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# Planning Commission Continues Hearing on Leonardtown 7-11

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A hearing on the concept site plan for a 7-11 convenience store and gas station at the intersection of Route 5 and Medley's Neck Road in Leonardtown brought out strong opposition from residents.

Just one person spoke in favor of the project, while 15 others spoke against it.

The proposed convenience store would be located on a site where a long-vacant home now stands at the intersection, directly across from Leonardtown Middle School on the Medley's Neck Road side.

The store would be 3,065 square feet in size while the fuel canopy would be larger at 4,502 square feet; the convenience store would face the middle school.

The project meets the zoning requirements of what is known as the Corridor Mixed Use District there along Route 5, county planners at the meeting Monday night said.

Planning Commission Chair Howard Thompson said they wanted more information on how the project would impact traffic there and what improvements might be needed at the intersection, including possible extra turn lanes and extended queueing space.

"We would like a live model of the traffic impacts," Thompson said. "We wanted them to bring that back at the next hearing."

Such a computer-generated model would better show traffic impacts to the board and community, Thompson said.

The meeting lasted just over three-and-a-half hours and the planning commission voted to take up the project hearing again in early December.



Opponents of a planned 7-11 at the Route 5 and Medley's Neck Road intersection rallied at the planning commission meeting.

The commission will also take up another site plan for a 7-11 in Callaway.

Thompson said he and residents were concerned about the neighborhoods down Medley's Neck Road, immediately behind the proposed 7-11.

He said constant traffic at night would bring noise and headlights beaming into their homes without appropriate buffers.

The applicant's representatives, Nicholas Speach from Bohler Engineering of Bowie, said the plan called for extensive natural buffers.

"I'd like to see larger bushes and evergreens that last year-round," Thompson told The County Times.

Attorney Christopher Longmore was also representing the applicant.

Elaine Deems, a staff member at Leonardtown Middle School, said she could not think of any positive im-

pacts to the area even after watching the presentation on the proposed store.

"On any given morning... traffic can back up all the way down [Medley's Neck Road] to Hanover Woods," Deems told the commission. "Nothing is going to improve there with a 7-11 on the corner."

Karen Johnston, who also lives in Hanover Woods, said she was worried that the presence of the 7-11 could attract a criminal element.

"Crime is definitely a factor we're concerned about," Johnston said, citing studies showing crime could increase around convenience stores and gas stations.

"The crime in my neighborhood could increase by 10 percent," she said. "Right now it's basically zero."

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# Federal Program Could Mean Windfall for St. Mary's Projects



The intersection at Great Mills Road and Route 5 is one the county could seek federal funds to improve.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A federal program that has yet to be funded could mean more money for local infrastructure projects that directly support military installations, such as Patuxent River Naval Air Station, but are outside the main gate, commissioners learned at a joint meeting with base leadership Tuesday.

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) was first created as part of the National Defense Authorization Act and authorized up to \$100 million for projects that were ready to begin work upon release of funds.

There were no appropriations for the program in fiscal 2019 but for fiscal 2020 the House of Representatives appropriated about \$30 million while the Senate appropriated \$75 million for DCIP, according to information provided by Sabrina Hecht, community planning liaison officer on base.

The appropriations are not finalized, she said, but funding of the DCIP is likely.

"Our communities work together all the time," Hecht said. "So, this is important."

Hecht, while working with county

economic development chief Chris Kaselemis, have authored a list of local projects that they would recommend get funding, if the federal Office of Economic Adjustment develops regulations by the planned 2020 deadline.

He said the FDR Boulevard project from Chancellors Run Road to Pegg Road was at the top of the list, which included the Three Notch Trail and its 10-foot-wide path.

The total cost of completion for the final portion of FDR Boulevard is \$7 million out of a \$47 million overall cost for all other connections.

Next on the list for federal funding was the section of Route 5 from its intersection with Great Mills Road to Indian Bridge Road, Kaselemis said.

The roadway represents a significant traffic jam in the morning and evenings and serves as a conduit to Webster Field in St. Inigoes, which is a Pax River NAS adjunct.

The state is already applying for federal funding for the project, which costs an estimated \$29 million.

"That intersection is just a clogged mess," Kaselemis said. "It's a super high priority."

