

#### National Lighthouse Weekend at Blackistone Lighthouse • 10AM

St. Clement's Island Museum

Head to St. Clement's Island for a fun Open House at Blackistone Lighthouse in recognition of National Lighthouse Day. Check out the St. Clement's Island Museum before taking a boat ride out to St. Clement's Island and the Blackistone Lighthouse.

Tours of the Lighthouse, a replica of the original lighthouse that stood at the same location, will be available free of charge. The last boat to the island will leave at 2PM.

#### **AUGUST 9**

## Shakespeare in the City •7:30PM-10PM • August 9-15 St. Mary's City

Join us at Historic St. Mary's City with a picnic and lawn chair spending an evening enjoying one of Shakespeare's beloved masterpieces. hsmcdigshistory.org. Tickets available at www.newtowneplayers.org.

#### **AUGUST 10**

Sunrise Yoga • 7:30AM-8:30AM Leonardtown Wharf

Zumba Fitness Around Town • 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

#### **AUGUST 17**

#### Zumba Fitness Around Town • 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

Coastal Arts Market • 9AM-3PM Leonardtown Wharf

Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: Wesley Spangler Concert • 6PM-9PM Leonardtown Square

#### Children's Day at St. Clement's Island Museum • 11AM-2PM

St. Clement's Island Museum

Join St. Clement's Island Museum for a FREE day of kid-friendly fun on the beautiful waterside lawn of St. Clement's Island Museum. Families can enjoy lots of activities including games, crafts, face painting, a bike raffle, snow cones, balloons and lots more.

#### **AUGUST 24**

#### Zumba Fitness Around Town • 8:30AM-9:30AM

Port of Leonardtown

Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Presents: Robbie Booth • 6PM-9PM

Leonardtown Square







## Leonardtown Summer Music Festival Concert Schedule All Concerts are FREE Except Where Noted

#### Saturday, May 18th

U.S. Navy Band Country Current for Armed Forces Day on the Square 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### Thursday, May 23rd

LHS Jazz Ensemble @ the Wharf 6:00 PM-7:30 PM Rain Date: Thursday, May 30th, 6:00 PM 7:30 PM

#### Monday, May 27

SMYOC Concert @ the Wharf 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

#### Saturday, June 1st

The Lucky Few on the Square 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### Sunday, June 2nd

Church of Nazarene Concert @ the Wharf 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

#### Friday, June 7th

HydraFX
Crabfest First Friday on the Square
5:00 PM-8:00 PM

\$ fee for admission

#### Saturday, June 22nd

Six Gun South on the Square 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

#### Friday, July 5th

Red, White and Blues and Jazz First Friday with Bob Schaller and Friends on the Square 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### Saturday, July 6th

Latrice Carr on the Square 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

#### Friday, July 12th

Chesapeake Swingband on the Square
Jazz Era Kickoff Party for the
Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend
The evening will be a celebration of jazz throughout the
20's (jazz age), the 30's & 40's (swing era),
& the 50's-90's (modern & Latin jazz).
There will be a special performance from Ballet Caliente

#### 6:00 PM-9:00 PM Saturday, July 20th

Ryan Forrester Band on the Square 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

www.LeonardtownMusicFest.com

#### Friday, August 2nd

The Josh Riley Band
First Responders First Friday on the Square
5:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### Saturday, August 3rd

Funkzilla at Beach Party on the Square 4:00 PM-9:00 PM

#### Saturday, August 17th

Wesley Spangler on the Square 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

#### Saturday, August 31st

Robbie Boothe on the Square 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

#### Friday, September 6th

Don Stapleson

Arts & Entertainment First Friday on the Square
5:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### Saturday, September 7th

Bushwoodstock III @ the Wharf
Scholarship Fundraiser (\$)
Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock
2:00 PM-8:00 PM





















## A SUMMER OF FUN IN LEONARDTOWN

**Summer Music Festival**. This exciting new Festival features great artists like Six Gun South, The Ryan Forrester Band, Latrice Carr, Wesley **Spangler, Robbie Boothe** and more! The Festival runs from May 18th - September 7th, and thanks to generous Sponsors that include Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, and Leonardtown Chevrolet. Buick and GMC. the majority of the music festival concerts are offered FREE to the public. The festival offers something for everyone from family-friendly events to more adult oriented evenings. New this year, attendees are able to Order a Picnic from participating restaurants in Town (Social Coffeehouse & Speakeasy, Big Larry's Eatery, Jessie's Kitchen, Smokey Joe's on the Town, Shepherds Old Field Market and Port of Leonardtown Winery) offering a variety of options from light refreshments to a full meal and a beer growler or bottle of wine, and parents can also drop their children off to be entertained with kid-friendly art projects while they enjoy a datenight at a concert on the Square through the Drop N' Dine Program - available by reservation only for select concerts through participating businesses in Town (St. Mary's Arts Council, Leonardtown Arts Center, Wine & Design's Art Buzz Kids, and Yellowline Art Studio).

Signature concerts include the **Funkzilla Band** performing at the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Leonardtown Beach Party on the Square**, a popular, end-of-summer blowout party featuring strolling performers (like Transformers Bumblebee!), pony rides, a

rides, Zumba and yoga demos, 40 tons of sand in the middle of Town and more on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and the Jazz Era Concert/Kickoff Party for the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival Weekend Celebration. This special event

**Celebration**. This special event is a FREE, jazz era concert/party in historic Leonardtown with the **Chesapeake** 

and be there early!

**Swingband** performing from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Leonardtown Square. The evening will be a celebration of jazz throughout the 20's (jazz age), the 30's-40's (swing era), and the 50's-90's (modern and Latin jazz). There will be a special Roaring 20's dance performance from Ballet Caliente during the evening and a classic antique car show featuring classic cars from the 20's - the 50's courtesy of St. Mary's Rod & Classic Car Club. Attendees are encouraged to come in their choice of period costume from the 20's, 30's, 40's or 50's. There will be raffles and prizes awarded for best costumes. More fun and surprises are being planned for the festival. The Maryland State Arts Council will be filming during the Jazz Era event on July 12th for inclusion in an Arts & Entertainment film to be screened on Maryland Arts Day. Be sure to come in costume



The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is brought to you by the Commissioners of Leonardtown, Leonardtown Business Association in partnership with the St. Mary's Arts Council and James LePore Productions. For more information, and to view the full concert schedule, please visit: www.LeonardtownMusicFest.com.

In conjunction with Leonardtown's summer events, **Visit St. Mary's MD**, the destination marketing organization for St. Mary's County, is excited to launch its "Leonardtown is Awesome" campaign, which highlights all the fun, exciting, and memorable experiences you can have around town. To celebrate the new campaign, Visit St. Mary's is running multiple **Instagram contests** throughout the summer with many awesome prizes. Follow Visit St. Mary's **@VisitStMarysMD** and utilize the hashtag **#AwesomeLeonardtown** to keep updated!





## CALVERT COUNTY SUMMER CALENDAR

#### **ONGOING**

#### Chesapeake Windsail Cruises

Sunset Cruise: What a lovely way to end a beautiful summer day while visiting historic Southern Maryland than by watching the sunset over the twin beaches on the Western Shores of the Chesapeake Bay! Complimentary snacks and water will be control

Moonlight Cruise: On a clear night the moon lights up the bay! A great way to experience a romantic cruise under the moonlight is on the Chesapeake Bay. The water lights up (phosphorescence) as the boat glides through it! Our Moonlight Cruise sails May - September. Complimentary snacks and water will be served.

www.chesapeakewindsailcruises.com

#### **MAY 24**

#### Special Needs Night • 5PM-7PM

Calvert Marine Museum

Family fun night for families with special needs, offered in cooperation with Calvert County Parks & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Services. This event is FREE to the public.

#### Friday Night Farmers' Market, Classic Car Cruise-In & Art Fair •

6PM-9PM • Every Friday The Town of North Beach

This weekly market offers seasonal delights from local farms including, fresh, flavorful fruits and vegetables, fresh herbs, cheese, meat, seafood, fresh-baked goods, cut

flowers, and bedding plants. You can sample the wines from our very own Calvert County wineries and purchase by the glass or bottle. Classic car enthusiasts can enjoy viewing some of the coolest vehicles in the area at the Classic Car Cruise-In. The Friday Night Art Fair also will be taking place on Bay Avenue (between 5th and 7th street) and is open to all artists who locally design, make and sell art. The vision of the NB Art Fair is the promote locally design art and produce creative and unique art. The Art Fair's program helps community-cased artist and art organizations make locally produced art available to the community residents and visitors. Stop by and find some art work.

#### **MAY 25**

#### 8th Annual Chesapeake Beach Stars & Stripes Festival • May 25-27

The Town of Chesapeake Beach

We strive to educate our youth and our community on the true meaning of Memorial Day. Join us as we Reflect, Respect and Remember

## Splish Splashin Fun for the Whole Family - Opening Day! • 11AM-7PM

Chesapeake Beach Water Park

Splish Splashin Fun For the Whole Family. Opening day is May 25th. Come join the fun. Tickets are on sale now at https://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com/packages-tickets/daily-tickets/.

#### Kid's Pirate Pizza Cruise • 11:30AM-1PM

Wm. B. Tennison

Dress like a pirate and eat pizza on board the Tennison - Argggggh! \$15 per person.

#### Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail • 2:30PM-4:30PM

Calvert Marine Museum

The museum offers 2-hour public sails aboard the historic vessel Dee of St. Mary's. This is a great way to experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. Learn about watermen, workboats, and what they caught. Help raise and lower the sail. Sails depart from the Calvert Marine Museum. Advance reservations are required by noon the Friday prior to the sail.

#### **MAY 28**

#### Calvert Stewards: Monarch Larva Monitoring Project • 2PM-4PM

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary

This volunteer opportunity is one of many that will be offered through October to improve conservation efforts for monarch butterflies.

#### **JUNE 1**

#### Green Living Festival & Market • 9AM-2PM

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Presented by the Calvert County Citizen's Green Team Green businesses & services - arts & crafts - workshops - kids activities - food & drink - and more! Join us in 2018 for Southern Maryland's leading sustainability event, where you can learn how to make your life, and our community, healthier - environmentally! Explore more than 100 booths and talk with leaders and educators in green living, see the recent developments in renewable energy and green technology, learn how to lower home energy costs, harness solar power, find green products for your home and business, plant a healthier garden, compost our waste, and so much more!

