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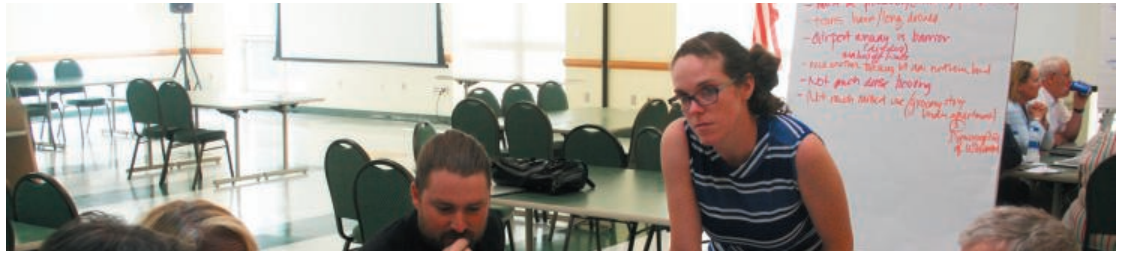
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Library Director Denies Reaching Out for Drag Queen Event

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The controversial Drag Queen Story Hour went ahead June 23 at Lexington Park Library with both supporters of the event and protestors largely demonstrating peacefully, though one Leonardtown man was arrested for disrupting the event and allegedly frightening the large number of children in the room set aside for the event.

Ashley Kyle Morgan, 41, has since been released on his own recognizance and library director Michael Blackwell has called his alleged actions “totally reprehensible.”

“He scared children,” Blackwell told The County Times in a Tuesday phone interview.

But Blackwell said parents who were concerned about the event, and whether the library supported it despite saying it was an independent effort by non-profits Southern Maryland Area Secular Humanists and PFLAG of Leonardtown, perhaps had reason to be.

This was due to a blog post to the American Library Association’s (ALA) web site two years ago by a St. Mary’s County Library system employee on ways to include messages supporting the LGBTQ community in the library’s daily business.

That employee still works for the library system, Blackwell said, and is a children’s librarian.

“I understand if they read this that there would be some concern,” the library director said.

The blog post, given to The County Times by community activist Georgia Kijesky, an opponent of such events being held at the library, contained the name of the employee.

The name had since been removed from the blog post in the weeks leading up to the Drag Queen Story Hour.

In the post the local library employee advocates ways to “sneakily fit stuff in current programs.”

“So you’re not doing Drag Queen Storytime (yet), but you’re probably doing Regular Old Storytime, right?” part of the post reads. “Try to ‘sneak’ inclusive messages into your current programs.

“For instance, if you’re reading a book about a Mama bear and a Papa bear, maybe when you read it you just change it to be about [two] Papa bears!”

Blackwell said he did not know about the employee’s post until two weeks before the event, but its revelation led to him discussing its contents with the employee.

He said it was not the policy of the library system to change the reading of any book or text to suit a particular agenda.

“That’s not happening here at St. Mary’s County libraries,” Blackwell said. “It does not reflect what is going on at our library.

“We don’t change genders in texts; we want to respect authors and what they wrote.”

The blog post from 2017 on the ALA



Drag Queens who read to children at Lexington Park Library June 23. Photo by Ceandra Scott.

site has led to changes in policy as to what library employees can post, Blackwell said.

“The policy has been changed so that any articles published need to be reviewed by the administration and have a disclaimer attached to them.”

The disclaimer was to ensure the reader understood that posts were opinions and did not reflect the values or policies of the system, Blackwell said.

The policy was not meant to restrict employee opinions, though.

“We want to stand up for people’s right to say what they think,” Blackwell said.

That the name of the employee was removed from the blog post in recent weeks was due to a discussion between the employee and the ALA, Blackwell said.

“That was not a decision made by the St. Mary’s County Library,” he said.

The blog post was written on the employees own time, Blackwell said, and did not reflect the policies of the library.

Commissioner Eric Colvin, who spoke out against the Drag Queen Story Hour days before it occurred, said the blog post disturbed him.

“It’s always unacceptable for any hidden agenda to be promoted during a children’s story hour,” Colvin said.

Blackwell said that no one in the library system or on the Board of Library Trustees acted to bring the Drag Queen Story Hour to St. Mary’s.

“We did not reach out to these groups,” Blackwell said. “We did not encourage this event.”

The event drew about 75 participants, including about 30 or more children, who

appeared to have fun during the brief story time.

Books that were read included “Free To Be Incredible Me” by local author Joelle-Elizabeth Retener, “This Day in June” by Gayle Pitman and “Neither” by Arlie Anderson.

Children also participated in crafts and face painting activities as well; most seemed happy to attend.

Blackwell confirmed that the two non-profits eventually rented the space, making it a private event.

Samantha McGuire, president of the Washington Area Secular Humanists (WASH), which supported the event, had said in the week prior to the event that it would be free and open to the public.

Blackwell said the sheer number of

RSVPs for the event led to concerns over violating fire safety capacity rules and the move to rent the room to control the number of participants.

McGuire told The County Times this week anyone from the public could have attended but had to RSVP first; the organizers rented the room, she confirmed.

“There were security concerns around the protests,” McGuire said.

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Fenwick Street Book, Music Store Needs a Buyer

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After 16 years in business, Joe Orlando, owner of Fenwick Street Used Books and Music is retiring.

Orlando, who is also stepping down as president of the Leonardtown Business Association this month, said he does not want to retire but injuries sustained to his back after a 30-year career of teaching dance across the globe are forcing him to.

"I taught jazz dancing and that's something you can't sit down and teach someone," he said. "You have to get up and show them."

He said he made the decision with sadness but is looking for a buyer for his business with the will and the skill to keep it a success.

He's already received six offers and is investigating a seventh, Orlando told The County Times.

"This is my second retirement," Orlando said. "When I would teach dance around the world, I'd visit bookstores."

That sparked his interest in someday owning his own and despite the challenges of entrepreneurship in a rapidly changing world of media he's managed to earn a decent living in used books and music.

"You won't get rich," he said. "But I love passing on the knowledge and ideas in books."

His small but densely packed shop on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown has about 20,000 used books of all sorts including long-play records and music on compact disc.

"I love doing it," he said of purveying books and music. "I don't want it to die."

He quoted fantasy writer Neil Gaiman on the importance of bookstores in tightly-knit communities.

"A town isn't a town without a bookstore," he quoted.

Staying in business so long hasn't been easy.

"You listen to your customers," Orlando said, adding that demand is fueled by avid book readers. "People finish a book and they have to have another; it's hard, you have to constantly refresh your stock."

"Our biggest competition is not other bookstores, it's Amazon."

Leonardtown itself has been a party to his success and he said he is proud to have helped it grow and prosper.

"We're lucky we have so many local customers and tourists," Orlando said. "We have something special here."

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Joe Orlando is putting Fenwick Street Used Books and Music up for sale

County Reaches Out For Opinions on Innovation District



Bennett Wilson, outgoing deputy director of the Department of Economic Development, gathers community opinions on the proposed airport innovation district.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Citizen, business and government stakeholders came out in strength Tuesday night to talk about their hopes for a new innovation district centered around the high-technology work being done at the St. Mary's County Airport environs.

The county plans to find ways to interconnect the activities at the airport, with its much-increased hangar space, the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland, the system's UAS Test Site and business incubator known as Tech Port to spur innovation and job growth.

About 60 stakeholders took part in breakout sessions where they expressed what they would want to see as part of an innovation district on Airport Road, from better amenities to more transportation options.

Eric Aulestria, an architect with Torti Gallas and Partners, who are working on formulating the innovation district, said the idea was to transform an employment area into something more attractive and comfortable.

"This is very much a rediscovery of urban, walkable areas," Aulestria said. "The idea is to get people out of their narrow silos."

The innovation district that begins here, could not be exactly like any other in the country, he said.

"This is not a cookie cutter approach," said Aulestria.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the county's Department of Economic Development, said the breakout sessions gathered a great deal of input on the vision for the district.

"We have most of the assets in place," Kaselemis said. "What we don't have is a vision for the innovation district and what it will look like and how we'll connect the assets."

"And the connections are the most critical part."

A significant part of the thinking behind the innovation district is getting members from different parts of the work force there to meet and discuss ideas for new technologies and products.

Commissioner Todd Morgan, who also attended, said vision sessions like the one held on June 25 were important for the district's success, particularly in attracting the newer generation of the work force.

"We have to think about how to attract millennials and how to keep millennials," Morgan said.

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Suspect in Great Mills Shooting Charged

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A defendant from Prince George's County has been charged with first degree assault and other counts in St. Mary's County District Court for allegedly opening fire in a Great Mills neighborhood.

Vincent Levay Harrington, 18, of Bowie was arrested after a brief vehicle chase with St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office deputies on June 18, the day of the shooting on Mojave Drive, after they were able to identify a vehicle he had been driving in, a red Ford Explorer sport-utility vehicle.

That same vehicle, which had been reported stolen from Prince George's County, also had license tags that were from another vehicle, a Nissan, court papers stated.

Police were able to view the suspected vehicle using multiple surveillance images taken while in the neighborhood, an application for a statement of charges against Harrington read.

Capt. Edward Willenborg, commander of the sheriff's office Criminal



Vincent Lavey Harrington

Investigation Division, said Harrington had visited St. Mary's multiple times and that the shooting stemmed from a dispute the defendant had with another group.

"He believed the people he had a dispute with days earlier were at Mojave Drive," Willenborg said.

Willenborg said detectives were not even sure if the homes that sustained damage from gunfire were the actual targets; court papers stated witnesses saw a black male firing in the direction of the homes that were struck.

According to court papers police found numerous shell casings left by the discharging of a semi-automatic pistol as well as two bullet holes in the side of a Mojave Drive residence in which there

were eight people at the time.

Police also found one other bullet hole in a nearby residence, also on Mojave Drive.

When deputies arrested Harrington after he fled the stopped suspect vehicle at the end of the chase he admitted to the shooting on Mojave Drive using a Glock handgun, according to court documents.

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Teens Charged in Taxi Cab Heist

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sheriff's deputies arrested two men late last week after allegedly holding a taxi cab driver at gun point for what turned out to be a small amount of cash.

Anthony Albern Rice, 18, and Kyjuan Tyrese Bush, 17, have both been charged with armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony as well as other charges stemming from the June 19 incident.

According to applications for statements of charges against the two men, a taxi driven by Derrick Blackmon was dispatched to Drayden Road when two unknown men got in his vehicle and asked to be taken to Colombia Commons in Lexington Park.



Kyjuan Tyrese Bush

mother could provide a \$100 bill for Blackmon, when he said he didn't have the change to accept a \$100 bill one of them produced an "Uzi-style" handgun with an extended magazine, according to charging documents, and demanded money.

Blackmon told police that the suspect holding the gun threatened to shoot him if he didn't hand over what money he had.

The victim told police the pair took what he believed to be about \$30 from him.

When police showed the two suspects in a photo lineup to Blackmon he identified both Rice and Bush as the suspects who had robbed him at gunpoint.

Blackmon additionally identified Bush as the one who held him at gunpoint, charging documents stated.

When questioned by police both Rice and Bush admitted to being at the robbery, charging documents stated.

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Anthony Albern Rice Jr.

When they arrived at their destination, they then said they needed to be taken to Liberty Street, court papers stated.

When they reached to the second destination the pair got out and said their



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Hollywood Volunteers Honor 'Mamma Jo'

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Members of the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad paid a final farewell to Jo Allen "Mamma Jo" Cusic Mattingly, a 35-year member of the squad's auxiliary.

According to her obituary, she was a founding member of the rescue squad auxiliary in 1983.

She was past president of the auxiliary and was serving as chaplain of the auxiliary when she passed away on June 20, according to volunteers at the squad.