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# MQ-25 Stingray Program Will Bring 270 Jobs to Pax River NAS

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

An advanced unmanned aircraft project being tested in Missouri will make its way to Patuxent River Naval Air Station for its final evaluation in 2021 before being added to the U.S. Navy's fleet.

Along with the arrival of the MQ-25 Stingray, which will operate as an aircraft carrier-based refueling plane for other manned aircraft, will come about 270 more engineering and associated jobs to St. Mary's County.

Jeff Dodge, principal deputy program manager for the MQ-25 project, said the new aircraft should be ready for the deployment to the fleet by 2024 to 2025.

"It will give gas to other aircraft in the air," Dodge told navy officials and county commissioners at their joint meeting Tuesday morning. "It will fly like any other tactical plane on board [an aircraft carrier]."

The timeline for deployment to the fleet represents an accelerated effort which Pax River NAS will be a part of, Dodge said.

The MQ-25 will be the world's first operational, carrier-based unmanned aircraft, according to Dodge's presentation.

"It's about twice as fast as a conventional aircraft's timeframe," Dodge said.

The use of unmanned systems aircraft for refueling duties allows more personnel to be placed in essential combat roles, Dodge said.

The project also means additional hangar space on base to be built as well as laboratory space at Webster Field Annex in St. Inigoes.

Once testing is completed here support and maintenance activities will continue on base, Dodge said,



The MQ-25 Stingray

instead of being sent out to prime defense contractors.

The support activity should commence by about 2025, Dodge said.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said he was excited to see a significant new program find a home at Pax River

NAS.

"I'm excited to see this flying around here in the next few years," Colvin said.

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# Political Shift in Annapolis Worries County Leaders

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Since Sen. Thomas V. "Mike" Miller stepped down from the state senate presidency last week and the death earlier this year of Speaker of the House Michael Busch, Baltimore City legislators have moved into those positions, signaling a shifting to the political left in the leadership in the Maryland General Assembly, warned County Commissioner Todd Morgan.

Morgan warned that this shift meant that the interests of St. Mary's and the rest of rural Maryland could suffer.

Sen. Bill Ferguson is stepping into Miller's seat; Del. Adrienne Jones filled Busch's position.

"Changes are coming and to my mind they're not going to be slow or eased into," Morgan said near the end of the regular Tuesday commissioner meeting.

Morgan particularly mentioned the Kirwan Commission legislation, which seeks to increase spending by about \$4 billion over the next 10 years in Maryland.

Many local governments fear much of those bills could be laid on them in the form of more taxation from Annapolis.

Ferguson is a firm supporter of in-

creased education funding via the Kirwan Commission, Morgan said.

"That's getting closer to a vote," Morgan said.

Despite being on opposite sides of the aisle politically, Morgan praised Miller, who will still represent District 27 in the Senate, for his guardianship of Southern Maryland and rural counties throughout the state.

"What that leaves is a big gap, unfortunately, for rural Maryland," Morgan said of Miller's stepping down from the senate presidency. "Sen. Miller had always watched over rural counties, especially Calvert and St. Mary's counties.

"We knew he was always there for us."

Commissioner John O'Connor said Miller had always worked to support more Republican-supporting counties like St. Mary's and Calvert despite his being in the Democratic leadership.

He said Miller supported continued funding for improvements to the county airport and Historic St. Mary's City.

"Those were just two examples of his many years of service," O'Connor said.

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Senator Mike Miller

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# Projects Added to County Construction Plan

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

At the first budget work session of fiscal 2021 the Commissioners of St. Mary's County mulled over the capital improvement plan (CIP), which schedules all of the public construction projects for the next five years.

This year's CIP has a significant number of additional projects planned without any being removed or moved out.

The total CIP budget decided on for fiscal 2020 is \$81.7 million and included in it are millions of dollars in upgrades to public schools for heating and air conditioning, improvements to parks and recreation facilities, the county's adult detention center and money towards building a new animal shelter.

A total of \$2.5 million remains in the budget for the revitalization of the South Hampton community in southern Lexington Park as well as \$10 million for the completion of the connections for FDR Boulevard from Route 4 to Pegg Lane across from Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

This was an increase of \$3 million over the prior funding level and reflected how some projects had their funding reduced or increased.