#### Kane Brown Concert • 4:30PM-10PM

Calvert Marine Museum

Country music star Kane Brown will perform live at Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Saturday, June 1. In less than two years, Brown's impressive accomplishments have spanned sales, streaming, airplay, and touring-rightly propelling him to his first ACM award nomination as New Male Vocalist of the Year at the 52nd Academy of Country Music Awards in 2017. Opening up in our beer garden side stage at 5:00 P.M. will be Maryland's own rising star Jackson Dean whose rendition of the Star Spangled Banner went viral this past fall. "To A " singer Ryan Hurd who's current hit "Michigan for the Winter" will appear on the main stage. Tickets for these three hot country acts are \$35-\$89 (additional fees apply) and go on sale: For Members - Tuesday, March 26 @ 10:00 A.M. For General Public - Tuesday, April 2 @ 10:00 A.M.

#### JUNE 2

#### Children's Day on the Farm • 11AM-5PM

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Come celebrate Southern Maryland's rural heritage at the free day of family fun!! Includes hands on activities, games, pony rides, farm animals, tractors and live

entertainment.

#### **JUNE 8**

#### 7th Annual End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival 9AM-2PM

North Beach

The End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival is the event of the summer in North Beach Maryland. TEAM REGISTRATION Team registration is NOW OPEN! Team spots are limited to 32 and are planned to sell out this year. Register your team today to secure your spot. Along Bay Avenue, you will find the Dragon Boat Team's tents and local food and craft vendors. There will also be live entertainment happening throughout the day, from stilt walkers to music on the beach. Teams will be competing for the Best Decorated Tent Award and Decked Out Drummer Award, so be sure to vote for your favorites at the Merchandise Tent. Friday, June 8 @ 8:00PM Join us Friday night at the North Beach Boardwalk Farmer's Market for the Dotting of the Eye! This ceremony is an ancient tradition that awakens the dragons and officially kicks off the Dragon Boat Festival Then Saturday morning – we RACE to end hunger! Parking is limited, so carpooling is

#### Southern Maryland Acoustic Music Assembly • 1PM-9PM

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Join us for a day of song circles and acoustic jamming, followed by an evening concert, dinner, and contra dancing. Bring your preferred instruments and/ or your favorite songs to the afternoon song circles - or just come to listen! In the evening, dinner will be available along with music from four bands - to be named The evening contra dance will feature a caller and the Bushwood Mill Band (contra dance beginners welcome). SMAMA is an opportunity to play, sing, dance, and hear different kinds of music - and to meet other musicians from Southern Maryland and beyond! SMAMA is open to all ages and abilities, and is family-friendly. Food, drink, wine/beer will be available.

#### **JUNE 9**

## Senator Bernie Fowler's Patuxent River Wade In 1PM-

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Join former Senator Bernie Fowler and other dignitaries for this great event, as they wade into the Patuxent rive. Mr. Fowler started the "white sneaker" test as a means of checking water clarity. His ingenuity has led to multi-tributary events across Maryland showcasing efforts to save our rivers and streams. Before an dafter wading, enjoy environmental demonstrations, music, and exhibits.

#### **JUNE 11**

#### Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum's Bay Breeze Concert Series: Dave Chappell • 7:30PM-9:30PM

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

Join us on the porch of the CB Railway Museum for the first concert of the season featuring The Bay Breeze Concert Series is held the second Tuesday of every month from June through September, 7:30-9:30pm, on the porch of the museum. The concert series is free and open to the public.

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#### **JUNE 15**

#### Father's Day Fishing Derby • 10AM-12PM

North Beach Pier (Lower Level)

Free Family Fishing Event. Prizes awarded for fisherfolk! Door prize! and fun! We provide worms, barbless hooks for safety and prizes! You provide poles, tackle and any of your lucky fishing supplies. Small coolers allowed on the pier. Closed toe shoes, sunscreen and hats suggested.

#### Movies on the Beach • 7:30PM Town of North Beach

Movies on the Beach and Drive-In Movies always start at dusk (the actual time varies). A local favorite; visitors are always WELCOME! The movies on the beach are projected onto a large, inflatable screen in the sand. Bring your beach chair or blanket and get comfy on the beach! In addition to movies on the beach, the Town is now showing a "drive-in" movie in September and October on the visitor parking. And the best part is, all the movies are FREE!

#### **JUNE 16**

June 15: Bumblebee July 20: Ralph Breaks

the Internet August 17: The Incredibles

2 September 21: Jurassic World Fallen

Kingdom (Drive-In Movie)

#### Father's Day Kayak Adventure • 11:30AM-2PM

Kings Landing Park

For adults and families, under 7 years not permitted. Enjoy a fun, family paddle to visit the Great Blue Heron families at their tree nests! Bring a bagged lunch for a pier picnic on Black Swamp Creek, and have clothes/shoes you can go for a forest hike in. Special registration information: Participants may bring their own paddles and life vests. Volunteer Kayak Leader - approved by Naturalist

#### Open Flames Cooking Class • 2PM-5PM

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Looking for a fun Father's Day for the family? Learn a variety of Native American cooking skills including baking without an oven, boiling water without a pot, and how to cook like a pro over an open fire. This class is perfect for campers, backpackers, people who are just plain curious, and those exploring the true paleo diet.

#### **JUNE 21**

#### 3rd Annual North Beach American Film Festival • June 21-23

The Town of North Beach

The NBAFF showcases the best in American Independent Film, spotlighting

films that exhibit the multi-cultural and diverse aspects of American life. The festival will have its 3rd annual event June 21-23 2019 in the beautiful town of North Beach, Maryland.

#### **JUNE 22**

#### Teddy Bear Tea • 10AM-12PM

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Bring a stuffed animal or doll friend and dress up as fancy as you'd like to attend a tea party at the Park. We will enjoy tea party games, stories, and of course treats! Session One (10:00 - 12:00 pm) Session Two (1:00 - 3:00 pm) Free for members, \$5 per person (non-members).

#### Pride of Southern Maryland Celebration! 11AM-2PM

Calvert Marine Museum

Exciting news! SOMD Pride is back for the 3rd year! So gather your friends and family! Please join us at the Corvin Pavillion. Food and drinks will be available.

#### Cornhole Tournament to Benefit Special Olympics • 1PM-5PM

Calvert Brewing Company at Running Hare Vineyard

Join us for a CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT at Running Hare Vineyard - proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics of Calvert & St. Mary's Counties! Hosted By: Montague Properties, Keller Williams Select Realtors. \$20 Per Person, Blind Draw, Prizes for Top 3 Teams! Be a SPONSOR for this fabulous event! Sponsorship Tiers Gold: \$500 Electronic Advertisement, Banner and Space for Table/Tent at Event! Silver: \$250 Electronic Advertisement and Banner displayed at event. Bronze: \$100 - Your company name is included in all electronic advertisement. Any donations are welcome! \*\*Banners, Tables, Chairs & Tents provided by sponsor. 10% of sales from Running Hare and Calvert Brewery for that time will be donated to Special Olympics. To purchase tickets or to donate / sponsor, visit our EventBrite sign-up at: https://bit. ly/2IQuB1h Contact Montague Properties at 301-327-3111 for questions, sign-up or donations! Shad Montague: x702 Tracy Fiore: x706 James Armel: x707

#### **JUNE 23**

#### Mud Day at Annmarie Garden • 12PM-4PM

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Rain or shine; no pets; no smoking.
Celebrate International Mud Day with
an afternoon of family-friendly muddy
mayhem. Explore our squishy art projects,
play in the mud kitchen, create a terrarium,
paint with mud - and cavort in our giant
mud pit! Snack vendors will be on site.





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#### **JULY 3**

#### Earth, Wind & Fire Concert • 7PM-10PM

Calvert Marine Museum

Enjoy an evening with the legendary music group, Earth, Wind & Fire on Wednesday, July 3 as you kick off your long holiday weekend! Earth, Wind & Fire are a music institution. Over their five-decade history, they've sold out concerts all around the globe, scored eight number one hits, and have sold over 100 million albums worldwide. Celebrating timeless songs and a commitment to spreading positivity, Earth, Wind & Fire has consistently made music that has bridged the gap among all generations and nationalities. Whether it's the funky and infectious "Let's Groove" to the timeless dance classic "September" to the heartfelt "Reasons", Earth, Wind & Fire's unique blend of funk, jazz, pop, soul, and R&B is timeless. Tickets will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum. com beginning April 9 at 10 a.m. for CMM members and April 16 at 10 a.m. for the general public. To become a member, individuals can visit the website or call Lisa Howard, CMM Membership Coordinator at (410) 326-2042 ext. 16.

#### View Fireworks on the North Beach Boardwalk • 7:30PM

Town of North Beach

View Fireworks from the Boardwalk. Rain date is July 5th

#### **JULY 4**

#### 4th of July Fireworks on Solomons Island

Solomons Island Road

Visitors and residents alike designate the annual Solomons July 4th Fireworks on Solomons Island as an annual favorite. Fireworks start at dusk.

#### **JULY 10**

## Art Show: Trash To Treasure at CalvART Gallery • July 10-August 4

CalvART Gallery

CalvART is a cooperative gallery located in Prince Frederick, MD, and affiliated with the Arts Council of Calvert County. calvART is a showcase for artists from Southern Maryland and highlights work from a wide range of styles and media. Our artists excel in paintings, pottery, jewerly, sculpture, woodturning and photography. calvART highlights artwork by the Southern Maryland community and partners with community groups and organizations for its shows. You are always welcome to browse,

and spend a part of the day looking at our artwork and meeting the artists. Consider joining us at our monthly receptions and special events. Reception: July 13th 5-8:00 pm.

#### **JULY 13**

#### Art Blooms Floral Design Exhibit 2019 • July 13- 14

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Art Blooms Floral Design Exhibit - 10th Anniversary! Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14, 2019, 10am-5pm both days; free admission Art Blooms is a weekend exhibit featuring the work of more than 35 floral designers from across the region. Each floral designer is assigned a work of art in the Main Gallery or the Kay Daugherty Gallery and asked to create an arrangement inspired by that work of art. The results are surprising, beautiful, and provocative - and not to be missed. Admission is FREE!