"She was an extraordinary woman," said Kim Heiss, assistant chief at Company 79. "She was always smiling."



Mattingly

"There was never a down day for her."

Along with her positive attitude, Mattingly was also known for her generosity.

"Anything she could do for you, she would," Heiss said. "She'd give you the shirt right off her back."

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Bailey Readies District Office To be Located in Hollywood



State Senator Jack Bailey (l) poses with NARFE Chapter 969 President Boyd Loflin after speaking to the group at Olde Breton Inn in Leonardtown.

By Dick Myers
Editor

State Senator Jack Bailey (R: 29) is in the process of opening a new district office. It will be in an office building at 23680 Three Notch Road, Suite 101 in Hollywood.

As soon as he gets the signs put up and the furniture moved in, he'll be open for business, Bailey said. He will be having a grand opening for the office soon.

Bailey revealed the location of the promised district office during a speech before the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) June 21 meeting at Olde Breton Inn at which he swore in the Chapter 969 (St. Mary's County) new officers.

Bailey said in his talk to the group that he had been busy every weekday since his freshman session, meeting with constituents. He said the new office will afford a place for those meetings, although he said he will go to wherever it's convenient for the constituent.

Bailey said he has tried to reserve weekends for his family, his wife Karin and their two children.

"I have a lot to learn. There are a lot of hidden agendas," he said about his first year in Annapolis.

Bailey said he has been touting to his colleagues the importance of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the place

where many of the NARFE retirees worked, for the state and nation. He said it generates \$40 billion in annual business but only \$2 billion stays local. He would like to see that increase.

Bailey, a retired Department of Natural Resources police officer, said he opposed aquaculture in creeks that are protected from harvesting because he wants to see the Bay's natural stock come back. He assured he is not opposed to aquaculture.

He said in recent months he has received more feedback than on any other issue about the effect on the state's taxpayers from the federal tax changes. He noted that persons who can't itemize on their federal returns can't itemize on their state returns either.

He admitted he doesn't know too much personally about the issue but that he has secured the help of a tax attorney to assist in devising a proposal to submit next year to rectify the problem. He said some taxpayers are experiencing higher state tax payments as the result of the failure of the state to decouple state and federal tax returns.

Bailey sits on the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. He also is on legislative caucuses that deal with sportsmen, veterans and watermen's issues.

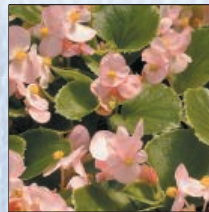
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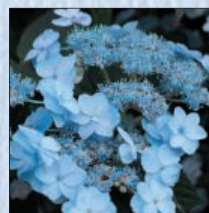


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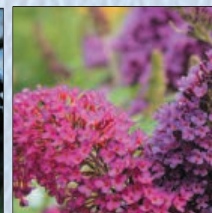


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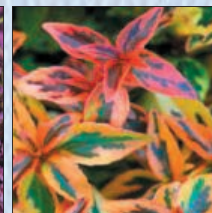
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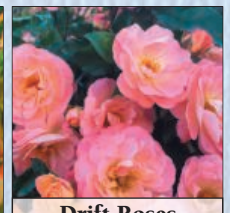
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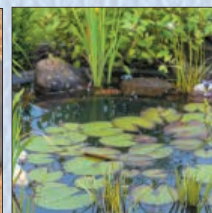


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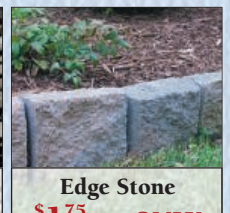
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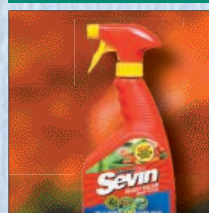


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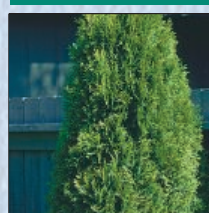


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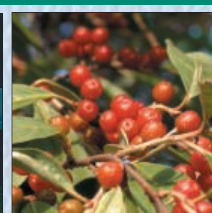


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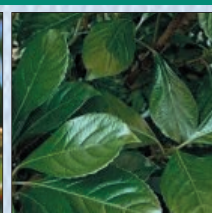
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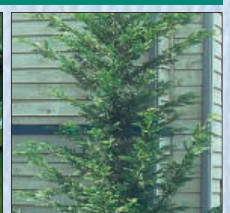
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State Leaders Hail Peace Cross Decision

Supreme Court Says War Memorial Can Stay

By Dick Myers
Editor

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 20 that the Peace Cross in Bladensburg may remain. A lower court had issued an opinion that the Prince George's County war memorial on public land violated the U.S. Constitution's separation of church and state, saying the cross was a Christian symbol.

But the Supreme Court noted the historic nature of the Peace Cross, having been erected between 1919 and 1925 to honor WW I soldiers who gave their lives. The court cited the fact that crosses were generally recognized symbols at that time of ways to honor war dead,

The majority opinion said, "The cross does not offend The Constitution."

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller praised the decision.

Hogan said, "This is a great victory after we fought tirelessly to keep the Peace Cross standing in recognition of the valor, endurance, courage, and devotion of our World War I veterans. Today's ruling ensures that this memorial—a dignified tribute to those who

came before us and made the ultimate sacrifice—will stand tall and proud for the ages.

"I was honored to help lead this fight on behalf of our veterans, and I am proud that Marylanders and Americans will be able to visit the Peace Cross in Bladensburg for years to come."

Sen. Miller (D: Calvert, Charles, Prince George's) has been a long-time student of Maryland history and a strong supporter of retaining the Peace Cross. He said, "I am grateful today for the Supreme Court ruling which will preserve this important monument and recognize its significance to Prince George's County and our state.

"I am grateful to the Senators who joined me in filing an Amicus Brief in support of the Peace Cross and appreciate both Governor Hogan and Attorney General Frosh's bipartisan support of this effort as well."

The American Legion was among the groups who provided legal assistance. A lawyer representing the American Legion called the opinion "a landmark decision for religious liberty."

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Wanted: Richard Alvin Nolan Maryland State Police Crime Suppression Report

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Richard Alvin Nolan, 31 of no fixed address. Nolan is wanted for escape after absconding from a drug rehabilitation center in Hagerstown.

Nolan is a black male, 5' 10" tall, weighing 195 pounds with brown eyes.

Anyone with information about Nolan's whereabouts is asked to contact Detective Cpl. Melissa Hulse at 301-475-4200, ext. *1996 or email melissa.hulse@stmarysmd.com.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

For official news and information, follow the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Twitter @firstsheriff



Richard Alvin Nolan



On Thursday, June 20, 2019, Troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack and investigators from the Maryland State Police Gun Enforcement Unit and MSP K-9 team worked a crime suppression initiative in Lexington Park, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The initiative focused on Lexington Park due to a recent increase in criminal activity and was supported by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) for Maryland.

During the 5 hour initiative, Troopers stopped (49) vehicles. This led to (74) citations issued, (8) people cited for driving while suspended, (5) warrant arrests, (4) drug arrests and (3) driving under the influence arrests.

Warrants Served: Callie Anne Whitney, 20 of Leonardtown, MD for Vio-

lation of Probation-Resisting Arrest Robert Lee Driggers, 53 of Lexington Park, MD for FTA-2nd Degree Assault & Malicious Destruction of Property Mary Alice Spence-Best, 43 of Mechanicsville, MD for FTA-Driving Uninsured Vehicle Thomas Emanuel Gross, 33 of Lexington Park, MD for FTA-Driving without Required License Vincent Lavey Harrington, 18 of Lexington Park, MD for Failure to stop after unattended accident, Fleeing and Eluding by failing to stop and Fleeing and Eluding on foot.

DUI Arrests: Michael Kelly Fitzpatrick, 28 of Mechanicsville, MD Marissa Jean Smith, 34 of Great Mills, MD Sandra Denise Briscoe, 42 of Lexington Park

Legal Notice

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The 2018 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be available July 1st to Town residents and the public at the town office, 22670 Washington St. Leonardtown, MD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at the Leonardtown Post Office, 22735 Washington Street and is also available online at <http://leonardtown.somd.com> under Town Government, Water Quality Reports.

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES L. GILLIAM, AN ALLEGED DISABLED PERSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CASE NO.: C-18-FM-17-000521

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the Petition For A Specific Transaction Without Appointment Of A Guardian of James L. Gilliam:

Notice is given that an Amended Petition For Specific Transaction Without Appointment Of Guardian has been filed in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County to authorize Christyne Ivey, a/k/a Christyne Gilliam, to liquidate an annuity policy and CD which is solely owned by James L. Gilliam, a resident of Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home, Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

All persons having any objection to this Petition shall file a Response with the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County within thirty (30) days of this Notice being published. Failure to file a Response by that date may result in the granting of the relief being sought.

Debra J. Burch,
Clerk of Court for
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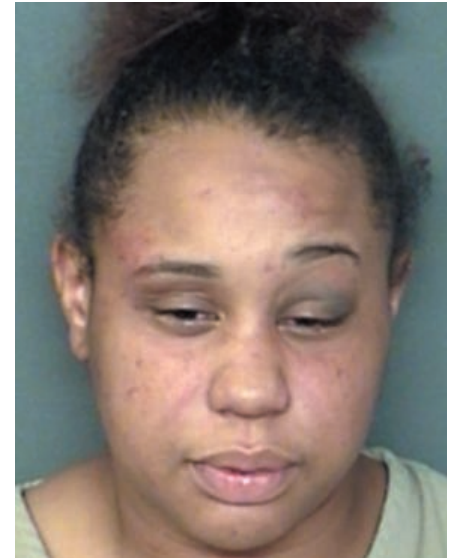
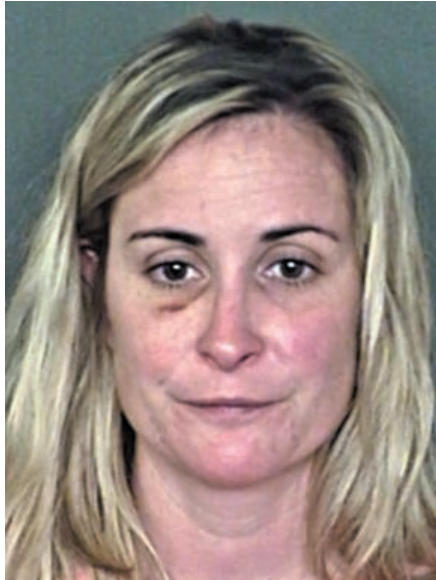
Assault: On June 19, 2019, Deputy Benjamin Raley responded to the 43800 block of Drum Cliff Road in Hollywood for the report of an assault. The victim advised that **Melissa Lynch Freeman, 37** of Hollywood,

tention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with Second-Degree Assault. Case # 35198-19

CDS Possession Intent to Distribute: On June 19, 2019, Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Rodine Way in Lexington Park for the report

bags of marijuana and cocaine. **David Dawayne Gatlin Jr., 22** of Cheltenham, was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and charged with CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute (Cocaine) and CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute (Marijuana) by Deputy Benjamin Luffey. Case # 35210-19

suspect vehicle was stopped. **Sequoia Nicole Hamilton, 22** of California,



threw a Yeti-type cup at the victim. The victim advised that Freeman then grabbed the victim by the neck causing visible scratches on both sides of the neck. Freeman was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County De-

of a disturbance. The occupants of a vehicle identified as part of the disturbance were taken into custody and a search of the vehicle located numerous

Loaded Handgun in Vehicle: During the disturbance call at Rodine Way in Lexington Park on June 19, 2019, a

was in the driver's seat. During the consent search of the vehicle, a loaded 9 mm handgun was found under the driver's seat. Hamilton was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and charged with Reckless Endangerment, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle and Firearm/Drug Traffic Crime by DFC Dale Smith. Case # 35202-19

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Results Released for Potomac Cleanup

This past April, the Alice Ferguson Foundation and dozens of partners celebrated the 31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. More than 300 trash cleanup events occurred throughout the Potomac River Watershed, including events in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia & West Virginia.