New projects recently added to the plan include repairs to Johnson Farm Pond next to the St. Mary's Crossing property for \$570,000, a proposed Urban Legacy Program that would preserve undeveloped land that falls within safety zone restricted areas around Patuxent River Naval Air Station for \$6.6 million, a project to preserve the Piney Point Lighthouse shore against erosion for \$775,000, a St. George Island erosion program for \$882,250, a power grid upgrade for the 911 back up center for \$500,000 and a new California farmers market for \$1.9 million.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the capital budget will require a lot of work to find priorities.

"There's a lot of projects that need to be sorted out to see what's fundable," Morgan said in a later interview. "Everybody's got their wish list.

"There's going to have to be a reckoning."

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# Drone Safety Event to Be Held at St. Mary's County Regional Airport



The Federal Aviation Administration has designated Nov. 4-10, 2019 National Drone Safety Awareness Week. To recognize this week, there will be an evening of presentations and demos highlighting drone safety at the University of Maryland's (UMD) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Test Site located at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport, 44181 Airport Road in California, Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Presentations at the UAS Test Site will begin at 5:30 p.m., and will include the following:

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- A presentation by representatives of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) on recreational drone use.
- A presentation by pilot and UAS fleet management expert Anthony Pucciarella, president of Alaris Pro and Mission Go.
- A presentation by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on the use of drones by law enforcement, including for traffic enforcement, location of missing persons, apprehension of suspects, detection of illegal drug operations, and surveillance of areas affected by criminal activity.

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# The Patuxent Partnership Holds Annual Meeting

## Speakers Highlight Defense's Economic Impact



TPP Executive Director Bonnie Green dressed as ace of spades for Halloween.



Senior Director of the Maryland Office of Military and Federal Affairs Lisa Swoboda

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Maryland's military installations are huge contributors to the state's economy and the state is committed to supporting and protecting them. That was the message from the two speakers at the annual

meeting of The Patuxent Partnership (TPP) on Oct. 30 at University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland.

TPP Executive Director Bonnie Green said their mission is "to connect the dots." Their annual report released at the meeting further explains that role "to foster collaboration among

academia, industry, and government from technology to STEM initiatives in Southern Maryland and beyond, to promote sustainable economic vitality and enhanced quality of life."

They are a non-profit member organization "working to advance technology through speaker programs, forums, and networking; to advance science and technology transfer through the exchange of ideas, information, and data related to technologies; and to increase workforce development through an array of programs and initiatives."

The two guest speakers were both from the Maryland Department of Commerce: Senior Director of the Office of Military & Federal Affairs Lisa Swoboda and that office's Director of Federal Business Relations Helga Weshcke.

Swoboda, a St. Mary's College graduate, explained that her agency was created in 1999 as the result of the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) rounds that decade. "We serve as the state's liaison to the military installation community and our non-military federal agency partners here in Maryland. What that means is we work very closely with the military installations and our federal agencies to understand their missions and to see how as a state we can help support and sustain that mission and help grow it to grow the economic base associated with it."

She said Maryland has 20 military facilities, of which 12 are major installations. Additionally, there are 60 civilian federal agencies, including centers for Medicare and Medicaid, IRS, Social Security, FDA, NIH, NASA and NOAA.

The state also has 74 federal labs, "twice as many federal labs than any other state in the nation," she said.

Swoboda said the state ranks first in federal Research and Development obligations. "That shouldn't be a surprise when we have twice as many federal labs than any other state." But the state

also ranks fourth in overall defense spending, topped only by California, Virginia and Texas.

Where does St. Mary's County fit into this picture in the state? She said it ranked third, behind Anne Arundel, with Ft. Meade and the National Security Agency and Montgomery County.

"So, you're very well positioned, and we clearly understand the importance the defense industry does have here within the county and the state." She said 60,000 jobs throughout the state were attributable to Pax River.

"I'll also mention that Maryland is ranked number one in the highest concentration of employed doctoral scientists and engineers and we are number one in the concentration of workers in STEM occupations," Swoboda said.

Swoboda and Weshcke then detailed for TPP members the variety of services and grant opportunities available to them through the state. They include Maryland Defense Network, a free research web-based tool. It started out as mapping the defense supply chain, but Swoboda noted, "We wanted to build a tool that would be a benefit to the contractor community." The state's economic development community is one of the beneficiaries of the network.