#### Sharkfest! • 10AM-5PM

Calvert Marine Museum

Sharkfest highlights the ultimate apex predator of the marine world. During Sharkfest, live sharks will be featured in the Corbin Pavilion. The museum is full of hands-on opportunities to explore the diversity of sharks and their remarkable history on planet Earth. Learn fascinating 'sharktoids', examine evidence of prehistoric sharks, paint a shark mural, make a shark-themed craft, get your face

painted (\$5 fee), and take your picture in the life-size jaws of a Megalodon shark. The award-winning Museum Store will be fully stocked with new shark mementos to take home. Museum members save 10% off in the store and everyone will enjoy the new express checkout at Sharkfest. Both vilified and ruthlessly hunted, this keystone species is becoming seriously threatened. Learn why preserving these ancient animals is critical to the health of our oceans. Strollers are not allowed in the museum during Sharkfest.

#### **JULY 17**

#### A Splash Free Celebration • 6:30PM-9:30PM

Chesapeake Beach Water Park

Join us in celebration of our 25th season at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. Live music by John Luskey. Southern MD sunset, appetizers, adult beverages.

#### The Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge • July 20-22

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#### **JULY 26**

#### **Brett Eldredge Concert 7PM-10PM**

Calvert Marine Museum

Country fans get their second show of the season with Brett Eldredge on Friday, July 26. This singer/songwriter dropped his first two albums into the top two positions of Billboard's country chart with "Bring You Back" and "Illinois", and did the same with an incredible six singles in a row, all hitting #1. More recently, fan-favorite "Love Someone" gives true meaning to the term "man's best friend". Eldredge's throaty baritone shines with casual confidence, and progressive country mixes freely with classic pop and soul. Tickets will be available at www.calvertmarinemuseum. com beginning May 7 at 10 a.m. for CMM members and May 10 at 10 a.m. for the general public. To become a member,

individuals can visit the website or call Lisa Howard, CMM Membership Coordinator, at (410) 326-2042 ext. 16.

#### **JULY 29**

## **3rd Annual Buy Local Challenge Celebration Event • 5PM-8PM** *Spider Hall Farm*

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is pleased to announce that Spider Hall Farm, in Prince Frederick, will be the host venue for the 3rd Annual Buy Local Challenge Celebration (BLC). The Annual Celebration invites the general public to experience the bounty, the food and the fun of Maryland's farms. The summer evening event will take place at Spider Hall Farm on Monday, July 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and will feature

tastings and sales of local farm products, food trucks, live music, and entertainment for the whole family.

#### **AUGUST 2**

#### Gavin Degraw Concert • 7PM-10PM

Calvert Marine Museum

Multi-platinum selling singer, performer, and songwriter GAVIN DeGRAW will perform live at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Friday, August 2, DeGraw first broke through with the 2003 release of his debut album, Chariot, which sold over 1 million copies, earned platinum certification, and yielded three smash singles: I Don't Want To Be, Follow Through, and the title-track, Chariot. Later albums in 2008 and 2011 gave fans hits such as In Love With A Girl, Not Over You, and Best I Ever Had. Since then. DeGraw has been consistently touring around the world. Tickets go on sale to members Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 A.M, and on sale to the general public Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 A.M. To become a member, and have a chance at the best seats in the house, join through the website or call Lisa Howard, CMM Membership Coordinator, at (410) 326-2042 ext. 16.

#### **AUGUST 10**

#### MD Food Truck Festival 11AM-7PM

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Join us for the best food trucks around! Featuring over 25 trucks, live music, beer, wine & spirits, car show, touch-a-truck and an area just for the kids! Oh, and a Fireworks Show set to music to close out the event by Innovative Pyrotechnic Concepts! Choose from more than 25 amazing food trucks offering a wide variety of cuisine. We have Greek, Italian, BBQ, Seafood, Pizza, Mexican, Caribbean, Soul Food, Creole, Desserts and more! This event is built for the whole family! Live music all day! Band lineup will be announced soon. Touch-A-Truck, Car Show, Shopping at our Vendor Village, and Moon bounces & Pony Rides for the kids! Gates Open at 11, Ends at 7:00pm Light Rain or Shine We're all about food, family, and fun. So bring your friends, neighbors, and family and join us! Gates open at 11 am for Admission. Avoid the lines and get there early!

#### **AUGUST 17**

#### Solomons Dragon Boat Festival • 8AM-4PM

Solomons Island

The Solomons Dragon Boat Festival is a fun filled event of friendly competition and team building while raising funds for much needed programs for SMCR, Inc. Race day will be filled with intense, heart-pounding action and the sounds of Chinese drums will fill the air. A variety of entertainment, food, crafts and kid-friendly activities will round out the event. Dragon boats are narrow 40 foot long boats with colorful, hand carved dragon heads mounted on the bow. Powered by 16 paddlers, a drummer and a steers-person, everyone must work together to cross the finish line faster than their competition. Dragon Boating is an exciting team sport that encompasses the elements of power, speed, synchronization and endurance. It's a sport of inches and seconds - a thrilling event for both athletes and spectators.



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## DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW IN LEONARDTOWN

If you haven't visited historic Leonardtown recently, there's so many new and exciting things happening in Town that you'll definitely want to include the town regularly in your summer plans. Leonardtown is known for its fine dining and one-of-a-kind experiences, and the new restaurants and specialty shops that have recently hung shingles in Town certainly add to the rich culture and exciting energy in this vibrant town, and there are a lot of exciting changes with some long-standing businesses and events that make them worth taking another look.

For those looking for comfortable, casual dining experience, Smokey Joe's on the Town and Dos Amigos Mexican Grill on Washington Street and The Slice Houseon Park Avenue add a wonderful variety of dining options for visitors. Smokey Joe's on the Town provides great homestyle American cuisine - offering everything from pulled pork, spicy jerked chicken, baby back ribs and wings. Round out the meal with their beer battered onion rings or loaded fries. A special feature is the wall that opens to the outside on warmer

days lending the restaurant a cool, indoor/outdoor vibe; Dos Amigos Mexican Grill, located on the corner of Washington and Fenwick Street. has already become a core fixture in town. Their shrimp fajitas are a local favorite, and visitors will love the friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Their outdoor dining provides front row seating to the exciting summer concerts and events that take place in Leonardtown Square; and the Slice House offers authentic, New Yorkstyle pizza that can be ordered, of course by the slice, but soon patrons will also be able to order full pies as well. Owner, Ken Held, lovingly restored the business that sits on the corner of Park and Lawrence Avenue to include pieces of Leonardtown history - with historic photos of "Old Town Leonardtown" hung throughout the restaurant, and when you visit, be sure to check out the one-of-a-kind piece of artwork that hangs above the ovens. Nick (Torch) Boyd of Maryland Custom Metals at Shepherd's Old Field Market created the impressive metal pizza slice artwork for the pizza house. These special pieces of Leonardtown lend the pizza house a feeling of already being an authentic town landmark.

A trip to Leonardtown wouldn't be complete without a visit to Shepherd's Old Field (SOF) Market, a historic warehouse and hardware store rehabbed into an indoor marketplace and community gathering space located on Duke Street behind the Leonardtown Fire House. The Market opened last year and already houses close to 35 eclectic, specialty shops and has recently added a coffee shop and beer garden (Brudergarten). Attached to the Market is a personal training studio that opened with SOF Market. root, SUP & Fitness. The studio offers unique fitness experiences from Stand Up Paddleboarding, bootcamp style fitness classes, and aerial yoga. SOF Market is definitely the place to be as they frequently host live music and special events from fashion shows and wine tastings to comedy improv nights. Town Administrator, Laschelle McKayrecently talked about what a wonderful addition SOF Market is to the Town, "The opening of Shepherd's Old Field Market and the Brudergarten has brought new shopping and entertainment options along with providing an incubator for small startup businesses."

One business that started as a specialty shop in SOF Market and has grown and developed is contemporary clothing boutique. Bourbon & Bows. Bourbon & Bows has recently moved from SOF to its own location on Fenwick Street right off the Leonardtown Square (between Board & Brush and S-Kape Salon and Spa). Bourbon & Bows offers unique brands that can't be found in local stores. They feature items ranging from casual to dressy women and men's clothing, handmade jewelry, shoes, and other fun accessories. "We are very happy to be a part of the Leonardtown business community.", store owner, Cameron Rich, shared. Ms. Rich went on to note, "The existing businesses on Fenwick Street and throughout the town have been very welcoming and encouraging. We are excited to be a part of such a great area where everything (shopping, dining, and entertainment) are all within walking distance."

Anyone looking for fun, unique experiences should check out Board & Brushand Escape Rooms of Southern Maryland. At Board & Brush, visitors can choose decorative pieces from boards to clocks to distress and

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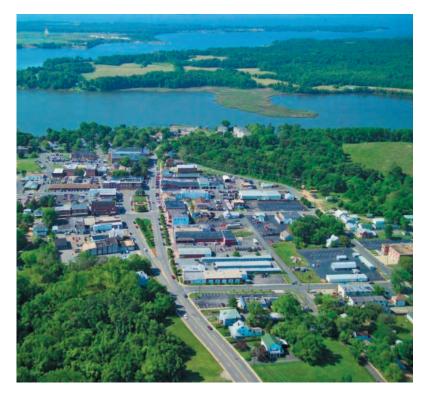


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then personalize with stain, paint and stencils. By the end of the evening, attendees have a finished piece of art to take home. At Escape Rooms of Southern Maryland, groups work together to search for clues and hidden puzzles to unlock a mystery of each room in order to "escape". Both businesses opened in 2018 and offer entertaining group activities that are great for special celebrations and team-building exercises.