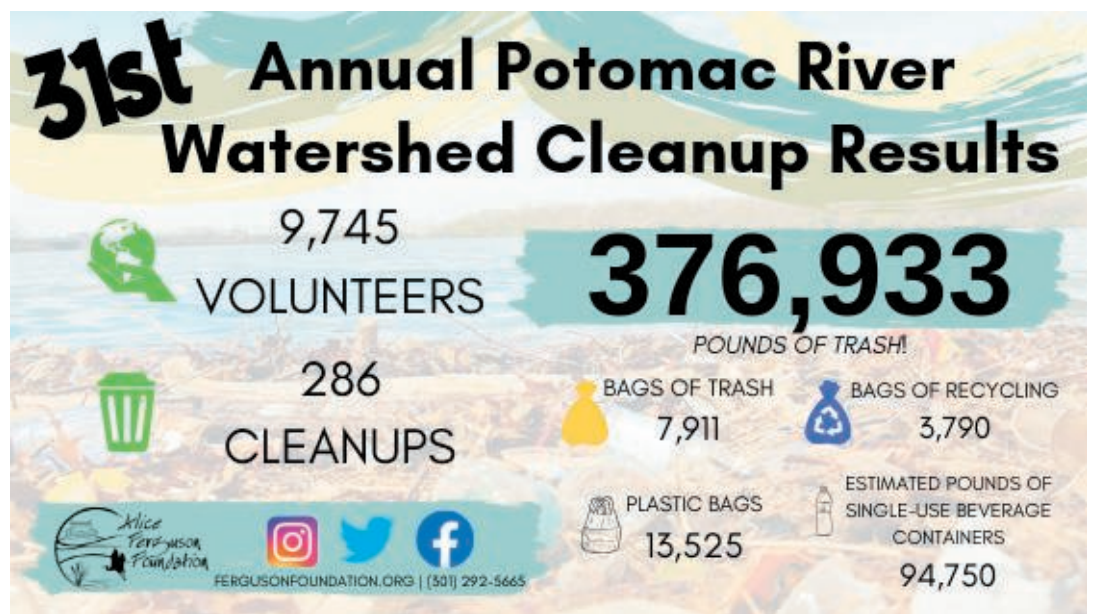
Site coordinators from 286 of the 318 registered cleanups around the watershed captured and reported their cleanup data, and for 2019 we collected 376,933 pounds of trash - a whopping 30,000 more pounds than the 2018 cleanups!

Cleanup volunteers contribute citizen science data that includes the total pounds of trash removed and a count of the common trash items they collect. That data is aggregated by the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative and serves as a data point for advocates promoting waste-reduction legislation, including the plastic bag fees and the Styrofoam ban.

This year, the cleanup's focus was on single-use beverage containers including plastic bottles, glass bottles, and aluminum cans. According to the Container Recycling Institute, "more than

60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators every day - a total of about 22 billion last year." Volunteers participating in the Foundation's flagship Piscataway Park Cleanup on April 13th collected 71 bags full of single-use beverage containers with an estimated 50 single-use beverage containers in each bag - the majority of which were plastic water bottles.

The Potomac River provides the drinking water for 80% of the residents within the watershed. Rising global awareness of the immediate threat of plastic pollution has activated volunteers locally to be thinking and mobilizing to protect and maintain the beauty of our region's waterways. Since 1989, the annual Potomac River Cleanup has engaged more than 150,000 volunteers



to collect over 7 million pounds of trash and prevent it from entering the Potomac River.

The Potomac River Watershed Cleanup is an awe-inspiring event with more than 300 cleanup events planned throughout the watershed during Earth Month. Community leaders, non-profits, regional stakeholders, and volunteers will partner

once again for a cleaner watershed at the 32nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup on April 18th, 2020.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation's educational programs unite students, educators, park rangers, communities, regional organizations, and government agencies throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area to promote the environmental sustainability of the Potomac River watershed.

*Press Release from
Alice Ferguson Foundation*

New App Allows Commuter Bus Tracking

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*Press Release from Maryland
Transit Administration*

NAACP and St. Inie's Coffee hosts Friday Night In The Park on June 28 - Free Admission

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), St. Mary's County Branch 7025 and St. Inie's Coffee invites the entire community to the first ever "Friday Night In The Park". The event will be held at John G. Lancaster Park in Lexington Park, MD from 6-9PM and is free of charge. There will be a variety of games and activities, refreshments, a dj and dance floor, Zumba fitness classes, open courts for basketball and soccer and a mobile video game station featuring a NBA 2K Tournament.

"It's all about offering the community a fun and safe place to connect. It's a party to kick off the summer. We're extremely excited about all the fitness activities and I'm challenging everyone to bring their skills to the courts, fields and video game station", said NAACP President, William 'BJ' Hall.

St. Inie's Coffee is a nearby business and partner for 'Friday Night In The Park'. Catherine Grube, owner of St. Inie's Coffee, added, "this truly is a family night out with activities for everyone from toddlers to adults. We hope folks will bring lawn chairs and enjoy the beauty of the park and socialize."

Special thanks to the following businesses for offering prizes and giveaways: AMC Lexington Park 6 Theater, Mission BBQ, Top of the Line Barbershop, Beauty by Monnie, Captain Save a Weave and Rick's Stylz. Their support and sponsorship for this community event is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's County NAACP Press Release

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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

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

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

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

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

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good

news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

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

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

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

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

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Local Church Holds Soccer Camp



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran in Lusby held its annual soccer camp June 17-21 at Southern Middle School. Eighty-eight young people from St. Mary's and Calvert attended the camp.



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Pastor Josh Olson is a big soccer fan and he converted his love of the sport and of Christ into a popular soccer camp held this year at Southern Middle School. Church members were assisted at the by camp high school students from Wisconsin, the pastor's wife Rachel's alma mater.

Hollywood Navy Veteran Receives Father's Day Ramp From Patuxent Habitat

Patuxent Habitat's Veteran Critical Repair program and Christmas in April Calvert County once again partnered together to build a ramp for Mr. Ed Flynn. Mr. Flynn is a Vietnam Veteran and has mobility issues that have led to him using a scooter to get in and out of his home. On the Friday before Father's Day, June 14th several volunteers from both organizations and Exelon Militaries Actively Connected (EMAC) worked alongside each other to make this happen! This was the second ramp being done simultaneously on this day. Mr. Flynn's need was brought to our attention from the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Organization Chapter #26 (D.A.V.). Funding for this ramp was possible through The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation Grant. We are always in need of volunteers from professional (plumbers, roofers, carpenters etc.) to those who just want

to help give back to this deserving group. Patuxent Habitat for Humanity believes: Everyone especially our veterans deserve a decent place to live, with the dignity they have earned by serving us!

The Patuxent Habitat for Humanity Veteran Critical Repair Program is designed to repair homes for military veterans and their families. The program will assist with repairs identified in Habitat's Critical Home Repair guidelines that may vary from roof repair and structural wall repairs to installing wheel chair ramps and remodeling bathrooms to be easily used by veterans with disabilities. If you would like to donate or volunteer for veteran programs please call Laurie at 301-863-6227x16 or email laurie@patuxenthabitat.org for more information.

*Patuxent Habitat For
Humanity Press Release*

Film Makers Looking for Support

Two Friends, a short film being produced jointly by Love Life, Live Vegan and Tarbro Arts has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise \$2800 in 28 days. The fundraising efforts will cover writing, planning, filming, editing/post-production, and distribution.

The film is being written by Rebecca Burnett and features a thought-provoking, and comical, story about a man and his beloved pet dog. Local actors Nicholas Wood and Collin Pastorius will be the lead actors, and Andrew Heller (active duty US Navy) is slated as Cinematographer. Producer, Taryn Brown says "we really want to make something that both makes people laugh, and also contains a powerful message about compassion for animals."

Funding for the film is all or nothing via Kickstarter, and there are many different levels of backing the project. Options start as low as \$15 and extend to \$250. Many perks are included within the different tiers of funding, such as a digital download of the film, hand painted art, behind the scenes clips, and a plant-based cookbook.



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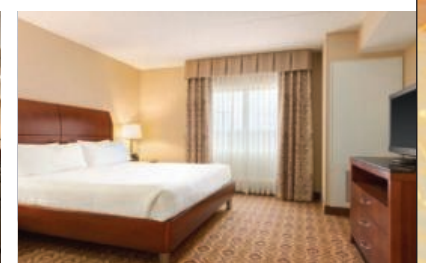
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County Residents Have More Beach Front for Summer Fun

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County has the most waterfront in the entire state but much of it is privately held and not accessible by the general public; but this is the second summer that county residents will have access to a new public beach.



But Arthur Shepherd, director of the county's Recreation and Parks Department said the Snow Hill Park in Mechanicsville, located on South Sandgates Road, has yet to reach its potential as a beach front vacation destination.

In the entire county there are only two other public beach fronts operating, Myrtle Point and Elms Beach.

"It's a hidden gem," Shepherd said of Snow Hill, recently purchased by the county for the express purpose of increasing public access to the water. "We're at about 100 people a day on weekends."

On the weekend of June 15 there were just 117 visitors to Snow Hill Park and 130 visitors on Sunday.

"That's not a match for Myrtle Point or Elms Beach," Shepherd said. "That's what makes it a hidden gem."

The county has funded a master plan for the development of another piece of property it has purchased,

the Shannon Farm property, south of Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Lexington Park but it has yet to be developed at all, Shepherd said.

If developed for more beachfront access, Shannon Farms would encompass an additional 212 acres of public water access as the county's fourth public beach.

"Our public access to beaches is an issue," he told The County Times. "We understand that and that's what we and the [county] commissioners are working on."

Even with the addition of Snow Hill, which still has few amenities for visiting families, the available beachfront for county residents or non-county visitors is just 2,700 feet between all three county-owned public beaches.

That figure equates to just over half of a mile.

Memorial Day weekend attendance numbers for Snow Hill are still growing, however, Shepherd said.

On that Saturday there were 153 visitors but that more than doubled to 341 visitors by Sunday; by Monday, Memorial Day, there were 296 visitors to the Mechanicsville site.

Though more centrally located in St. Mary's than either Myrtle Point or Elms Beach the visitation to the



relatively new park has not kept pace with the perceived demand.

Shepherd said it could be due to its less obvious location and that it is less established than the other parks; Myrtle Point opened for operations 40 years ago.

"Sandgates, that's just not a popular road," Shepherd said. "People always ask: 'Where's Sandgates?'"

Memorial Day weekend traffic at the older beaches was far higher.

For Elms Beach, which is also south of the naval air station, there were 271 on that Saturday but the number increased sharply to 599 on Sunday. By Monday there were 428 visitors there, according to data from the recreation and parks department.

At Myrtle Point there were 248 visitors on the first day with attendance increasing to 678 by Sunday; by Monday attendance had reached its peak to 701 visitors.

Snow Hill Park comprises 163 acres of rural, wooded area with open green space that fronts beaches on the Patuxent River.

The county purchased the land in March of 2017 but it has few amenities.

There are no playgrounds for children and there is only one pavilion available with eight picnic tables and

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JULY 4TH PARADE IN PINEY POINT

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a common grill.

There are also no trails for hiking as of yet, according to the county's recreation and parks website.

Only portable restrooms and limited parking spaces are available; there are also no sporting or multipurpose fields available.

Visitors must swim at their own risk as there are no lifeguards available.

Shepherd said the buildings on the property, abandoned residential structures with little to no historic value, are set for demolition but there could be evidence of older structures under the ground at the site.