Another service is the Maryland Defense Technology Commercialization Center (Dtech). "It's our effort at looking at diversification to also include technology transfer. We have a number of our defense labs here that do develop technologies that are available for licensing. So, we're trying to find companies, understand their capabilities and do a matchmaking."

In honor of Halloween, TPP's staff dressed in costumes as characters from Alice in Wonderland. Green addressed the audience as the ace of spades.

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## Ceremony to Memorialize 1887 Lynching Victim on Maryland Emancipation Day

On Maryland Emancipation Day, Nov. 1, 2019, the St. Mary's County Museum Division, in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, Alabama, the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project, the Town of Leonardtown, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Unified Committee on Afro-American Contributions (UCAC), St. Mary's County NAACP, Community Mediation Center of St. Mary's County, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church in Leonardtown, Together We Will, the Sierra Club, the Archdiocese of Washington, St. Mary's Ryken High School, Maryland Commission on African American History & Culture, Tri-County All-Community Collaborative, Closing the Gap Coalition, All Saints Episcopal Parish, St. Mary's County Libraries, Concerned Black Women and others, will host a Soil Collection Ceremony in commemoration of lynching victim Benjamin Hance, at 4 p.m. at Port of Leonardtown Winery Park, where Hance was said to have died in 1887.

The ceremony is one of healing and remembrance for the only documented lynching victim in St. Mary's County - Benjamin Hance - in 1887. During the ceremony, soil will be collected from the spot where Hance died and put into two specially-made jars. One will travel to Montgomery, Alabama, and become part of the National Memorial for Peace & Justice, and the other will stay in St. Mary's County and become part of a traveling display to educate local citizens, visitors and students.

Karen Stone, Manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division, indicates that a soil collection ceremony is significant. "It is said soil holds the memo-

ries of the things that happened upon it. So, by collecting the soil at the spot where this act happened and placing it in a memorial, we acknowledge and never forget that this did indeed occur." She continues: "We will then lay a wreath, which will eventually decay into the same soil, to contain happier memories for the future."

The Equal Justice Initiative, which has been partnering with other organizations to collect similar jars of soil from around the country at other such sites and bringing them to the memorial, says on their website that "more than 4400 African American men, women and children were hanged, burned alive, shot, drowned, and beaten to death by white mobs between 1877 and 1950. Millions more fled the South as refugees from racial terrorism, profoundly impacting the entire nation. Until now, there has been no national memorial acknowledging the victims of racial terror lynchings. On a six-acre site atop a rise overlooking Montgomery, Alabama, the national lynching memorial is a sacred space for truth-telling and reflection about racial terror in America and its legacy."

Speakers and participants at the ceremony include Dr. Kyrone Davis, Scholar-Practitioner of Executive Leadership in Human and Organizational Learning, who will give the keynote speech, St. Mary's County Commissioner President Randy Guy, Leonardtown Mayor Daniel Burris, St. Mary's County Sheriff Timothy Cameron, Fr. David Beaubien of St. Aloysius Church, Dr. Janice Walthour from the St. Mary's County NAACP, Gabrielle Daniels from the Equal Justice Initiative, and students from St. Mary's Ryken High School's Black Student Union and other clubs

who will recount the Benjamin Hance story and perform a dance and song during the ceremony.

Ms. Stone believes such an event will bring about community awareness to such difficult topics, much of which many residents in the region know nothing about. "It was such an honor to be asked by Dr. Janice Walthour from the St. Mary's County NAACP to head up this Soil Collection Project. Though it is just one small part of her 'Building Bridges: Dismantling Racism SOMD' initiative, this ceremony gives us an opportunity to connect with other statewide and national groups like the Equal Justice Initiative and the Maryland Lynching Project to face and discuss these issues head-on and hopefully bring about some healing after all these years."

For more information regarding the ceremony, please visit [Facebook.com/DraydenSchoolhouse](https://www.facebook.com/DraydenSchoolhouse), or for more information about the Equal Justice Initiative, visit <https://www.eji.org>.

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information regarding hours of operation, programs, events, admission prices and more, visit the St. Mary's County Museum Division at [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum) or [Facebook.com/1836Light](https://www.facebook.com/1836Light), or on Twitter at [@StClemIsMuseum](https://twitter.com/StClemIsMuseum) or [@PineyPtLHMuseum](https://twitter.com/PineyPtLHMuseum), or at [museums.stmarysmd.com](https://www.museums.stmarysmd.com).