Changes are also taking place with the events and happenings in Town. Leonardtown, one of twenty-six Arts & Entertainment Districts in Maryland, has created a new, one-of-a-kind event for music, art and food lovers this season. The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival (LSMF) combines the Commissioners of Leonardtown's Summer Concert Series and the Leonardtown **Business Association's Downtown Tunes Concert Series** into one amazing music festival that will run from Saturday, May 18th- September 7th. The festival will provide a summer of free concerts, dancing, great food and fun. Featured artists include Six Gun South, Ryan Forrest Band, Latrice Carr, Wesley Spangler, and Robbie Boothe. And now, attendees will be able to pre-order picnic bags from participating businesses in Town for select concerts. Participating local restaurants include: Social Coffeehouse & Speakeasy, Big Larry's Eatery, Jessie's Kitchen, Smokey Joe's on the Town, Shepherd's Old Field MarketandPort of Leonardtown Winery. Additionally, parents can drop off their children to be entertained with kid-friendly art experiences at participating businesses/organizations for

select concerts including: St. Mary's Arts Council, Leonardtown Arts Center, Wine & Design's Art Buzz Kids, and with Artist, Carrie Patterson (Carrie's art studio opened in Leonardtown last year, and she will be offering her new Yellowline Art Project Boxes for kids to try during the Drop N' Dine for select concerts). The LSMF is sponsored by the Commissioners of LeonardtownandLeonardtown **Business Associationin** partnership with the St. Mary's Arts Counciland James LePore Productions. For the full concert schedule and to learn how to order a picnic bag for this season's concerts or to participate in the Drop N' Dine Program, visit: www. LeonardtownMusicFest.com.

Ms. McKay noted, "If you haven't been to Leonardtown in a while you need to visit soon. There is so much happening. New housing in Clarks Rest and Meadows at Town Run, new apartments right downtown with Park Ave. Apartments, Seymour Town Apartments and now the brand-new Hamptons at Leonardtown apartment complex. The Leonardtown Wharf waterfront park is getting a new amenity as well, construction of a new floating dock for transient boats will begin this summer. A visit to Leonardtown, Southern Maryland's only Arts & Entertainment District, is a must this summer!"

Leonardtown's Mayor, Daniel Burris, summed it up by saying, "It's an exciting time to be a part of Leonardtown with all the new things happening in Town."

## **TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH**

# SUMMER EVENTS

May 25 Stars & Stripes Festival 10 Am "Reflect, Respect, Remember" Veterans' Park

May 26 Stars & Stripes Family Fun Festival Kellam's Field 1-6 PM

May 27 Stars & Stripes Festival 10 Am American Legion Ceremony Veterans' Park

June 8 End Hunger Dragon Boat Races
North Beach Waterfront 9 AM

June 15 Moonlight Cruise
Aboard the Miss Lizzy
With Dr. Ralph Eshelman

July 3 Fireworks Over the Bay at Dusk

July 5 Fireworks Rain Date

July 19 Moonlight Cruise
Aboard the Miss Lizzy
1970's Vintage Night Cruise

Aug 24 Moonlight Cruise

Aboard the Miss Lizzy
Music by Ross Crampton

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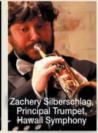
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#### **June 21** The Travel Program

Music from the World Capitals: Vienna, Paris, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, St. Petersburg, and a special musical trip to Deli with Indian Dance! A tribute to Ed Cole.

Music of: Johann Strauss Jr., Offenbach, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Enescu and others.

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#### **June 28** The Art of Dance

"Les Syphides" Ballet Caliente with the Chesapeake Orchestra. Music of Chopin, Arvo Part, and others.



#### July 5 A Super Celebration + Fireworks

Sound track favorites: Star Wars, Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Lincoln, Sousa, and Tchaikovsky's 1812.





#### July 12 Mystical Singing Under the Stars

Music of Rutter, Arvo Part, and other. Larry Vote, guest conductor and St. Mary's Singers "Ping".





#### **July 19** Buenos Aires Night on the St. Mary's

Music of Ginastera, Guastavino, Piazzolla, and Giraudo Jose Cueto, violin soloist and guest artist The "2018 Latin Grammy Award Winner" The Pedro Giraudo Quartet join the Chesapeake Orchestra.



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In fact, according to LendEDU, St. Mary's College graduates benefit from one of the lowest average debt figures in the United States, ranking #135 out of all 1,080 institutions analyzed and #70 amongst all similar public schools.

The slight increase in tuition, approved by the Board of Trustees on May 10, will be only the fourth increase at Maryland's public honors college in six years. The Board approved a two percent tuition increase for the 2019-20 academic year. In-state tuition will increase by \$238 to the rate of \$12,116; out-of-state tuition will also increase two percent by \$552 to the rate of \$28,192; District of Columbia resident tuition will increase 1.09 percent by \$238 to the rate of \$22,116.

A tuition freeze by the College locked rates into place for students between fiscal years 2013-14. The state legislature enabled St. Mary's College to implement an 8.6 percent in-state tuition reduction in fiscal year 2015 – the largest price cut in the country at that time for a public four-year school.

Since 2007, national public colleges and universities have increased tuition by an average of 50 percent and Maryland public colleges and universities by an aver-



age of 29 percent, compared to the 18 percent increase at St. Mary's College during that same time frame.

"The decision to increase tuition is one that we take seriously," said Tuajuanda C. Jordan, president of St. Mary's College. "Although the College will implement a modest increase for the 2019-20 academic year, in-

state tuition remains below what it was for the 2012-13 academic year. Our mission is to provide an excellent liberal arts education that is both accessible and affordable. We continue to answer that call."

Michael Bruckler, Vice President of Integrated Marketing and Strategic Communications



## **Quade Doubles in Potomac** The Tackle Box Fishing Report **Limited Late Models**

Alvey in RUSH Crates, Nelson Gets 50th



Derick Quade was victorious for the second time this season in last Friday nights 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner at Potomac Speedway. The win for Quade, steering his Black Diamond no.74, would be the 15th of his Potomac career and third overall feature win of the season.

Quade burst from the pole and would lead all 20-circuits taking the win by a wide margin over runner-up Brandon Long. "We found a few things with this car and it just keeps to be getting better." Quade stated post race. "The track was a little rough tonight but the crew gave me such a good car it made my job pretty easy." Defending track champion Tyler Emory was third with Billy Tucker and Sam Archer completing the top-five.

Delaware invader Nick Davis lead all 20-laps of the RUSH Crate Late Model main over current point leader Darren Alvey. Unfortunately, Nick's winning mount did not survive the tech line and he would be disqualified, handing the win to Alvey, his second triumph of the season. Kyle Lear, Chuck Bowie, Joey Love and Jeremy Pilkerton would eventually comprise the top-five.

Kyle Nelson achieved a personal goal with his win in the 15-lap Hobby Stock event. The win would be Nelson's 23rd career division feature win and the overall 50th of his Potomac career. "I think we've been chasing this for the last 10 years it feels like, and I'm glad we were able to get it done. Buddy Dunagan, Hilton Pickeral, Greg Morgan and current point leader Mike Latham rounded out the top-five.

In other action, Deuce Wright took his first win of the season in the 15-lap Street Stock feature, Nabil Guffey wired the field for his second Strictly Stock triumph and Cody Stamp out ran the field for his second U-Car victory of the season.

#### Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Derick Quade 2. Brandon Long 3. Tyler Emory 4. Billy Tucker 5. Sam Archer 6. Todd Plummer 7. Jonny Oliver

#### **RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish**

1. Darren Alvey 2. Kyle Lear 3. Chuck Bowie 4. Joey Love 5. Jeremy Pilkerton 6. Ben Bowie 7. Matt Quade 8. Megan Mann 9. Jonathan Raley 10. Mike Raleigh 11. Harry Shipe III 12. Nick Davis (DQ)

#### Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Kyle Nelson 2. Buddy Dunagan 3. Hilton Pickeral 4. Greg Morgan 5. Mikey Latham 6. Colin Long 7. Billy Crouse 8. Kyle Randall 9. Jonathan Knott 10. Stevie Gingery (DNS)

#### Street Stock feature finish

1. Deuce Wright 2. Marty Hanbury 3. Ed Pope Jr. (DNS)

#### Strictly Stock feature finish

1. Nabil Guffey 2. John Hardesty 3. Jeff Bloch 4. Johnny Hardesty 5. Jimmy Suite 6. Josh Martinson 7. Danny Kitts 8. Daniel Knodle 9. Greg Mattingly 10. Ed Pope Sr. 11. JJ Silvious

#### U-Car feature finish

Cody Stamp 2. Allen Griffith 3. Ben Pirner 4. Billy Smith 5. Larry Lamb 6. Brad Sayler 7. Justin Knight 8. Ryan Quade 9. Mackenzie Smith 10. Stephen Suite 11. Joey Suite 12. Ashley Stansell 13. Owen Lacey 14. Nicole Adams

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway



Victoria Mazyck and Marcus Simpson show off catfish from Point Lookout Fishing Pier.

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Rockfish in the 19 to 22 inch size are in the bay and Potomac in good numbers for trollers who scored consistently since the minimum size reduction last Thursday. Lure casters in the mouth of the Patuxent are doing well near structure on top water poppers and swimming plugs (Bomber Wind Cheaters). Trollers have switched to smaller lures: bucktails, Hard Head Custom Jigs, Specialized Baits, surgical eels, and spoons. The fish are scattered out the mouth of the Patuxent both north to the Gas Docks and south to the Targets. The meter lights up on these fish and you can troll a solid mile without getting out of them. About one in four is a keeper meeting the 19 inch minimum. An experienced captain told me this week that this is the best fishing he has seen in our area in many years.

The Potomac has similar schools of fish out of Herring Creek in the Potomac and in the mouth of Breton Bay and on the edges around St. George Island. Remember that the Potomac proper minimum is 20 inches. The Maryland tributaries of the Potomac have the 19 inch cut off.

Fishermen caught rockfish (including a 28 incher that took a surface popper), catfish and perch off the fishing pier at the Solomons boat ramp.

Catfish were caught in good numbers from the fishing pier at Point Lookout this week. At least three nice rockfish were mixed in with the catfish. The shore line rocks and the beaches on the Potomac side had catfish too. There were reports of spot and croaker caught at Point Lookout as well. Catfish are under the St. George Island Bridge, and off the rocks and piers in the public fishing areas.

The big croaker in the 13 to 15 inch size as well as spot have been reported in the Rappahanock. We hope to see some of these soon in the Potomac and eventually in the Patuxent as they travel north.

Lure casters exploring the creek mouths and thoroughfares of the Honga River and in Tangier Sound have found plenty of small rockfish with a few keepers mixed in, and a surprising number of speckeled trout.

Fresh water fishing is excellent most everywhere.

Crabs are out of the mud and shedding on the full moon. By week's end they will be fattening up and plentiful.

This is Memorial Day Weekend and the forecasts are for perfect weather. When sunny days and plentiful fish come together, all is right in the world.