This means archaeological surveys will be needed at Snow Hill before more development can proceed, he said.

That development of amenities could begin in either 2023 or 2024 if the Commissioners of St. Mary's County include funding in the future capital construction improvement budget.

"There's a beauty of Snow Hill with beachfront on the Patuxent River," Shepherd said. "It has a lot of opportunity for family gatherings and beach front access that otherwise couldn't be obtained."

County residents can also access the beach at Point Lookout State Park but it's a state-owned property.

Another fun St. Mary's summer activity, eating steamed hard crab, also appears to have a good start to the season, according to local crab house retailers.

"It's been a good year," said Elaine Copsey, co-owner of Capt. Leonard's Seafood in Mechanicsville of the crabbing season so far. "We're hoping for what everybody else is hoping for, that's there's plenty of crabs."

Copsey, who has been in business at Capt. Leonard's for 32 years, said supplies of hard crab have been plentiful and demand is always high.

The state reported that this year's dredge survey of the Chesapeake Bay showed the crab population had grown by an estimated 60 percent over last year to a total fishery of about 594 million crabs.

Prices are still high, though with dining room crabs going for \$55 per dozen of No. 1 males and the same priced at \$45 for takeout at Capt. Leonard's, Copsey said.

She said the crab season is shaping up to be "wonderful."

Last summer saw heavy rains in the region, which reduced restaurant drive-up and walk-in foot traffic at Seabreeze Restaurant in Sandgates, said co-owner Betty Ann Quade.

But this summer seems better with much less rain and sunnier skies that brings out customers.

"So far it's been a pretty good season," Quade said. "It's been good weather for us."

"And the crabs are good, we're getting local crabs in that are a good size for this time of year." Still there were a few shortages around the time of Memorial Day and Father's Day, when the demand can be high for hard crabs, she said.

"I don't think there as plentiful as predicted," Quade said.

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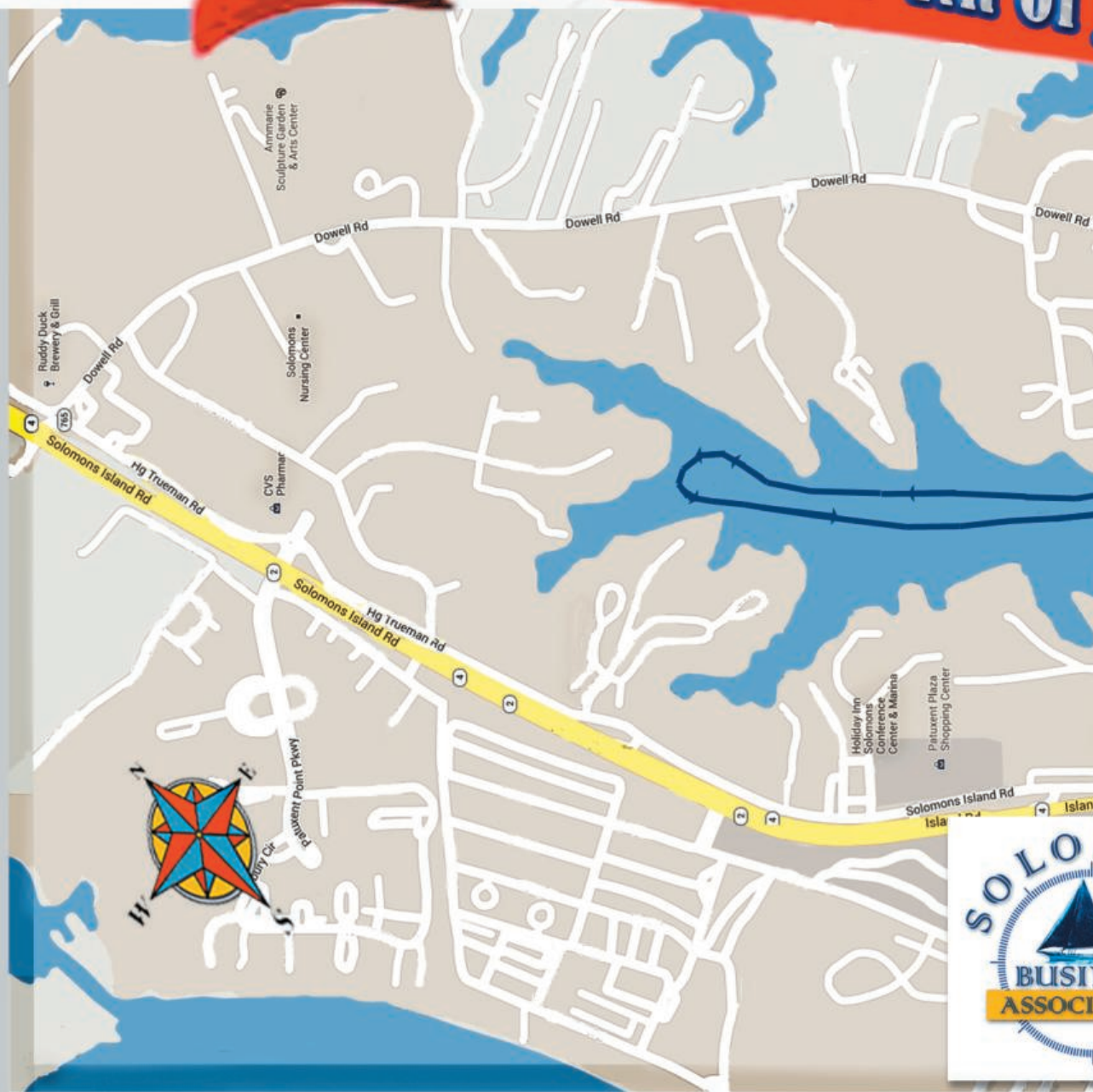
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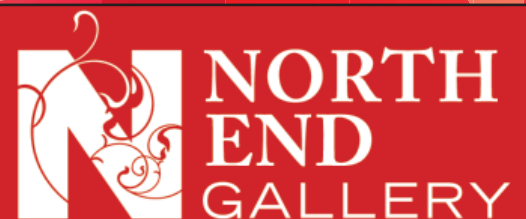


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Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron to Receive “Fat Albert” Replacement

The Navy announced award of the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron’s new “Fat Albert,” the Blue Angels’ logistics cargo plane, June 13.

Scheduled for delivery in spring 2020, the \$29.7 million contract was awarded to the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence (UK MOD) for a divested C-130J Super Hercules. Cost savings associated with acquisition of the used aircraft and other airworthiness requirements is approximately \$50 million less than the cost of a new aircraft.

“This is a win-win for the U.S. Navy and the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence,” said Capt. Steven Nassau, PMA-207 program manager. “Just as the Navy recognized the imminent need to replace the Fat Albert

aircraft, the UK MOD was divesting of an American made, C-130J; aircraft allowing us to acquire a suitable replacement aircraft at a major cost savings.”

In March 2018, PMA-207 received congressional approval to proceed with acquisition of the UK MOD C-130J with funding from Foreign Military Sales proceeds.

The last dedicated Fat Albert, a C-130T Hercules, retired May 2019 and now serves as a ground-based training platform in Fort Worth, Texas. Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron will continue flying Navy or Marine Corps C-130 Hercules assets until the replacement aircraft is complete.



The Blue Angels practice over Pensicola. (Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron photo)

Marine Corps Receives Final RQ-21A Blackjack UAS



A U.S. Marine places the starter into an RQ-21A Blackjack during a recent Weapons and Tactics Instructor course at Canon Air Defense Complex in Yuma, Az. U.S. Marine Corp photo by Lance Cpl. Auburne Johnson)

The Navy and Marine Corps Small Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Office (PMA-263) delivered the final RQ-21A Blackjack system to the Marines at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina, June 12.

The final system will be used as a training asset for the Fleet Readiness Detachment (FRD) at MCAS Cherry Point. VMU-2, also located at MCAS Cherry Point, will maintain the system.

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) 3, located in Hawaii, received their fourth and final

system in March completing the squadron deliveries. This closes out the Marine Corps’ total order of 21 Blackjack UAS.

“As we wrap up the production phase of the RQ-21A program for the Marine Corps and Navy, we have also been transitioning to continued sustainment for the fleet to include platform and payload capability improvements,” said PMA-263 Program Manager Col. John Neville. “While it’s a normal shift in the life of any program, we maintain our focus on system readiness, affordability, and capability improvements to en-

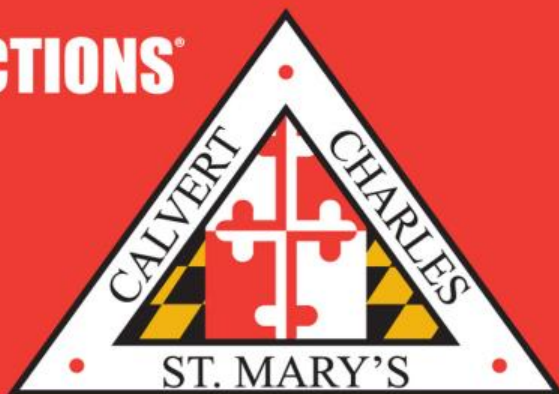
sure Blackjack remains a critical intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability that’s relevant for the warfighter.”

Lt. Col. Russell Strange, Medium UAS lead, said the program will also seek to add capability to the system and grow the customer base for foreign military sales. “Increased capability will include work on command and control, communication systems, avionics, optics, laser designation, and payloads,” Strange said.



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Deductible Defined

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Deductibles are the way in which a risk is shared between you, the policyholder, and your insurer. Generally speaking the larger the deductible, the less you pay in premiums for an insurance policy.

A deductible can be either a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the total amount of insurance on a policy. The amount is established by the terms of your coverage and can be found on the declarations page of standard homeowners and auto insurance policies.

How Deductibles Work

For dollar amount deductibles, a specific amount would come off the top of your claim payment.

For example, if your policy states a \$500 deductible, and your insurer has determined that you have an insured loss worth \$10,000, you would receive a claims check for \$9,500.

Percentage deductibles generally only apply to homeowners policies and are calculated based on a percentage of the home’s insured value. So if your house is insured for \$100,000 (schedule A) and your insurance policy has a 2 percent deductible, \$2,000 would be deducted from any claim payment. In the event of the \$10,000 insurance loss, you would be paid \$8,000. In the event of a \$25,000 loss, your claim check would be \$23,000. Note that with auto insurance or a homeowners policy, the deductible applies each time you file a claim.

Raising Your Deductible Can Save Money

One way to save money on a homeowners or auto insurance policy is to raise the deductible so, if you’re shopping for insurance, ask about the options for deductibles when comparing policies.

Increasing the dollar deductible from \$200 to \$500 on your auto insurance can reduce collision and comprehensive coverage premium costs. Going to a \$1,000 deductible may save you even more.

Most homeowners and renters insurers offer a minimum \$500 or \$1,000

deductible. Raising the deductible to more than \$1,000 can save on the cost of the policy.

Of course, remember that in the event of loss you’ll be responsible for the deductible, so make sure that you’re comfortable with the amount.

Hurricane and Special Deductibles

Wind/hail and hurricanes are covered by standard homeowners insurance; flood policies are purchased separately by homeowners and earthquake can be purchased as an option on Farmers Homeowners Insurance policies. But each of these disasters has their own deductible rules. If you’re in an area that’s high risk for one of these natural disasters, understand how much of a deductible you’ll need to pay if a catastrophe strikes.

Hurricane deductibles. Special deductibles may apply for homeowners insurance claims when the cause of damage is attributable to a hurricane. Whether a hurricane deductible applies to a claim depends on the specific “trigger” selected by the insurance company. These triggers vary by insurer and usually apply when the National Weather Service (NWS) officially names a tropical storm, declares a hurricane watch or warning, or defines a hurricane’s intensity in terms of wind speed. Hurricane deductibles are generally higher than other homeowners policy deductibles and usually take the form of a percentage of the policy limits.