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## Colton's Point House Fire Under Investigation



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Maryland State Fire Marshals are still trying to ascertain the cause of a fire that destroyed a home in Colton's Point Oct. 25.

A neighbor discovered the fire in the laundry room portion of the home on Riverview Drive; no one was injured in the fire but the two story, single family home was a total loss.

Fire marshals estimate the total damage was \$200,000.

There were no fire alarms present in the home, fire marshals stated.

It took 35 firefighters from the 7<sup>th</sup> District volunteer fire company 30 minutes to knock down the blaze.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Southern Regional Office, at 443-550-6835.

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## St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report

### Assault/Property Destruction-

On October 16, Dep. Shelko responded to the 25600 block of Grandiflora Court in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Thomas Aaron Thomas Caparella-Monat,



27 of no fixed address, assaulted the victim during an argument by striking the victim in the face. Caparella-Monat also kicked the victim's mirror, shattering the mirror. Caparella-Monat was charged with Assault Second Degree and Malicious Destruction of Property.

### Drug Arrest-

On October 17 DFC. Ball responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center located in Leonardtown, for the reported pre-trial violation. Investigation determined Charles Edward Summers,



36 of California, was brought into the detention center and located in Summers' pocket was a pill bottle containing sus-

pected Clonazepam. Summers was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, Possess Contraband at Place of Confinement, and Possess CDS While at a Place of Confinement.

### Assault-

On October 20, 2019, Cpl. LeFave responded to the reported assault in the 43900 block of Peony Place in California. Investigation determined Andre Gregory Passie, 30 of California, assaulted



the victim by pushing the victim into a door during an argument. Passie was arrested and charged with Assault Second Degree.

### Assault-

On October 20, 2019, Dep. Burgess responded to the 23800 block of Hollywood Road in Hollywood, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined



during an argument Crystal Ann Hebb, 30 of Hollywood, assaulted two victims. Hebb assaulted one victim by shoving and

striking the victim, and threw numerous items at the second victim. The second victim was struck by one of the items thrown by Hebb. Hebb was arrested and charged with two counts of Assault Second Degree.

### Alter Drug Test-

On October 21, 2019, Dep. Shelko responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center located in Leonardtown for the reported drug test violation. Investigation determined Daniel Holley Dement,



52 of Lexington Park, responded to the facility to provide a drug/alcohol test sample as court ordered. Dement attempted to use a hidden sponge that was saturated in water, to provide the sample. Dement was arrested and charged with Alter Drug/Alcohol Test.



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# Spooky Times and Sweets in Leonardtown's Town Square

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# STEM Expo Shows St. Mary's Students Tech Talents



Matt Scassero of the UAS Test Site in California shows young people how to pilot drones on a simulator program.



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# CSM Hosts One Maryland, One Book Author

The College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) La Plata Campus is one of six November stops in the One Maryland One Book tour featuring author Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha as she discusses her book, "What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City." Hanna-Attisha will speak and sign copies of her book Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. as part of this year's One Maryland One Book program. The book chronicles Hanna-Attisha's efforts to uncover the contamination of Flint, Michigan's drinking water.

The One Maryland One Book effort aims to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. Created by Maryland Humanities, readers are also invited to participate in book-centered discussions and related programs at public libraries, high schools, colleges, museums, bookstores and community and senior centers around the state. According to Maryland Humanities, "What the Eyes Don't See" is the inspiring story of how Hanna-Attisha—accompanied by an idiosyncratic team of researchers, parents, friends, and community leaders—proved that Flint's kids were exposed to lead and then fought her own government and a brutal backlash to expose the truth to the world. Paced like a scientific thriller, this book shows how misguided austerity policies, the withdrawal of democratic government, and callous bureaucratic indifference placed an entire city at risk. And at the center of the story is Hanna-Attisha herself—an immigrant, doctor, scientist, and mother whose family's activist

roots inspired her pursuit of justice.