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## **River Concert Series Returns for** 21st Anniversary

Summer 2019 Lineup Announced



St. Mary's College of Maryland, along with the Chesapeake Orchestra and its Music Director Jeffrey Silberschlag, are proud to announce the program for the 2019 River Concert Series. The 21st anniversary of the popular, family-friendly music festival will be held on the St. Mary's College Townhouse Green every Friday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (grounds opening at 5 p.m.) from June 21 through July 19.

Acclaimed musicians and new artists will perform the sounds of classical composition, light classics, and popular music. The 2019 schedule is as follows:

June 21: The Travel Program. Music from the world capitals: Vienna, Paris, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, St. Petersburg, and a special musical trip to Delhi with Indian Dance. Music of: Johann Strauss Jr., Offenbach, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Enescu, and others. Plus, a tribute to Ed Cole.

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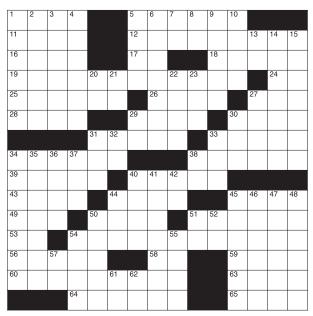
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The River Concert Series program is subject to change. Food and beverages, provided by local vendors, will be available for purchase on location, as well as arts, crafts, and other services. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own refreshments. Concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the River Concert Series at http://www.smcm. edu/events/riverconcert/

Press Release from SMCM

# 5. Owl genus



#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Guitarists use them
- 5. Makes less intense
- 11. Julia Louis-Dreyfus series
- 12. Once in a while
- 16. Up to the time of
- 17. A moon of Jupiter
- 18. "Riddley Walker" writer
- 19. Basketball's
- "Grandmama"
- 24. Gallium
- 25. Stocky sea duck
- 26. Expressions of delight
- 27. Albanian monetary unit
- 28. Some are electric
- 29. Refine
- 30. Clusters
- 31. Get rid of
- 33. Female body part
- 34. Passerine bird
- 38. One who is killed for  $\,$
- their religion
- 39. Green (Spanish)
- 40. Partner to awe
- 43. Flightless, running

- Aussie birds
- 44. One who breaks up the ground
  - 45. Sacred language of
  - some Hindu texts
  - 49. Get free of
  - 50. Furnace of burning

  - 51. Sent in large quantities 53. Type of medical patent
  - (abbr.)
  - 54. Failure to follow the
  - rules
  - 56. Egyptian unit of capacity 58. A public promotion of
  - some product or service
  - 59. Strongly scented
  - subshrub
  - 60. Miserable in appearance
  - 63. Coagulated blood
  - 64. Boil at low temperature

  - 65. Republic of Ireland

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Pull or tear away
- 2. Dennis is one
- 3. Gas
- 4. Popular rec activities

- 6. Cries
- 7. Morning
- 8. Pass catcher 9. Spirit of an era
- 10. Suffix
- 13. Megabyte
- 14. In an expectant manner
- 15. More curving 20. Plural of thou
- 21. Son with the same
- name 22. Not one
- 23. The woman
- 27. Uncouth man 29. Laugh
- 30. Sustained viral response
- (abbr.)
- 31. Between northeast and east
- 32. In the matter of
- 33. A tree that bears acorns
- 34. Supervised
- 35. Not quite a full earner
- 36. Unpleasant substance
- 37. Some are fake
- 38. Hammer is a famous one
- 40. Type of cup
- 41. Poisonous Eurasian plant
- 42. An alternative
- 44. Belongs to he
- 45. Bond actor's real name
- 46. Ring-shaped objects 47. One who reads in a
- church service
- 48. Conceive
- 50. One educated in Japan
- 51. Rural delivery
- 52. Robot smarts (abbr.)
- 54. Women
- 55. German river
- 57. Delaware
- 61. Automaker 62. Mystic syllable

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## LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS H A S A C R O S S

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## PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION



## **Navy Announces Prize Challenge for MUX Program**

The Navy announced a prize challenge May 22 for its future Marine Air/ Ground Task Force, Unmanned Aerial System, Expeditionary (MUX), a shipbased, long endurance UAS.

"The prize challenge is an innovative solution to get this capability to the Marines faster and get the best performance per dollar of investment," said Capt. Eric Soderberg, the Navy's Multi-Mission Tactical UAS (PMA-266) program manager. "This approach will hopefully prompt industry to use non-traditional ways to develop their concepts."

Although prize challenges have been used for decades, the process and execution is relatively new for NAVAIR. The MUX Integrated Product Team (IPT) intends to use all available methods of engineering and test to decrease time to field and increase first pass yield on its material solution. They intend to use best of breed model based systems engineering, capabilities based test and



evaluation and mid-tier acquisition as tools to decrease cycle time.

Over the past twelve months the MUX IPT, part of PMA-266, conducted extensive research and analysis with industry to determine the "art of the possible" on types of aircraft that can satisfy the Marine's extremely demanding requirements.

"It becomes a physics problem that requires a high degree of technical aptitude to develop a MUX capability," said Reggie Fagin, MUX class desk engineer.

In order for NAVAIR to meet its aggressive fielding date, PMA-266 will award prize challenges in two phases. The first phase will seek design concepts for payloads and modularity, emphasizing minimal size and weight while maximizing performance. The challenge submissions will be scored and evaluated by a panel of judges. Vendors will receive \$700,000 for first place; \$200,000 for second place; and \$100,000 for third place.

The results of the first phase will inform a second prize challenge for airframe and power plants. The Navy expects to award a series of up to eight prize challenge awards for MUX.

"We may be using OTA [Other Trans-

actional] authorities," said Rear Adm. Brian Corey, who oversees the Program Executive office for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons (PEO (U&W)), during a briefing at the Sea Air Space symposium earlier this month. "Part of the approach is it's a learning approach by nature, it's an interactive approach by nature, but industry – how they respond will change how we move through the prize challenges. So this first prize challenge is to get people going. It will be a segment of the problem that we have to solve to go forward and as we move forward the problem will get bigger, the prizes will get bigger and hopefully we'll get closer to what the Marine Corps ultimately needs to meet their fleet requirement."

The Marine Corps is looking to field MUX in 2026 on its guided missile destroyers. For more information on the MUX prize challenge visit www.navair. navy.mil/muxchallenge.



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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

This week the Commissioners approved the FY2020 budget for St. Mary's County. The approved General Operating budget of \$253,113,474 will provide \$106,242,921 to the Board of Education. This does not provide all of the funding requested by the BoE, but it does provide sufficient funding in order to receive a state matching grant that will allow the BoE to meet their negotiated agreement and fully fund teachers' salaries. Through partnership with the local Health Department, the BoE will fund school safety needs through some important grants that will ensure counseling services are available for our children with a focus

on prevention and intervention services. The approved budget also provides salary increases to county employees and Sheriff's Office personnel in order to work toward making their salaries competitive with neighboring counties. One interesting addition to the budget this year is a Chemist position through the State's Attorney Office. This Forensic Scientist Chemist is planned to be a shared position with Calvert County and will work to aid in Opioid Epidemic cases, reducing the time needed to process evidence by 50% and thereby helping to make our communities safer.

In order to fund this budget the Com-

missioners were required to increase our local Income Tax from 3.00% to 3.17%. This means that if you have \$100,000 of Taxable Income, you will pay \$170 more per year. While this is a very small increase in taxes, it was not a decision that was made lightly, but it was necessary in order to fund the Commissioners' priorities of education and public safety. There will be no increase in Property Taxesin fact, we voted this year to increase the Homestead Property Tax Credit to help protect property owners from excessive fluctuations in property values. Unlike with Federal and State taxes, every dollar paid in local taxes stays in our local community and impacts our lives. There is no raise for the commissioners in this budget and we did cut the baseline by \$2.2 million in order to save costs.

The approval of this budget was not unanimous, but every commissioner had ideas and beneficial contributions that were incorporated into this budget. We also approved the Capital Projects bud-

get, which includes road improvements, school repairs, and other important infrastructure needs. Part of the budget includes three synthetic turf fields at local parks—these fields are needed to address the growing number of children playing youth sports and will allow for safer play and increased scheduling. We were able to use Fund Balance to pay for these fields—the tax increase is not being used to pay for the fields.

I encourage you to view the budget in its entirety on the county website at www. StMarysMD.com. Thank you to everyone throughout county government who was involved in the months-long process of building this budget and all of the citizens who provided input throughout the process. And thank you for the opportunity to serve—we live in an amazing place and I am proud to be a part of St. Mary's County.

Eric Colvin County Commissioner, District 1

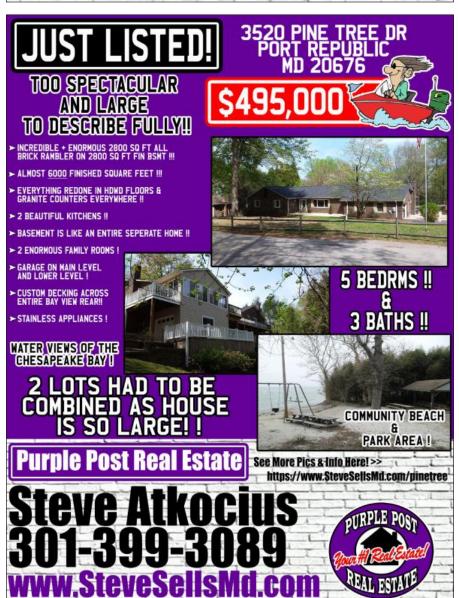












# Wanderings Aimless Mind by Shelby Oppermann



## Another Great Festival Behind Us

It sure was a great Strawberry Festival this year, and it was nice meeting some of you who came and took the time to say hello, hope you enjoyed the day. 90 degrees was a bit hot for me, I looked like a wilted strawberry on the vine. Thank you to our priest and his wife, Father Chris and Carole Jubinski, Mari Rondeau, our Parish Administrator, and all my fellow parishioners who



helped, cooked, baked, spread the word, sang, sold, and otherwise gave your all to make the event such a success for us and our three charities.

We were fortunate to have representatives from Hospice: Thank you John Scheffler, great display and information, ACTS; A Community That Shares: Thank you to Sam Brown who came with information on all the medical equipment they offer. Thank you to The Clements Cuties – raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer; Ricky, Elise, and Cadey Ryce, and Harry and Deb Poole, Greg, Jeppa, and Paige Thornburg, and Jerry Johnson. You all made quite an impression for sure – Love ya! And thank you to Leslie Harvey and the Boot Scooters who cam out and danced in all that heat to help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's Disease.