Wind/hail deductibles work in a similar way to hurricane deductibles and are most common in places that typically experience severe windstorms and hail. Wind/hail deductibles are most commonly paid in percentages, typically from 1 to 5 percent.

If you choose a high quality insurer like Farmers Insurance you are able to choose one flat deductible in St. Mary’s and Calvert counties. This helps to take the guess work out of your deductibles and ensures you are covered for the same deductible whether Southern Maryland has a hurricane or hail storm. Ask your insurance provider for a deductible review and be sure to ask questions about deductible situations you don’t understand.

*By Alyssa Schmidt
Riverside Farmers Insurance
Special to the County Times*

Your Credit Rating



What exactly is “credit”? When you obtain a credit card or a loan from a bank, you are borrowing money. The credit card company or the bank charges you interest to borrow the money. You are expected to repay the money you have borrowed with the interest. If you repay on time, you have indicated you are a trustworthy borrower and you will be deemed worthy of borrowing more money at better interest rates than others.

Why does this matter? Because for some large items that we purchase, like a car or a house, most of us cannot pay the full amount for the item up front with cash. We will have to buy the item on credit. That means that everyone needs a credit rating in order to be able to borrow money if they have to.

Obtaining credit is especially important for women. Too often, older women do not have a credit history separate from that of their spouses. Unfortunately, when the spouse dies, the woman may have no credit history to rely upon to obtain credit. To protect themselves, women need to establish their own credit history. This is done by obtaining a credit card, making small purchases and paying off the credit card each month. Over time, a credit history will be established.

How do you get a credit rating? Your payment history is reported to three credit bureaus. TransUnion, Equifax and Experian are the three major credit reporting companies. If you have ever had debt you have paid off on time, like credit card debt or mortgage debt, the three major credit reporting companies have a file on you—not only that, they have given you a “credit score.” Every thirty days, each one of your creditors sends an update to the three credit reporting agencies and your credit report is updated. If you have paid your bills late, your will create a negative credit report. A bankruptcy will remain as a negative on your report for ten years.

Your credit profile and your credit score are constantly being updated based on information the credit reporting companies receive. It is critical that you know what is in your credit report—not just with one credit bureau, but with all three.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you are protected if there is inaccurate information on your credit report. You are entitled to receive your credit report annually without charge. You will have to pay a fee to get your credit report from the three reporting bureaus, but it is worth doing that to make sure you have a chance to correct or dispute any items on that credit report that can hurt your credit status. If you find any such items, send a letter to each one of the credit bureaus disputing the item or explaining it—even if the credit bureau keeps the item on your report, they are required to indicate it has been disputed by you and that can mean the difference to a potential lender reading your report. Do not stop writing the credit bureaus until you see the item corrected in your credit report.

If you learn you have a low credit score, how can you repair your credit right now?

Get a copy of your credit report and correct it. It is common to find errors on your credit report so check it thoroughly and send letters correcting any errors to the three credit reporting companies.

Set up payment reminders to make sure you pay your bills on time. Late payments are the most common source of low credit scores. Even if you have been paying late, make sure you pay on time and keep to the payment schedule so that the most recent payments are timely.

Reduce the amount of installment and credit card debt you owe. Stop using all of your credit cards—use just one. Then, make a plan to pay off all your credit cards. Pay off the credit cards charging the highest interest first. It takes time and can be painful but it is certainly worth doing.

I understand Experian (and probably all of the credit rating agencies) is offering to upgrade your credit when you show regular payments on utility bills. This sounds good—try it.

Join us for a discussion of this and other matters on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

By Lyn Striegel

Hoyer Announces Appointments to Service Academies

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) has announced the names of 14 Fifth District students appointed to the United States Service Academies. The students, nominated by Congressman Hoyer, have accepted offers to the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, and the Military Academy at West Point. All of the service academies require a nomination from an authorized nominating source. This afternoon, Congressman Hoyer hosted a reception honoring the nominated students at the Library of Congress in Washington; 12 of the 14 students attended.

"I was pleased to recognize these outstanding students today and congratulate them on their achievements," said Congressman Hoyer. "Each student here today has already shown dedication and desire to serve their nation, and I look forward to what the future has in store for each and everyone one of them. I was honored to nominate them, and I wish them well in their future endeavors."

Additionally, Congressman Hoyer announced the winners of the Army Congressional ROTC scholarship. The scholarship allows Members of Congress to nominate up to five candidates who were not offered an appointment to a military service academy. Two students from the Fifth District were awarded the scholarship this year, and were in attendance today – Megan Zegel from Anne Arundel County and Julia Markland from Calvert County.

The following Fifth District students received appointments:

U.S. Air Force Academy

- Niyah Martinez, Charles County

U.S. Naval Academy

- Eloisa Chubb, St. Mary's County
- Margaret Foulkes, Calvert County

- Renee Nosko, St. Mary's County
- William Rentz, Anne Arundel County
- Jonathan Simmons, Prince George's County

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

- Charles Burkes, St. Mary's County
- John Eckhardt, Anne Arundel County
- Christopher "CJ" Holmes, Charles County
- Luke McLaren, Prince George's County
- Nathaniel Smith, Prince George's County
- Kevin Ruthemeyer, Prince George's County

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

- Joseph Vita, Anne Arundel County

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

- Maxwell Van Rees, Calvert County

Six additional students, who received appointments from other sources but live in the Fifth District, attended today's reception:

- Joshua Bowman, Prince George's County - U.S. Naval Academy
- Ryan Conway, St. Mary's County - U.S. Naval Academy
- Jasmine Forbes, Charles County - U.S. Naval Academy
- Andrew McCorison, Calvert County - U.S. Naval Academy
- Zachary Shieh, Prince George's County - U.S. Naval Academy
- Mason Nunn, Charles County - U.S. Military Academy at West Point

*Press Release from
Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer*

Schools, Library Partner for Lunch and Learn

St. Mary's County Public Schools' (SMCPS) Judy Center and Food and Nutrition Services announce its free summer meals program in partnership with the St. Mary's County Library and a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. Students and their families will be able to access a free and nutritious meal for 12 weeks, Monday-Friday during the summer. Student meals are free of charge. Adults may eat for a minimal fee of \$4.00, and financial support is available for adults who need assistance. Details about the Judy Center's Lunch and Learn program and Lunch at the Library are included below.

On Monday to Friday, during the weeks of June 17-July 5, and August 12-August 30, the Lexington Park Li-



brary will be serving meals. Students and their families may visit the library from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to receive a nutritious box lunch.

On Monday to Thursday, during the weeks of July 8-August 8, the SMCPS' Judy Center Lunch and Learn will operate at Lexington Park Elementary School from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and at Greenview Knolls Elementary School from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Children and a parent or guardian may visit either site for a nutritious meal and a fun learning activity provided by a Judy Center partner. On Fridays, schools will be closed but families may receive a meal at the Lexington Park Library during the weeks of July 12-August 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more information or to make a contribution, please contact the Judy Center at 301-863-4068.

*Press Release from
St. Mary's County Public Schools*

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"Too Many Colors!"

Why is it that I can help anyone pick mat colors for a custom framing order, but in 18 years in this house I still cannot pick a color of paint I like for our bedroom walls. Every room in this house, except for our bedroom and the office where I am typing, has been repainted, and I still love all the colors. I would estimate that I have brought home over 200 paint chips from every hardware store and home center in a 50 mile radius. I tape all the paint chips up and watch how they look throughout the day. The problem is every chip looks dull and dreary in the bedroom, since there is not much natural lighting with all the trees out back. The only chip that ever looks good is cream or a creamy yellow which I love, however I would really love one of those dreamy roses and corals, or soft purplish tones. The room is small (you know how the standard split foyers are) so the medium tones would make the room look smaller, I think.

At present, the room is a fairly light blue gray, known in picture frame matting as Bar Harbor Gray. Bar Harbor Gray was very popular in the 80s and I used it a lot then too. The frame shop interior I worked at in the 80s - 90s was entirely based on Bar Harbor Gray, as was my bosses' house. I have had enough of this color... forever. I am not a blue person anyway, though I do like denim and periwinkle blues.



What to do? I know that white and cream would make the room seem larger (maybe). They just seem to harsh to me. The look appeals to me in all the magazines, but I don't think I could live with it. One reason is because I like shabby chic white furniture, so it would be too much white. We don't have the shabby chic bedroom furniture yet.

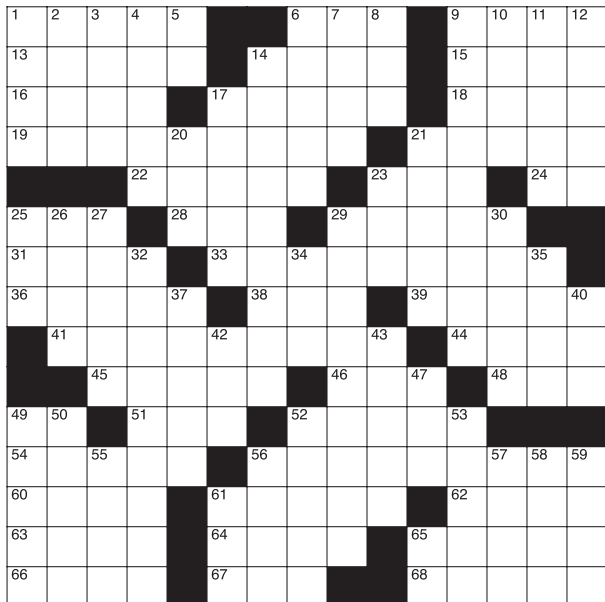
Maybe if I took a picture of the bedroom, printed it, then I could put mats around it and see what I liked. I don't know. It may just stay Bar Harbor Gray for another few years. Every time we think that this is it that we'll finally get to redo the bedroom, something has happened to set us back. Hopefully we are okay this time.

Maybe I could go back to lime green on the walls like my bedroom was in the 60s. I loved that color. My husband had said he wouldn't mind a green... Hmmm, I wonder how much he likes the color lime? I did think once that mixing areas of periwinkle blue and lime green might be neat, though that could be a combination that would induce more insomnia for me. I still love the romantic cottage look and think I always will. I love roses, soft pinks, ruffles, shabby chic, and sheer textiles which is amazing to me since I was such a Tom Boy growing up. Even then, deep down, I did love all that I just mentioned above.

A big regret I have is losing track of a 60s era white vanity I had when I was little. I have no idea when or where it went. It was the type that had the flat top where the mirror would lift up and you had cubbies for all your make-up. I wasn't allowed to wear make-up that young, so I have no memory of what I stored in the cubbies and drawers, probably Barbie accessories and Lincoln Logs. One day I am going to find another and buy it. I suppose it will have to go in my workshop since there is sure no room in our bedroom. Well, I will look forward to suggestions from you about what I should do - I'll also be waiting for all those in favor of lime.