Thank you to all our artists, crafters, and vendors – I think this was one of the best years!

Thank you to whichever farmer grew those tasty strawberries that I bid on and won at the Loveville Produce Auction. I always enjoy spending time there, talking with everyone, and enjoying the food in the concession stand – my chili and a Coke was perfect after the hard fought battle of winning my two pallets.

Other thanks go to Cathy Conlon who oversees the county Community Service program, and the community service workers who chose us to help.

Nick Zurkan who brings recycling set-ups for us every year. Never hurts to keep the enthusiasm for recycling going.

Thanks to the business owners like April from April's Pool and Spas in Charlotte Hall and Race-N-In across from Budd's Creek Raceway who allow us to post our big festival signs each year.

Special thanks go out to Louise and David Novak and their wonderful family and employees who serve THE most amazing barbecue ever and give of themselves to so many. You know we all love you.

I guess I am just really happy that people in our county go out of their way to help people in need by participating in, volunteering their time and talents, and giving in any way they can to charity events or just to help people. Doesn't it make your heart happy too? I am looking forward to helping other fund-raisers during the year, and now I am starting my own way of giving back in a more personal way by attending Community of Hope International classes and hopefully becoming certified as a lay Chaplain this year. Life is for living, loving, and giving.

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



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# In Remembrance

#### Louise Rawley Smith



Louise Rawley Smith, 106, of California, MD passed away on May 17, 2019 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center in Lexington Park, MD.

Born July 15, 1912 in Urbanna, VA, she was the daughter of the late James Brook Rawley and Meachie Addie Kidd. She was the wife of the late Edward Lee Smith. She enjoyed her home life and being outside gardening in the flower beds. Her greatest love was spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter Louise Marie Blount of Gambrills, MD, her grandchildren Gregory Steven Blount of Waldorf, MD and Alexander Bernard Blount of Cham, Switzerland, and her sister Florence Holmes of Saluda, VA. She has two great-grandchildren, Alicia and Naomi Blount. She is preceded in death by her three sisters Isabel Rawley, Rebecca McCullough, and Margaret Baxter and two brothers James Rawley and William Rawley.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

#### Sarah "Sally" Ellen Gates



Sarah "Sally" Ellen Gates, 85 of Mechanics-ville, MD passed away with family at her side at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD, on May 15, 2019.

Born March 26, 1934 in Washington, D.C., she was the loving daughter of the late Kinney Baxter and Sarah Allen.

She grew up in Washington, D.C. along with her sister, Betty Daly. She attended Oxon Hill High School, where she met her high school sweetheart, and love of her life, Francis "Sonny" Gates, whom she married on June 28, 1952. Sonny and Sally were happily married for 56 years until his passing on June 5, 2008.

Sally, as she was known by her family and friends, was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all that knew her. She

was employed with the Prince George's County Public Schools, and worked as a secretary at Oxon Hill High School for 19 years. After she and Sonny retired, they're favorite thing to do was travel the world on various cruises. Her favorite was their 40th anniversary trip to Hawaii. Sally enjoyed her summers with her family at their beach house in Mechanicsville, MD, which became their permanent residence after retirement. They would also spend their time in Myrtle Beach, SC at their home away from home. She loved her animals, especially her Shih Tzu, Candi. And it wasn't just the grandkids that got spoiled at Grandma Gates' house! All the dogs knew to go straight to Grandma for a tasty treat!!

Sally is survived by her five loving children; Frank Gates and wife Karen, of Mechanicsville, MD, Karen Sweeney, of California, MD, John Gates, of Mechanicsville, MD, James Gates, Sr., of MD, and Donald Gates and Tracey Young, of Mechanicsville, MD; eleven grandchildren, Stephen Gates, Kenney Gates and his wife, Diana, Sarah Gates, Tammy Hilburn and her husband, Michael, John Gates, Shannon Burroughs and her husband Kyle, James Gates, Jr., Barbara Gates, Brian Sweeney and Candace, Linda Gates, Shanley Young, and Steven Young. She is also survived by twenty two great-grandchildren, Bryton, Devon, Teagan, Colin, Hailey, Joshua, Haidyn, Gabby, JJ, Rylan, Logan, Kylie, Brandon, Mikayla, Justin, Destiny, Danay, Channing, Brasion, Lacey, Harleigh, and Tripp. Sally also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews

Family and friends were invited to Sally's Life Celebration in the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD on Monday, May 20, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with prayers said at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Service was offered on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by Deacon Joseph Lloyd, at Brinsfield Funeral Home. Interment followed at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 7, Hollywood, MD, 20636, the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD and the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

## James Philip "Poogie" Dalrymple, Jr.



James Philip "Poogie" Dalrymple, Jr. 73, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on May 17, 2019 at his residence with his wife at his side.

James was born on October

11, 1945 in Calvert County, MD to the late James Philip Dalrymple and Pauline (Marks) Dalrymple.

James was self-employed in construction and home improvement for the government. He married the love of his life, Carlene Lynn Dalrymple on October 11, 2016 in Leonardtown, MD. He had an amazing personality always joking around and making people laugh.

James is survived by his wife, Carlene; children, Steve Dalrymple (Tapistry), of Dameron, MD, Janice Dalrymple, of Hollywood, MD; granddaughter, Kayla 'Kay Kay", of Dameron, MD; siblings, Jerry Dalrymple (Mary Ann), of Prince Frederick, MD; nieces and nephews, Nikki, Christy, Paityn, George, Taylor, and Collin; mother-in-law, Dorothy Hale, of VA; sisters-in-law, Tina Hale, of Lexington Park, MD, and Darlene Brown, of VA, brothers-in-law, Wayne Hale, of Oakville, and Shawn Hale, of West VA; nieces and nephews-in-law, Martina, Brianna, Ruby, and Devin Mason; and his dog/daughter/caregiver, Crazy Dalrymple. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister and brother-in-law, June Barbour (Jim).

Family will receive friends for James' Life Celebration on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown.

Pallbearers will be Devin Mason, Ruby Mason, Jerome Mason, and Tyrone Goldring.

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

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

#### Denise Maria Giles

Denise Maria Giles, "Dee Dee",56, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Philadelphia, PA passed away on May 15, 2019 at her home. She was born on March 27, 1963 and was the loving daughter of Barbara Coleman and William Coleman of McKinney, TX. Dee Dee is survived by her daughter Jazmine







(En-**Bottoms** rique Saunders) of Lexington Park, MD, and grandson Enrique Saunders, Jr. As well as siblings; her Charles Giles (Tammy Giles), Robert Stewart

(Amy), Timothy Coleman, and Carla Glover. She graduated from Frankford High School in 1981. In addition, she earned an Associate's Degree from Kutztown University, in 1984.

Dee Dee worked for Bank of America as a Customer Service Rep. for 3 years. She loved playing cards, and spending time with her grandson and her nephews. Along with getting together with family and making memories.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD, where a Funeral Service will follow in the Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor James Bell officiating. Interment will be private.

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

#### Robert Dale Dalton



Robert Dale Dalton, 60, of Hollywood, MD passed away on May 11, 2019 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

He was born on March 8,

1959 in Leonardtown, MD to Harry and Jacqueline Wood Dalton of Hollywood, MD.

Robert is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County where he met his beautiful wife Robin and married on November 29, 1980 at St. John's Church. Together they celebrated over 38 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed as an HVAC technician working out of Andrews Air Force Base for over 30 years. He enjoyed going camping and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed old tractors as a hobby. His greatest pride and joy, was spending as much time as possible with his children.

In addition to his beloved wife, Robin he is survived by his children, Ashley Waid and Annie Bohmann, both of Mechanicsville, MD; and Sarah Dalton of Hollywood, MD; his brothers are Shawn and Aaron Dalton both of Hollywood, MD, and two grandchildren Aiden Waid and Ian Bohmann both of Mechanicsville, MD; and many extended family and friends

Family will receive friends on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service led by Pastor Chris Whetlor at Real Life Wesleyan Church, 27339 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. A reception will follow after the service at the church.

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

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

#### Vincena Cecelia Dickerson



Vincena Cecelia (Somerville) Dickerson was born in Loveville, Maryland on May 17, 1923 to the late John Thomas and Mary Alberta Somer-She was ville

the youngest and last surviving of seven siblings, two brothers and four sisters.

Our beloved Vincena (or "Vin" as she was affectionately known), was surrounded by family when she departed this earthly life and peacefully went home to be with the Lord on May 14, 2019, just three days before her 96th Birthday.

Vincena always reminisced about her fun childhood and growing up adjacent to the store/tavern that her father owned and operated during the early 1900's, which was located on the corner of Route 5 and Sunnyside Road, in Loveville.

Vincena was passionate, energetic, and fun loving. One of her favorite childhood activities was roller skating. She once described a roller skating stunt gone wrong, which resulted in her breaking her leg. Nevertheless, after her leg completely healed, she laced up her roller skates and jumped back out there again!

On November 8, 1947 Vincena was united in holy matrimony to Paul Matthew Dickerson. From this union they were blessed with three loving children, Paula, Angelo (deceased), and Michelle, whom they raised in Loveville at her homestead. She was affectionately known to her children as "Mother."

In her early days she earned a reputation as the dynamic "Press and Curl" hair stylist and the precise "Needle and Thread" ear piercer. Vincena was known for her fashionable sense of style and her warm loving smile and personality which lit up every room she entered. She had a divine ability to unite people together and she opened her heart and doors to many. Her home was a place filled with love, laughter, games, and delicious food and drinks. Every holiday was an elaborate celebration at her home surrounded with family, friends, and loved ones

For over 50 years, Vincena was a devoted teacher for the St. Mary's County Public School System. She earned her credentials from Bowie State College and began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher at Oakville Elementary School in Oakville Maryland. Vincena was overwhelmingly loved by her students and they affectionately called her "Miss D." She later continued her love for teaching as a Para Professional at Leonardtown High where she retired in 2004 at the age of eighty one (81). Long after retirement, "Miss D," actively maintained many on-going relationships with her former students.

Vincena volunteered at Cedar Lane Senior Living Home, St. Mary's Nursing Home, and St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown and prided herself in sharing her light and warm spirit with the elderly. Vin never missed her soap operas, she even recorded them on VHS. She also, enjoyed putting puzzles together, word games, game shows, and bingo. Vin enjoyed her leisure time with her "GIRLS," Mary Frances (Mix) and Dorothy going to bingo and cabarets or just talking about the good old days.

After nearly a half century of marriage, suddenly Vincena not only lost her husband but also her only son in 1997 to illness, within only months of each other. She remained the pillar of her family, and was a walking example of strength, endurance, faith, and love. Vincena was the true definition of a Matriarch.

She was a member of the St. Joseph's Parish Housing Project (1945-1960), which was a program that provided land and resources to built homes for less fortunate parish members, most of whom were African Americans. Her father supplied roofing and spouting for the homes, often times at no cost. Later, Vin became a member of the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contribution. In 2009, Vincena (age 84), gave a detailed oral history of the contributions she and her family made to the program, which is archived online at the St.

Mary's College of Maryland.

Vincena was an active parish member of St. Aloysius Church, in Leonardtown. She attended Mass, and would visit the church regularly with her cousin Mary Frances, to pray the Stations of the Cross. When she became immobile, she was blessed to have a devoted prayer partner, Thelma Elaine Johnson who visited her at her home to pray regularly. She was also blessed to have her amazing daughters Michelle and Paula as caregivers, throughout her long battle with Alzheimer's.

In addition to her parents, Vincena was preceded in death by her husband Paul M. Dickerson, her son Angelo M. Dickerson Sr., and siblings John T. Somerville Jr., Francis Ennis Somerville, Margaret Elizabeth Frederick, Mary Virginia Hall, Agnes Theresa Thompson, Dorothy Clara Thomas; sister-in-law Devora Somerville; two brothers-in-law, Felix Hall, and Brent Thompson.

#### John Berkman Norris, Jr.



John Berkman Norris, Jr., 75, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 13, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 7, 1943 in Leonardtown,

MD to Loretta Beaven Norris and the late John Berkman Norris, Sr. both of Leonardtown, MD.

John is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He is a 1961 graduate of Ryken High School and a 1966 graduate of University of Maryland, College Park, (Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering). He earned his Professional Engineering (PE) License in 1969. In December 1966, he enlisted in the United States Army and served his country until his honorable discharge in 1968.



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In October 1967 he married his beloved wife, Mary Helen Lee Norris in Fort Meade, MD. Together they celebrated over 51 wonderful years of marriage and raised a beautiful family. He began his career as a test engineer for E.I. duPont in Waynesboro, VA in 1969. In 1972, he took the position of County Engineer in St. Mary's County, and eventually became the Director of Public Works in the county. He retired from St. Mary's County government in 1989 to open NG&O Engineering, Inc., a civil engineering firm, where he served as the President until his retirement in 2014. Although engineering was his profession, farming was his true passion. His family farm, Wheatley's Content Farm, meant the world to him. He loved being in the field on his tractor and mentoring young people in the art of farming.

He served as president of Leonardtown Lions Club and of the County Engineers Association of Maryland (CEAM). He was appointed by Governors Glendening and Ehrlich to the Maryland Transportation Authority Board. He was also a member of the Maryland Farm Bureau. He was instrumental in establishing the CEAM Roger H. Willard scholarship in Civil Engineering at the University of Maryland. In recognition for his dedication and tenure on the CEAM Scholarship Committee, a scholarship was established in his honor at Morgan State University. He was a member of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD.

In addition to his mother, Loretta and beloved wife, Mary Helen, John is also survived by his children: John Berkman Norris III (Keli) of Piney Point, MD, Amy L. Van Cleaf (Tom) of Leonardtown, MD, and Cynthia N. Kostelansky (Mike) of Madison, NJ; his sister, Mary Loretta Copado (Greg) of Leonardtown, MD; his brother, P. Julius Norris (Margaret) of Bluffton, SC; his grandchildren: Andrew Norris, Elizabeth Norris, Ashley Norris, Jonathan Burroughs, Megan Van Cleaf, Caroline Kostelansky and Stephen Kostelansky; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his father, John is also preceded in death by his sister, Patricia A. Housley.

John was a man of character. He worked hard, gave the best of himself and expected the same of those he lived and worked with. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a ready smile and was quite a tease. Those who knew him appreciated his loyalty and dependability. He will be missed

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CURE PSP, 1216 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

#### David Lee Fowler



David Lee Fowler, 73, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on May 13, 2019 in Leonardtown, Born on MD. September 12, 1945 in Washington, DC, he was the loving

son of Martha Fowler of Mechanicsville, MD and the late Marvin Fowler. David was the loving husband of Valerie Fowler whom he married on April 25, 1993 in Chaptico, MD. David is survived by his step son Christopher Tomkiewicz of McMinnville, OR, along with his sister Dorothy Fowler Green of Mitchellville, MD. He graduated from Suitland High School in 1963 and attended the University Of Maryland College. David served in the United States Army from May 3, 1966 to March 29, 1968. His duty station was in Germany. David was a farmer. He enjoyed woodworking, and history.

In lieu of lower contributions may be made to St. Mary's County Animal Welfare League (SMAWL) P.O. Box 1232 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Second Hope Rescue, Inc. P.O. Box 2012 Leonardtown, MD 20650 or http://www.secondhoperescue.org/.

#### Theodora Ann Stewart



Theodora Ann Stewart, 59, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 16, 2019 in Clinton, MD. She was born on February 12, 1960 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the loving

daughter of James Oliver Johnson of Lexington Park, MD and the late Delores Young Johnson. Ann was the loving wife of the late Francis Clarence Stewart whom she married in Leonardtown, MD and who preceded her in death on January 31, 2019. Ann is survived by her daughter Theodora Rebecca Johnson (Levi Harley) of Jacksonville, FL. Along with her siblings James Oliver Johnson, Jr. Paula Greenwell, and Mary Johnson. She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Chopticon High School in 1979. Ann worked for the United States Government in the Payroll Division for 10 years.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 24, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor James Bell officiating. Interment

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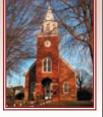
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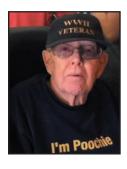
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#### William Harrison Robrecht



William Harrison (Pooch, Poochie) Robrecht, 92, of Ridge, MD, passed away surrounded by his wife, daughters, and other family and friends on Monday, May

20, 2019 at the St. Mary's Rehab Facility in Leonardtown, MD. He died as he lived--battling--like the true combatant he was. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ann Theresa Bayne, with whom he shared 68 years of love and countless memories; four daughters: Anita Hicks (Gerald), twins Barbara Raley (Roger) and Beverly Traas (Piet), and Cindy Ellis (Dan); 11 grandchildren James Norris (Renee), Christopher Traas (Katie), Steven Raley (Jessica), Kimberly Gray (Mancil), Brian Raley (Sayuri), Daniel Traas, Karen Huffman (Jeremy), Matthew Traas, Jeffery Traas (Melanie), Kristen Turner (Chris), and Thomas Raley; and 29 great-grandchildren Lauren, Abigail, Parker, Mancil, Brooklyn, Skylar, Chase, McKenzie, Peyton, Madison, Nathan, Tara, Jameson, Caleb, Jacob, Noah, Kayli, Courtney, Alexander, Landon, Aaden, Reagan, Eliot, Samuel, Sara, Brayden, Noah, Harrison, and Lucy; and his sister Regina Cullison (Dickie) and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents William Hamilton Robrecht and Mary Louise Sebra, sister Mary Anita Robrecht and his daughter Dianna

Harrison was born and raised on St. Georges Island, MD on March 31, 1927. He attended Little Flower School in Great Mills and St. Michael's High School in Ridge. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served in World War II. Following his service, he worked for the U.S. Government as a Firefighter at the Weapons Station, Piney Point and the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, where he retired on medical disability. After his retirement, he drove buses for the St. Mary's County public schools for

many years. He also worked at Dyson Lumber Company on his days off from the fire department.

Some of his favorite times were spent with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his pets. Pooch was known for talking to his grandchildren and pets in several different pet voices and other gibberish. He enjoyed time spent at his homes in Piney Point and Ridge fishing and crabbing, playing pitch, canasta and chicken foot. He really enjoyed his winter home in Sarasota FL where he grew fruit and started seedlings for his large MD garden. He was an avid gardener and shared the harvest with family and friends.

Harrison, along with his wife, was instrumental in refurbishing St Francis Xavier Catholic Church on St. George's Island. He spent countless hours volunteering at the St. George's Island Improvement Association, St. George's Catholic Church, the Garvey Center and other church and civic organizations, making dinners, calling Bingo, and other community activities. He was blessed to experience the same type of giving back through the exceptional love, care, and support from the incredibly dedicated health care professionals of St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Rehab Facility. The family will be forever grateful to them for showing him the kindness and compassion they did, even during some of his most trying times.

Family will receive friends for Harrison's Life Celebration on Friday, May 24, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Rd, Ridge, MD 20680 with prayers at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Private burial will be at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, St. George's Island, MD. Pallbearers will be his grandsons. John Robert Traas will serve as an honorary pallbearer. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Catholic School, Ridge, MD 20680.

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

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



## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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Thank you to all the community groups, restaurants, churches and individuals that feed our volunteers,

breakfast and lunch at our project houses: Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Circle of Friends, Fire House Subs, First Saints Community Church, Avian, Firehouse Subs, Bethesda United Methodist Church, Knights of St. Johns, #386 Ladies Auxiliary, Mechanicsville Worship Center, Burchmart, (Mechanicsville), Smokey Joes On the Town, Booz Allen Hamilton, Jobs Daughters (Laura Bowen), Lundeberg School of Seamanship, St. Mary's Church of Christ, Paul Gelrud, Showtime Deli, St. Mary's College, Rachael & Bruce Bender, Leonardtown High School National Honor Society, IBPOEW Pride of St. Mary's Elk Temple #782, Zion United Methodist Church, Hollywood United Methodist Church, and the Democratic Club.