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

Fun & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stores
- 6. Worthless entertainment
- 9. Where scientists work
- 13. Pretty flower
- 14. A way to act
- 15. Double-reed instrument
- 16. Type of acid
- 17. Famed astronomer
- 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
- 19. Profited from
- 21. Secret clique
- 22. Infections
- 23. Crony
- 24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)
- 25. Suitable
- 28. Fresh Price of ___ Air
- 29. Ancient city of Egypt
- 31. Basketball move
- 33. Polished
- 36. There's a north and a south
- 38. Egg of a louse
- 39. Once-ubiquitous

- department store
- 41. Portray precisely
- 44. Thick piece of something
- 45. Period between eclipses
- 46. Indicates near
- 48. Investment account
- 49. England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
- 51. Beak
- 52. Void of skill
- 54. Walked back and forth
- 56. A display of passion
- 60. Geological times
- 61. Type of restaurant
- 62. Spacious
- 63. Edible seaweed
- 64. Utah city
- 65. Tropical tree
- 66. Nervous tissue compound
- 67. Body part
- 68. Muscles and tendons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw out wool
- 2. Give someone a job

- 3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer
- 4. Footsteps
- 5. The Palmetto State
- 6. Books have lots of them
- 7. Diverse Israeli city
- 8. It's mightier than the sword
- 9. Confines
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Idaho's highest peak
- 12. Prevents from seeing
- 14. Determine time
- 17. Father children
- 20. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Dog genus
- 23. Peter's last name
- 25. Request
- 26. Walk heavily
- 27. Allowances
- 29. English football squad
- 30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
- 32. South Pacific island region
- 34. Unaccounted for
- 35. Small taste of whiskey
- 37. Ventilated
- 40. Helps little firms
- 42. One of means
- 43. Fencing swords
- 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 49. Turn upside down
- 50. S. African semi desert
- 52. Dutch names of Ypres
- 53. Instruct
- 55. Oily freshwater fish
- 56. Italian river
- 57. Sneaker giant
- 58. The men who man a ship
- 59. Some need glasses
- 61. Body part
- 65. Indicates position

Art Share Series Features Photography of Jazz Greats

Works of Robert H. McNeill Showcased



Robert H. McNeill

Join St. Mary's County Arts Council for the next Art Share Series presentation on First Friday, July 5th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. County resident, Susan McNeill will be giving an insightful presentation about her father's life and his work. Robert H. McNeill (1917-2005), a renowned freelance and later a U.S. State Department photographer, captured striking images ranging from everyday life to celebrated special events. All photographs will be on display for the month of July and will feature images of pre and post WWII legendary jazz musicians.

Robert McNeill's interest in the visual arts was sparked during high school; at the age of eighteen his first photo, of Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens, was published in five Washington, D.C. newspapers. McNeill studied at the New York Institute of Photography, worked as a photographic consultant to the WPA Federal Writers Project, and traveled extensively throughout the nearby areas. His images often captured the rich heritage of many African-American neighborhoods, venues, and institutions

of his era.

After serving three years in the U.S. Army, Mr. McNeill returned to Washington and created "McNeill News Photo Service". Commissioned by the United Negro College Fund, he compiled over a thousand black-and-white images chronicling postwar education programs for veterans in addition to the wide variety of other photographs he took in early post-war period.

Come meet Susan on July 5th and hear about her father's amazing career and the stories behind his photographs. Free event, doors will open at 5 PM at 22660 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD (first floor of the Leonardtown Arts Center). A door prize drawing will be held at 6:30 PM, must be present to win. For additional info call 240-309-4061, email info@smcart.org or visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com. To learn more about our featured artist visit www.roberthmcneill.com.

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St. Mary's County Arts Council

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A View From The BLEACHERS

A Memorable Pirate

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

In the wake of recent columns, the requests for “more sports” have swelled and have risen in there, shall we say, passion. I get it. When you pay to see the Rolling Stones, you expect to hear them play “Satisfaction”. A few deeper cuts are fine, but hits better dominate the set list. Or using a more humble and appropriate comparison for this column, when you order a grilled hot dog, it better arrive in charred glory. And so, here comes your grilled summer dog, in word form - sports with a side of nuthin’. Simple. Classic. The people have spoken.

To stoke the fires of inspiration, this bleacher bum went mobile, taking a road trip in search new life and new civilizations, or at least different lives and different civilizations. What I found, at the confluence of three rivers, was also the confluence of two right fielders, a powerful message about what resonates across generations and this column.

One of my favorite baseball players never suited up for my favorite team - the Orioles in my youth, the Nationals since arriving/returning to D.C. I never even saw him play. He died, tragically and far too soon, in a plane crash on December 31, 1972 while delivering aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Roberto Clemente was 38 years old.

Clemente played 18 seasons for the Pittsburgh Pirates. His baseball resume - 15-time All-Star, 12 Gold Gloves, four batting titles, a World Series and league MVP award, and election to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973 - speak to his all-around game and exceptional career. The year following his death, Topps issued an iconic 1973 Clemente card that captures his entire career statistics, including exactly 3,000 hits, the last of which was recorded in his final at bat. It is a must-have for any collector. As for his HOF induction the year after his death, the traditional five-year waiting period was waived, in part because of Clemente’s baseball accomplishments but also as a sign of respect for a man who died doing what he devoted much of his personal time to - humanitarian endeavors.

In a recent visit to Pittsburgh, Clemente’s legacy was still omnipresent - the “three rivers” city is adorned with a Clemente museum and statute, and a street and bridge bearing his name. That Clemente is still so revered nearly 50 years after his last game, is a testament to his baseball excellence; it is a more powerful statement about how Clemente lived his life.

While pondering Clemente’s greatness at the confluence of the Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, I couldn’t help but think of Bryce Harper, a modern-era right fielder and recent recipient of a \$330M contract. Admittedly, it is an unfair comparison. Harper isn’t and likely won’t ever be the player Clemente was. One hit for average, played hard, was among the best defensive outfielders ever and recorded a fair superior and more consistent Wins-Above-Replacement (Clemente); the other basically just hits bombs and has built a fame-based brand loosely connected to successful baseball (Harper).

I found Clemente’s sustained stature in Pittsburgh reassuring, both because society is sometimes more fascinated by players like Harper and not those of more substance, and because Clemente didn’t get lost in a city flush with HOF players across multiple sports. Instead, he feels like the most important athlete in the city’s history. But why did Clemente rise above the likes of Honus Wagner, Mario Lemieux and the legion of Steelers greats? With all due respect to those other Pittsburgh icons, Clemente memory remains so strong because he best represents the admired and elusive (in all humans, not just athletes) coexistence of professional and personal excellence. Baseball was only part of Clemente’s story; his humanitarian work was his true legacy. As Maya Angelou once said, “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Roberto Clemente made the people of Pittsburgh and world feel a little better about baseball and the arc of human history. As a short trip to Pittsburgh proved, that clearly has not been forgotten.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Fishing Report



Ken Lamb found perch in a creek off the Patuxent



Eric Risdan shows off catfish caught from Bushwood Pier

It was a good week fishing as the weekend weather was perfect and the catfish and perch were eager to bite.

Rockfish were also active in the rivers and bay taking trolled lures and pleasing lure casters and shore fishermen. The stripers were a bit finicky when lazy tides caused by Friday’s high winds made clean water hard to find, but there was still a good bite.

Cobia are causing excitement for trollers using sugical eels, chummers, and those live-lining eels. The cobia are still below Point lookout, but they are nearing Windmill Point and Smith Point.

Spanish mackerel were caught by trollers using small Drone Spoons and planer rigs at Windmill Point on Sun-

day. These speedy fish are coming to the ship’s channel near you. Where there are spanish the bull reds and cobia are on their trail.

White perch, spot and croaker are in the Patuxent from Sandy Point to Sotterly. Hawk’s Nest at the mouth of Cuckold’s Creek is hot. There are all three at the Three Legged and at Drum Point. Spot were caught at Second Beach near Little Cove Point.

Snake head are biting up the Potomac, Patuxent, the head waters of the St. Mary’s River. Allen’s Fresh, and Chaptico Bay, and that is just where we have had reports. The snake head are lure takers, fierce fighters and a delicacy to eat. What is not to like. Oh, all right, they are ugly, but nobody’s perfect.

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

In Remembrance

Anthony Guy Miranda



Anthony Guy Miranda, 69, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 18, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

Anthony (Tony) was born on June 7, 1950 in Warren, Ohio to the late Frank Miranda and Rose Marie (Wolfe) Miranda.

Tony married the love of his life, Betty Kay Miranda on March 5, 1977 in Winter Park, FL. They spent 42 wonderful years together. Tony attended Carnegie Mellon University and Vanderbilt University where he was a member of the ATO National Fraternity. Tony proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1971 until

his honorable discharge as Lieutenant in 1980. While in the Navy he served as a Weapons Officer and was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. One of his fondest memories was serving on the USS Ethan Allen while stationed in Hawaii. After serving in the military, he worked in the field of Nuclear Engineering and Project Management for BGE Constellation Energy for nearly 20 years. He enjoyed the game of golf, bowling, horseshoes, traveling with his wife, watching his children play sports, spending time with his grandchildren, and rooting for the New York Yankees and Washington Redskins. One of his greatest passions was to donate blood for the mission and success of the American Red Cross. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown.

Tony is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Lindsey Metcalf, of MD and Michelle Skinner (Devin), of MD; brothers, Frank Miranda, of OH, Greg Miranda, of FL; sisters, Debbie Curl (George), of OH, Linda Miranda, of OH, Rose Noble, of OH, Sandy Armentrout, of WI, and Nancy Lyman, of OH; four grandchildren (Izzy, Emmett, Avry, and Leia) and many cousins, nieces, and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bobby, Guy, and Fred Miranda.

Memorial contributions (to include blood donations) may be made to the American Red Cross, Southern Maryland Chapter, 80 West Street, Suite A, Annapolis, MD 21401, or the main office at P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839, or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216.

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

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John Edward Smith



John Edward Smith, 75, of Great Mills, MD passed away on June 20, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family.

John was born on April 10, 1944 in West Palm Beach, FL to the late 1st Lieutenant, Philip Linden Smith and Louise (Bowery) Smith.

John served in the U.S. Army from April of 1964 until his honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant in July of 1968. While in the military he qualified for the most elite branch of the Army, the Green Berets Special Forces and earned numerous awards including – The Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Purple Heart, Sharpshooter Badge, and the Air Medal. After his discharge from the military he enrolled in Virginia Tech, earning a bachelor's degree in Aerospace and Oceanographic Engineering and worked at Pax River Naval Air Station for 42 years. John was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 93. He married his loving wife, Kathleen Renee Cecil on November 23, 1988 in Leonardtown, MD. They spent 30 wonderful years together.

John is survived by his wife, Kathleen; children, Matthew Smith (Bri-

gitte), of Milford, MI, Terri Kelleher (Donal), of Galway, Ireland, Lt. Cody Smith (Shaine), of Newport, RI, Garrett Smith, of Lexington Park, MD, and Carson Smith (Nick Minucci), of California, MD; sister, Tracy Hatfield (Ed), of Augusta, GA, and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Andrew Rice Smith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-9917.

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Sylvia Alvey



Sylvia "Jean" Alvey, 79, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 21, 2019 at home with family by her side. Jean was born at home on November 15, 1939 to the late Mary Eva Hazel Alvey and James Leach Alvey of Leonardtown, MD. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother Leonard Jackson Alvey and great great nephew Calvin Oliver Emmart. She is survived by her aunt Mary Cusic of Compton, MD, sister in law Lois Ann Alvey of Leonardtown, MD, four nieces and nephews Ronald Stephen Alvey, Sr. (Denise) of Avenue, MD, Anne Marie Alvey of California, MD, Barbara Jean Emmart (Mike) of Mechanicsville, MD, Edward Wayne Alvey of Hollywood, MD, 8 great nieces and nephews, and 12 great great nieces and nephews.

Following graduation from St. Mary's Academy in 1957 Jean worked at the Frist National Bank of St. Mary's in Leonardtown, MD for 7 years in the bookkeeping department. In 1964, she joined the FBI as a fingerprint examiner and retired in 1994 as a Supervisory Fingerprint Examiner. Jean led a "truly contented" generous life, enjoying her work, traveling the east coast with great friends from Florida to Canada and especially enjoyed New England in the fall. Her hobbies included woodworking, painting, crocheting, crabbing, and spending time with family.

Jean was always available to friends and family to drive them to and from shopping, medical appointments, the airport or whatever they needed.



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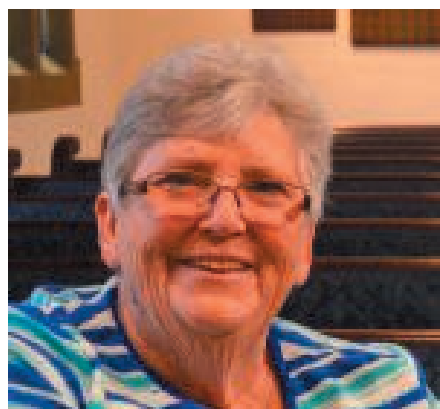
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She crocheted countless afghans for the nursing home, purchased boxes of food and toiletries for Helping Hands, was the unofficial photographer at any event she attended, helped friends, and neighbors by cutting their grass, and shared her eternal optimism with everyone she met.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be private.

Jo Allen Cusic Mattingly



Jo Allen Cusic Mattingly died on June 20, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on September 23, 1947 in Leonardtown,

MD. She was the daughter of the late Jimmy & Phiney Cusic of Hollywood, MD. She is survived by her son Timmy. She is also survived by her siblings Larry Cusic (Marcia) of Omaha, NB, Jane Heir (Mickey) of Vermont, Kevin Cusic (Charlene) of Hollywood, MD. Deceased siblings are sister Stephanie (Floyd) Abell and brother Andy Cusic.

She is survived by her nieces, nephews, and great nephews who she just loved dearly. She had special friends, especially Pattie Joy who was her sidekick. She had relatives that she always had good times with. Her favorite saying was Dear God, Put your hand on the Shoulder and one over my mouth. Jo Allen was known to all as Momma Jo, which her nephew Christopher named her. Sometimes she often wondered if anyone really knew her name. In 1983, she helped form the Hollywood Rescue Squad Auxiliary which she was a member of for 35 years. The Aux. became part of her adopted family and she had so much respect for the Volunteers at the Rescue Squad.

She was employed by C&C Plumbing & Septic, in Hollywood, Maryland for 23 Years, which was started by her parents and owned by her brother, Kevin. She retired on December 31, 2016.

Reading, gambling, and putting together flower arrangements were her joy! Her favorite places to go were Ocean City, Vermont, and Nebraska where she

would always threaten to move in with her brother Larry.

A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 9:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Cemetery Hollywood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Timmy Mattingly, Kevin Cusic, Larry Cusic, Christopher Cusic, Jamie Buzzell and Philip Cusic.

Contributions may be made to the Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 79 Hollywood, MD and Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD.

James Howard Thompson



James Howard Thompson, 77, of Abell, MD passed away in Avenue, MD on June 19, 2019. He was born

on October 30, 1941 in Leonardtown, MD. He was the loving son of the late Zach Thompson and Catherine Russell Thompson. James is survived by his children Teri L. Morgan and Caroline Middleton both of Avenue, MD, 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. As well as his brother David Thompson. He was preceded in death by his daughter Lisa Elaine Quade.

Charles E. Dotson, Jr.



Charles E. Dotson, Jr. "Charlie", 76, of Lanham, MD passed away Sunday, June 9th, 2019, at Bickford Assisted Living, Spotsylvania, VA.

He was born on November 30, 1942 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Charles E. Dotson, Sr. and Elizabeth Aileen

Who's Your Hero?

St. Mary's County has many "Hometown Heroes"

We all know one, a volunteer, a mentor, a community leader, a first responder, a good neighbor, a big brother or sister, a leader in the classroom or church.

Throughout 2019 the County Times will feature stories of St. Mary's County "Hometown Heroes."

To shine a spotlight on your hero email their name & contact info to aldailey@countytimes.net





Johnson.

Charlie was a physics teacher at Bowie High School for 24 years and one year at Great Mills High School. During his teaching years, he was also a general contractor, and started Dotson Builders. He had many interests: gardening, dancing, and flying small planes among others. He enjoyed doing charitable work for Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together, Anne Arundel County, MD. He enjoyed improving people's lives and never lost his passion for teaching.

Charlie touched so many lives working on projects for his relatives and customers who became like family, never losing touch with fellow teachers and friends from his home place. Making new friends wherever he went; he even won the hearts of his caretakers at Bickford in the brief time he was there. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

He is survived by his daughter Angela Helwig (Alan) and son Kenneth Dotson, along with his first wife Mary Louise. He is also survived by his second wife's daughter, Linda Riley (Rick), and sons, Patrick Flannery (Lori), David Moorman (Regina) and Tony Moorman (Jessica). He has 23 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren. Charlie is also survived by siblings Shirley A. Bowles (Tom) of Leonardtown, MD; Wayne J. Dotson (Barbara) of Mechanicsville, MD; Mary Helen DeLay (Terry) of Mechanicsville, MD; and ten (10) nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by Linda, his second wife, her sons Howard and Samuel, and his grandsons, A. Stephen Helwig, Jr. and Christopher (KID) W. Moorman.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and a Memorial Service conducted by Deacon Joe Lloyd, will be heard at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be private.

Family request memorial contributions to Rebuilding Together Anne

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

Arrangements are being made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

John William Bray



John William Bray, 76, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away in Leonardtown, MD on June 12, 2019. John was born to the late Edwin Bray and the late Ruth Havener Bray on December 15, 1942 in Washington, DC.

John worked as a Machinist for the U.S. Census Bureau, retiring in 1987. He was an artist who enjoyed creating figures and dioramas depicting the Civil War and World Wars I & II; history of the American West; and assorted humorous scenes. He won numerous First Place Awards and Best of Show Awards when he entered his work in shows in MD, VA, NC, and PA. Some of his work is displayed in the Pax River Naval Museum and in the military museum in Newberg, MD. He was a member of the Southern Maryland Scale Modelers Club. John also enjoyed reading and watching cowboy movies and classic TV western shows.

John married Shirley DeFontes in

1984. Together they celebrated 35 years of marriage. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He is survived by his three loving daughters, Abigail Williams (Dante), Patricia Hall (Robert) and Joyce Sims (Joseph).

A Celebration of John's life will be held on Monday, July 1st at 11:00 AM, at First Baptist Church of Waldorf, 10045 Bunker Hill Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in John's name to St Mary's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, MD.

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

Joseph Martin Gray



Joseph Martin Gray, 90, of Mechanicsville, MD died June 20, 2019 in LaPlata, MD. Born June 08, 1929 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late Martin Goddard Gray and the late Josephine Quade Gray.

Joseph worked for Pepco before retiring in 1995. He loved the outdoors from working the tobacco fields in his younger days, to gardening, cookouts with family, and anything involving the water; being on his boat, fishing and crabbing. He will be missed by many but none more than his family.

Joseph is survived by his children, Betty Ann Stone and her husband, Francis, Mary Jo VanMeter and her husband, Sonny, Jimmy Gray and his wife, Connie, Linda Bender and her husband, Jimmy, Debbie Radcliff and her husband, Robbie and Roger Gray and his wife, Roxanna; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Josephine Farrell of Brandywine, MD; his brother, Billy Gray of St Leonard, MD. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Elizabeth Cooksey Gray whom he married on December 3, 1949; brothers, Lawrence Leroy Gray, James Leonard Gray, Francis Elmer Gray; sisters, Maude Adell Combs, Margaret Ann DeMarr, Lucy Ann Gray and Pearl Mae Crutchfield.

Online condolences may be made at: www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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

Percy Eugene Bradshaw, Sr.



Percy Eugene Bradshaw, Sr., 83, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away in Baltimore, MD on June 14, 2019. Percy was born to the late Silas Fairfax Bradshaw and the late Jennie Virginia Brown on May 14, 1936.

Percy proudly served in the US Army from January 25, 1955 to June 6, 1956 and worked as a Mechanic in the auto-

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motive industry. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed listening to bluegrass music, fishing and working on cars.

Percy is survived by his sons: Percy E. Bradshaw, Jr., Joseph E. Bradshaw, James R. Bradshaw, Anthony E. Bradshaw, Charles Bradshaw; daughters, Joyce L. Brown, Linda D. Abbott and step-son, Jimmy Flynt. Also surviving are his brother, Thomas Bradshaw and sister, Mary Bradshaw; 22 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Bradshaw, Sr., Stanley Bradshaw, Franklin Bradshaw, Patsy Bradshaw, Margaret Bradshaw, Florence Bradshaw and great granddaughter, Kayla Renee' Kiley.

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

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Meredith Glen Baugher

Meredith Glen Baugher, 83 of Bushwood, MD passed away on June 15, 2019 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. He was born on May 16, 1936 to Gideon Baugher and Edith Virginia Fox in Rockbridge, VA.



Meredith married Wilma Guardiana on May 5, 1993 in the Philippines. He was enlisted in the Army and served its time until his honorable discharge. After his honorable discharge from the Army he went to work as a floor installer.

He is survived by his twelve children Cheryl Johnson (Robert) of Bushwood, MD, Judith Agravante (Nerio) of California, MD, Jane Balutvtang (Art) of the Philippines, David Baugher (Melody) of Bushwood, MD, Meridith Baugher, Jr of Lexington Park, MD, Michael Baugher (Cassie) of Bushwood, MD, Frank Baugher (Cyndi) of California, Rowel Toting of Bushwood, MD, Rogelio Toting (Emmy) of Bushwood, MD, Harold Toting (Lindy) of Lexington Park, MD, Billy Baugher of Prince Frederick, MD and Don Baugher. He was the grandfa-

ther of nineteen grandchildren and had three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents.

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

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

Wayne Christopher Cook



Wayne Christopher Cook of Hollywood, MD, passed away on June 19, 2019 in Washington, DC. He was 65 years old.

Born on April 22, 1954, in Aurora,

CO, he was the son of Richard and Barbara Cook of Hollywood, MD.

Wayne was a graduate of Surrattsville High School and St. Mary's College of MD. He taught for several years for St. Mary's County Public Schools before opening Cook's Liquors in Park Hall with his brother, David.

Wayne was an accomplished basketball and tennis player, and an avid supporter of the St. Mary's College Athletic Program. He enjoyed attending and cheering on his four sons' various athletic events from youth leagues through college. He coached a variety of youth sports and served on the St. Mary's Youth Lacrosse Board of Directors.

In addition to his parents, Wayne is survived by four sons: Garrett (Lauren), of Washington, DC; Blaine, of Rockaway Beach, NY; Taylor (Katrine), of Hollywood, MD; Mason, of Austin, TX; four grandchildren: Carter, Hudson, Violet, Olyn; as well as his brothers: Wesley, of Mechanicsville, MD; Ronald, of Solomons, MD; Richard, of Ft. Lauderdale; and one sister, Carolyn Matzerath, of St. Leonard, MD. He was preceded in death by one brother, David.

Donations can be made in the memory of Wayne to the St. Mary's County Special Olympics. Send to Kirk Degler, 28625 Flora Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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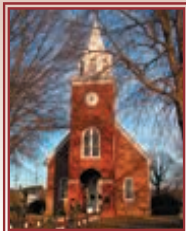
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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

Art Kids Classes

St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids join local artists for a variety of art classes during the summer. Young artists expand their understanding of art and history while learning to sketch, paint and sculpt. Designed for ages 7-17.

Classes 12:00-3:00 PM. Pre-registration required. \$3 per child. Materials provided. Info/register, Christina Barbour, 301-769-4723.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"

New Towne Players, Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

8:00 PM Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 3:30 PM Sundays

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UPCOMING

Chopticon High School Class of 1970

Planning is underway for the fifty (50) year class reunion on June 6, 2020 at the Old Breton Inn, Leonardtown. Request you provide your email and home address information to the Communication Committee at princesshouse4u@bellsouth.net, jacobmikel@verizon.net, and roychesley@aol.com. View the Chopticon High School Class of 1970 Facebook Page for further details.