Thank you to all the business in St. Mary's County that donated water, soda, snacks and food for our end of the day celebration! All Saints Episcopal Church, Bozick Distributers, Captain Leonard's Seafood Restaurant, Foxy Fish, Guy Distributing, Hollywood VFD Ladies Auxiliary, JF Taylor, Leonardtown Rescue Squad, , Mechanicsville Lions Club, Lundeberg School of Seamanship Chefs and Students, Nicolettis Pizza, Outback Steak House, Papa John's Leonardtown, Pizza Hot Line, Ridge Fire Department, Ridgell Oil, 7th District VFD Ladies Auxiliary, Sandgates Inn, Seabreeze Restaurant, Showtime Deli, St. Michael's Knights of Columbus, St. James Pub, State Farm (Tammy Gladstone), Sunshine Catering, Kerrie, Sara & Howard Thompson, Tidewater Pharmacy, Paul Gelrud, VFW Post 2632 Auxiliary and Willie Dean & The Watermen of St. Mary's County. We would also like to thank DJ Matt Menard, and Metro Janitorial Supplies

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Thank you to all the House Captains, Co-Captains, Area Coordinators, Board of Directors and Officers of Christmas in April St. Mary's County Inc. and all the volunteers that gave their time and talent to help their neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make our 29th Annual Neighbors helping Neighbors Day a success. We live in a wonderful and giving Community, we could not do it without you!

## alendar Community

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 multi-media Summer/Fall Art Show, July 3 to January 31, 2020. Artwork entries must be submitted by email VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org. 240-577-7003.

#### Friday, May 24

#### Park Place Toastmasters Club

Church of the Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park

12:00 - 1:00 PM Find out how you can develop your

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

#### **Special Needs Night**

The Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Open exclusively for all individuals with special needs and their families or caregivers. The museum is a fun and welcoming place for families to visit any day of the week! 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

#### SMTMD Open Mic

Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Rd., Chaptico

7:30 PM

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Great music and friendship; hone your performance skills, meet new friends and learn a few new licks. \$7. Performers free; sign up: Mike Smith smtmdmike@gmail.com. www. smtmd.org

#### Saturday, May 25

#### Pirate Pizza Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Dress like a pirate and eat pizza on board the Wm. B. Tennison. Arrr! Be

careful not to walk to the plank! \$15 person. Pre-registration is required; visit bit.ly/WmBTennisonCruises to register.

#### Day Memorial Concert Celebration

Summerseat Farm, Mechanicsville 12:00 - 8:00 PM

A very special day to honor our military. Music, food, wagon rides, and games. Bring a blanket or chairs. \$10 per family, free for veterans and military. www.summerseat.org

#### **Toy Boat Building**

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Sponsored by the Patuxent Small Craft Guild. Offered on the fourth Saturday each month. Ideal for ages 5 and \$2 donation per boat requested. Museum admission required. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

#### Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum Dock, Solomons

2:30 - 4:30 PM

First public sail of the season, \$25 ages 12 and up, \$15 for children 5-12. No children under 5 please. Pre-registration required; visit bit.ly/DeeOfSt-MarysCruises to register.

#### Sunday, May 26

#### **Spring Revival**

First Missionary Baptist Church, 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us on Sunday during 10:00 Divine Worship and Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Evangelist Manuel Scott, Jr. of Los Angeles, California is our guest. 301-863-8388

#### Gals of SoMD Books and Brunch Club

Linda's Cafe 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

A recurring social event to get to know each other! Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. RSVP: www.meetup.com/ GALSOFSOMD/events/257918341/

#### Folk Salad

Port of Leonardtown Winery 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Funds raised support local charities in St. Mary's County

#### Monday, May 27

**Memorial Day** 



#### Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra

Leonardtown Wharf 5.00 - 7.00 PM

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival

#### **CABS**

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown 6:00 PM

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

#### Tuesday, May 28

#### Taco Tuesday

VFW Post 2632, California 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Beef, Buffalo chicken or Black bean hard or soft. \$2/ea., 3 for \$5, 5 for \$8. Taco salad \$5 with all the trimmings. Tostado with refried beans \$2. Nachos with cheese \$3 add beef \$1. Barb Robey, Loveledo@aol.com. 240-434-9520

#### **Adult Children of Alcoholics**

Beacon of Hope, 21770 FDR Blvd, Lexington 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.

#### Thursday, May 30

#### Navy Sustainment System (NSS)

River's Edge, Patuxent River Naval Air Station

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

VAdm Dean Peters, Commander, Air Systems Command will update the audience on progress of the NSS that the Navy is implementing to better equip the fleet and increase readiness now and into the future. Who should attend: Small Business, academicians seeking to better understand needs of the military, OEM engineers, managers and Csuite policy makers. \$15 includes base access, lunch and program.

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#### Jammin' with Jessie Dance Fitness

Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department Social Hall

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Jammin' With Jessie Dance Fitness is back! Every Thursday. \$6 person. Sponsored by the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

#### **Commission On Aging**

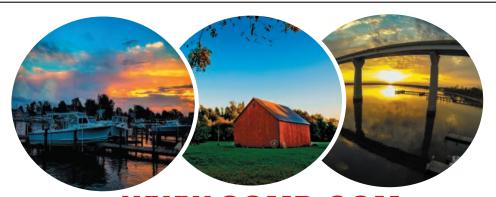
The St. Mary's County Commission on Aging (COA) is seeking members with an interest in improving its senior population. Volunteers are needed to ensure the needs and concerns of the senior community are met. Respond by May 30, 2019. Contact Diane Gleissner at 301-475-4200 ext. 71700; or diane. gleissner@stmarysmd.com



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#### **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.

#### **Annapolis by Land and by Sea**

Spend a day in Annapolis discovering the historic district on Friday, June 14! Take a 2-hour walking tour that starts at the State House and goes downhill to the harbor. Then, enjoy a 90-minute cruise and a box lunch on the Severn River aboard a climate-controlled yacht.

The \$80 registration fee includes motor coach transportation, guided walking tour, boat ride, lunch and driver tip. Pre-registration required. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063, to register. Bus leaves from the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

#### **Fall Prevention Presentation**

Learn fall prevention tactics and tips from physical therapist Dr. Michael O'Brien. This discussion will cover medication, gait, how to get up, and more. The presentation will be on Thursday, May 30, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Space is limited. To sign up for this free presentation in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

#### **Summer BBO & Band**

Nothing says summertime like BBQ and live music at the Northern Senior Activity Center. Start off with a delicious BBQ lunch with a pulled pork sandwich on a deli roll, coleslaw, corn, cantaloupe, and a brownie for dessert. This event will be on Friday, May 31, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Joe and Joyce. This musical duo plays a variety of music on the guitar and harmonica. They also have a rich familial history with unplugged stories of their parents who played with greats like Eddie Fisher and Bob Dylan. Suggested donation for a ticket is \$6. Lunch to start at 11:30 a.m., the room will open for seating at 11 a.m. To sign up and pay in advance for your ticket, please visit the front desk. For more information regarding this event, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

## Balancing Act at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Balancing Act, a program developed and taught by Dave Scheible, is a four session workshop series that is ideal for anyone who has balance challenges. Class will be on Tuesdays during June and will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. The basic exercises in this class are designed to improve stability and balance. Cost is \$25 for all four sessions and is payable to Dave on the first day of class. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 to sign up or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

## Third Level Tai for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

If you have taken Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention for beginners and level 2, you are invited to take the third level at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m., June 3 - 24. The class will start out with a review of all the movements from Beginner (Commencement) through the end of Level 2 (Push the Mountain). There is no need to sign up if you are in the current (Level 2) class, but if it's been a while since you've taken that level or if you've taken it elsewhere, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

#### **Tai Chi for Arthritis**

The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi program developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn and suitable for every fitness level. The Tai Chi program helps reduce stress, increase balance and flexibility, and improves your overall mind, body and spirit. Classes will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., June 3-July 8. During the six weeks, participants learn warm-up and cool-down exercises, six basic core movements, and direction changes to add challenge. Due to the

nature of this class, attendance at all sessions is highly recommended and no walk-ins are accepted; advance sign-up is required. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext.71050.

#### **AARP Safe Driver Course**

The Garvey Senior Activity Center will be having am AARP Safe Driver Course on Tuesday, June 4, from 10a.m.-3p.m. Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to: roundabouts, pavement markings, stopsign compliance, red-light running, and safety issues such as speeding, seatbelt and turn-signal use. The cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers, payable to AARP. Members must show their membership card to get the member rate. Advance sign up is required. Lunch is available at the Center: cost is \$6 for those under the age of 60 and a donation for those ages 60 and above. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, to register for the class. Make lunch reservations when registering.

#### Summer Bocce Ball at the Loffler Senior Activity Center

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be hosting a season of Bocce Ball on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. starting June 13 and continuing through Aug. 22. If you would like to be a part of it, call 301-737-5670, ext. 1658 to sign up or get more information. There is no cost to participate.

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#### 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.

## 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, din-

ner 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!

#### **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.

#### Master Gardener Class: Summertime and the Living is Easy

Leonardtown Library will hold a Master Gardener class: Summertime and the Living is Easy on Tuesday, June 11 from 2-3 p.m. Summertime should be easy, and gardening should be enjoyable. Master Gardeners will help make it that way. They will discuss dealing with nuisance wildlife, good bugs and bad bugs, getting your gardens through dry spells, and winning the battle over weeds. Registration required.

#### **Lawyer in the Library**

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

#### **TV Trivia Night**

Lexington Park Library will hold TV Trivia Night on Thursday, June 13 from 6-7 p.m. Come test your knowledge of popular TV shows at team trivia night. This month's theme is sci-fi/fantasy. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

#### **Happy Father's Day!**

Leonardtown Library will hold a Happy Father's Day event on Saturday, June 15 from 10-11 a.m. Calling all dads, daddies, and papas! Join us for a special event where we'll read books, sing songs, and make crafts all about the special dads in our lives. Mamas, grandmas, aunties, uncles, and any other family member you can think of are also invited to attend with their kiddos! Designed for ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Registration required.







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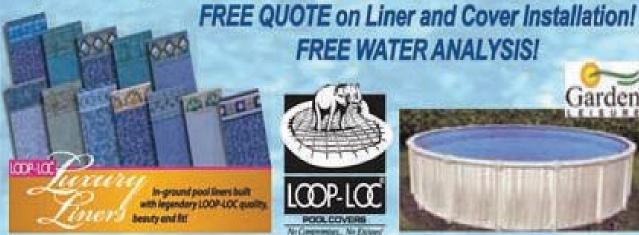
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