Carnival

The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department's annual carnival will be held Friday-Sunday, July 5-7 and again July 11-15 beginning at 7:00 each night. Food, rides, and games. Unlimited rides \$10/night, or purchased separately. Free nightly prizes (must be present to win). Owned and operated by HVFD. ATM on site. Visit www.hvfd7.com

Local Film Makers

The Southern Maryland Film Festival is seeking films produced in St. Mary's, Calvert, & Charles County for their August event at the R/C Lexington Exchange Movies 12 in California. Visit <http://www.smdff.org/> for info. Deadline to submit is July 1!

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

July 12-14. Tickets and hotel packages are now available! "A Soulful Summer Serenade," jazz, seafood and stunning waterside views for jazz enthusiasts! Special Friday concert and Sunday jazz brunches and activities in downtown Historic Leonardtown in addition to the Saturday festival at St. Clement's Island Museum. <https://potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com/>

Friday, June 28

Park Place Toastmasters Club

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

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Visit to find out how we can help you develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills in a non-threatening environment!

Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar, 20331 Point Lookout Rd., Great Mills

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Ticket sales begin at 4:00 and end at 6:50. \$1. Drawing takes place at 7:00. Proceeds go to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School.

Hip-Hop Dance Master Class

22715 Washington Street Suite #1, Leonardtown

5:30 PM

Old and new school Hip-Hop dance warm-ups, body toning, technical drills, and extended combinations/routines. Tennis shoes or sneakers recommended for this Advanced Beginner level class. \$15. 18 and up (or with permission from instructor). Register at somsdspice.com.

River Concert Series

The Townhouse Greens, St. Mary's College, 47645 College Drive

7:00 PM

Open at 5:00. The Art of Dance. Featuring music of Les Sylphides. Ballet Caliente with the Chesapeake Orchestra. Music of Chopin, Arvo Pärt, and others.

Saturday, June 29

Contemporary Dance for Adult Beginners

Evolve Yoga + Wellness, 23415 Three Notch Road, #2004, California

12:30 - 3:00 PM

Emphasis on mind/body/soul connection in approach to movement design and awareness. \$20. 18 and up (or with permission from the instructor). Register at evolveyogawellness.com

Quade's Store Boating Scavenger Hunt

2:00 PM

Proceeds for the Seventh District Rescue Squad. Info: Trisha, 301-769-3214

Purse and Bag Bingo

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department

5:00 - 9:00 PM

Doors open at 5:00 games start at 6:00. Advance tickets/reservations: Sherry, 240-925-6141. Proceeds benefit the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department.

Hollywood VFD 11th Annual Fireworks Display Extravaganza

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Parking opens at 4:30PM. Music provided by Stars in Bars. Carnival Rides and Games. \$5 Armbands. Food and Drinks for purchase. Special appearance by the "Magic Man" Reggie Rice & Keegan Zimmerman US Special Olympics Gold Medal Winner. Accepting donations for parking. NO PETS OR COOLERS.

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

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

6:00 PM

\$80 Buy in = 12,000 chips. Food and drink available for purchase. Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828, Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Monday, July 1

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

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

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

7:00 - 11:00 PM

\$25 Buy in = 6,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing. Food and drink available for purchase.

Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828, Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Tuesday, July 2

Fundraiser

Texas Road House, California

5:00 - 9:00 PM

10% of bill goes to 2nd District Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad. Home-made baked goods for sale. Info: Robin, 301-737-4366(H) or 240-577-0270(C).

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Road, Avenue

6:00 - 7:00 PM

All active duty personnel and veterans join for the monthly meeting. Meeting conducted with the Auxiliary Unit for the installation of officers. Visit www.alpost221.webs.com/ or e-mail alpost221@aol.com. 301-884-4071.

Scouting BSA

Various Locations

8:00 AM

Scouting BSA has programs for boys and girls from Kindergarten up to 20 years of age. With over 70 units between St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles County, there may be one close to you. bob.davidson@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 3

Blood Drive

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, 25500 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

In coordination with the American Red Cross in the Outpatient Pavilion. Come to the pavilion lobby to check in. Info/sign up, call Health Connections at 301-475-6019.

Story and Craft Time at the Plantation

Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation, 47621 Old Cove Road, St. Mary's City

10:00 - 11:00 AM

A new bi-weekly summer program designed for children ages 3-5 and an accompanying adult. Stories, crafts and outdoor activities. \$4 child (\$3 Friends members) and one accompanying adult visits free. Rain or shine. 240-895-4980 or email info@HSMCdighistory.org.

Farmer's Market - "On the Road Again!"

Cedar Lane Senior Living Community, 22680 Cedar Lane Court, Leonardtown

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesdays through September 25th. Fresh in-season produce, eggs, local honey, and more.

Earth, Wind & Fire: LIVE!

PNC Waterside Pavilion, Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

6:00 - 10:00 PM

An evening with the legendary music group. Whether it's the funky and infectious, "Let's Groove" to the timeless dance classics. \$38-\$86. 410-326-2042, x16. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day

4th of July Parade

Lighthouse Road, Piney Point

10:00 AM

To the Piney Point Lighthouse where judging will take place. An excited community ready to celebrate the good old USA on Lighthouse Road. Enjoy the Parade! 301-247-6522

Solomons Fireworks

Solomons, 9:15 PM

Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks over the Patuxent.

St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050
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Mamma Mia at Toby's Dinner Theater

The Department of Aging & Human Services will host a trip to Toby's Dinner Theater on Wednesday, Aug. 7, to see Mamma Mia. Fall in love with this feel good story of a mother, a daughter, and three possible dads! This delightful musical features the timeless hits by ABBA and is sure to have you dancing in the aisles. The cost of this trip is \$98 and covers ticket to the show, lunch buffet, transportation on a spacious motor coach, driver gratuity, and snacks for the return trip. The bus will depart from the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 8 a.m. and the Northern Senior Activity Center at 8:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:15 p.m. to Northern and 5:45 p.m. to Garvey. Payment is due at sign up to secure your spot for the trip. Please let staff know at sign up if you need any seating or special accommodations. For more information contact Rachel Mowatt by phone at 301-475-4200, ext. 73103, or by email at Rachel.Mowatt@stmarysmd.com.

ClearCaptions Presentation: New Phone and iPhone App

There will be a presentation on the new, free Ensemble ClearCaptions phone by Rupali Dewan Tetrick, Title IV Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Specialist, at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 10, from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. She will also

be covering if you qualify and sharing the newest app for iPhone. To sign up for this free presentation, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, 73103.

Luncheon with Tommy Alvey & Friends

Join us as Tommy Alvey & Friends performs for the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Thursday, July 11. They will be playing a selection of bluegrass and old-time country. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. and the performance will begin at 12:30 p.m. The lunch menu is apple juice, pulled pork sandwich, deli roll, coleslaw, corn and cantaloupe. Cost for lunch is a donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, to learn more or to make reservations.

Skin Cancer Screening

Appointments are available for a free skin cancer screening at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, July 11. The free screenings will be offered until 1 p.m. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Hurricane Shelly Fresh Floral Arrangement

This is the only hurricane you will want this season! Celebrate the spirit of summer by making a fresh floral arrangement on top of a hurricane vase

filled with seashells at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, July 11, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. It's stylish and beachy vibe will be the highlight of any summer shindig. The vase stands at 6.5" tall is 2.75" across. Floral foam is used at the top of the arrangement to allow for foliage to drape down the sides. Please note that this arrangement may be top-heavy. It is advised that participants bring a tall container for transport. The cost is \$20 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Midsummer Celebration- Bring the Grandkids

The Midsummer Celebration will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 17, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. This party is for you and your grandchildren to celebrate together. It features a sundae bar from Sweet Frog, Karaoke by Scarlet Plus Entertainment, as well as opportunities to be creative. Cost is \$5 for adults and free for children age 12 and under (Maximum 5 free children tickets per paying adult). This party is limited to 100 people and tickets are required for every attendee. Stop by the Loffler Center to get your tickets before they are all gone. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Luau Tickets Now Available

The Loffler Luau, one of our most memorable summer traditions, is com-

ing up on July 25! Tickets are available now for \$10. Dance to the music of favorite DJ Mean Gene; enjoy a feast fit for a tropical island party and wear your favorite tropical garb (we'll supply the lei). Most important of all- bring your best party mood! A limited number of tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Stop by the reception desk during regular hours to get your ticket. Questions? Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Brain.e.ology

This class will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesdays starting July 16-Aug. 20, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Losing memory or cognitive ability is a tremendous fear but there is growing evidence that cognitive ability can be maintained or even improved to the end of life! Brain-e-ology is designed to:

- dispel the limiting myths of memory loss and aging
- give participants a better understanding of how their brain works.
- give participants the tools to incorporate brain fitness activities into their daily lives
- create open minds

More than 90% of participants report that they feel like they have more control over future memory loss after taking this program! There is no fee for this program. Class size is limited so register early. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.



Reptile Wonders Summer Performance

The St. Mary's County Library will host Reptile Wonders for two performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Reptile Wonders will perform Monday, July 1 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Leonardtown Elementary School, and then at Lexington Park Library from 2 - 3 p.m. Meet real, live reptiles from all around the world, and learn about these unique and amazing animals. All ages; no registration.

Storytime at Greenwell State Park

St. Mary's County Library will host a storytime at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Ln, Hollywood, MD 20636) on Saturday, July 6 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. Since the barn will be open to guests on this day, be sure to check out all the friendly horses and goats after

the program. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch in case you get hungry! It's a rain or shine event. Siblings welcome; no registration required.

Library Closed for Independence Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Friday, July 5.

Luis Garay Percussion Duo Summer Performance

The St. Mary's County Library will host Luis Garay Percussion Duo for two performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Luis Garay Percussion Duo will perform Wednesday, July 10 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Margaret Brent Middle School, and then at Leonardtown Elementary School from 2 - 3 p.m. Experience the drums, xylophone, and many more traditional instruments as we dance to the beats of Latin America and the Caribbean. This show is LOUD, interactive, and tons of fun for all ages. Come ready to join in the performance and experience music like you never have before! No registration.

Preschool Astronomy Explorers

Lexington Park Library will hold Preschool Astronomy Explorers on Thursday, July 11 from 3 - 4 p.m. Let's learn about outer space! We'll explore orbiting planets and twinkling stars with fun books, stellar crafts, and hands-on activities. For ages 3-6 with their caregivers. Registration required.

Tiny Terrarium

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Tiny Terrariums on Thursday, July 11 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Beautify your space! We're making mini gardens in recycled jars. All materials included. Ages 13-18.

TV Trivia Night

Lexington Park Library will hold TV Trivia Night on Thursday, July 11 from 6 - 7 p.m. Come test your knowledge of popular TV shows at team trivia night. This month's theme is sitcoms. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

LEGO Block Party

Lexington Park Library will hold LEGO Block Party on Friday, July 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. We supply the "bricks," you bring the imagination! Come and build something amazing with our thousands of LEGO and Duplo pieces. All ages/Family.

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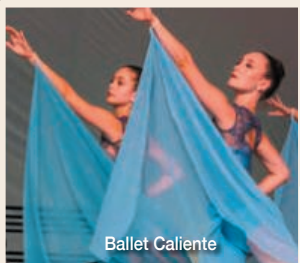


Zachery Silberschlag,
Principal Trumpet,
Hawaii Symphony

June 21 *The Travel Program*

Music from the World Capitals: Vienna, Paris, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, St. Petersburg, and a special musical trip showcasing dance from Southern India! *A tribute to Ed Cole.*

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



Ballet Caliente



Nathaniel Silberschlag,
Principal Horn,
Cleveland Orchestra

June 28 *The Art of Dance*

"Les Sylphides" 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 others. Larry Vote, guest conductor and St. Mary's Singers "Ping".



Pedro Giraudo



Jose Cueto

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

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



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