"I'm humbled and psyched that What the Eyes Don't See has been selected as the 2019 One Maryland One Book," said Hanna-Attisha. "I am looking forward to engaging with Maryland readers about the many timely issues that the book magnifies including poverty, race, industrial decline, inequality, toxic stress, austerity and immigration. I'm especially happy that the committee recognizes that environmental justice fits neatly within this year's theme of 'nature.' In Michigan and Maryland – states with an abundance of natural beauty – the burden of environmental harm does not fall equally."

Hanna-Attisha is a pediatrician, professor, and public health advocate who spearheaded efforts to reveal, publicize, and fix Flint, Michigan's water crisis. In 2014, a change in the city's water source resulted in astronomical amounts of lead leaching into the drinking water, causing irreversible damage to Flint's residents. As a local pediatrician, the poisonous levels of lead in the water terrified Dr. Hanna-Attisha, and she was shocked that the government ignored complaints, protests, and reports from citizens, journalists, and experts. She knew that the only way to stop the lead poisoning would be to present undeniable proof on a national platform.

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# Thousands in Southern Maryland pay for dentistry they never get done!

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK  
Research Reporter

Statistically about 50% of the local population have dental insurance. Of that percentage only 50% of them properly use the dental benefits they are paying for. Most of them have no idea what benefits they have and how easy it is to lose them. To make the most of their dental benefits the consumer needs to understand how dental insurance works.

Dental insurance plans can be confusing. There are several components to a dental insurance plan. First there is the monthly premium that must be paid by the consumer, or in some cases their employer. There is the discount that is applied to all the dental codes that the insurance company negotiates with the dental offices. These discounts only effect "in-network" dentists and usually average about 30% off the usual and customary rate that a person without insurance would pay. Then there is the annual maximum. This is the amount that the insurance company is willing to pay on the insured's behalf per year. This typically ranges between \$1000 and \$3000 depending on the plan and how much the premium is per month.

While it certainly is a benefit to the consumer to have the lower fees that are negotiated on their behalf between the insurance company and the dental practices that are in-network, this discount doesn't make the cost of the annual fees worth the value. Those who have a healthy smile, would

likely never use the restorative benefit or at least not much of it. In other words, a 30% discount on something not being used or purchased doesn't hold any value.

Most of the insurance plans pick up the entire or at least most of the insured consumers' preventative maintenance. This is usually the procedures that are recommended to be done twice per year by your hygienist. This may include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, exam, and the like. The insurance company would have you believe they are the hero for paying for these visits, but in fact, the consumer paid for them. They just allowed the consumer to spread the payments out throughout the year in monthly payments or weekly deductions from their payroll. Insured individuals that don't take advantage of their preventative visits by seeing their hygienist twice a year are literally throwing their money away. It would be the equivalent of paying for two nights in an upscale hotel in DC but never showing up for the stay! Who would do that? These dental visits are of equivalent value; but yet 25% of the insured public throws these visits they paid for away.

Regular preventative maintenance visits drastically reduce the likelihood of major restorative procedures in the future. It is a known fact that preventative dental care not only saves the integrity of the smile but it truly saves the patient from high cost restorative care in the future.

The dental insurance company wins when the patient waits to go to the dentist. Those

who pay for dental insurance every year but never go to the dentist are writing a free check to the insurance company. The insurance companies are keeping the money they've earmarked for preventative care as well as the entire annual maximum for those patients. Putting off dentistry until it hurts could easily escalate to \$5000 worth of treatment or much more in one year. The dental insurance company will only contribute \$1500 because that is the average maximum on any given plan which leaves the out-of-pocket due at \$3500 for the insured individual in this example. Whereas, had they gone to the dentist every year and had the work done as needed over the course of four years, their out-of-pocket may have been zero, as the \$1500 per year (\$1500 x 4 years = \$6000) would have covered \$6000 over the four year period.

But the insurance companies do not let annual maximums roll over. They have a strict use it or you lose it policy. One would think that the insured consumer would be able to accrue his or her benefits since they literally paid for them and did not use them. Not the case; leftover benefits become pure profit for the insurance companies. The insurance companies are in business to make money, not to save smiles.

Dental providers see patients every day who put off dentistry and then struggle to pay for the work they need to have done. It is very sad for both the dental provider who wants to help the patient and for the patient who is in pain or embarrassed by the condition of their smile. Dental providers want their

patients to see them as recommended but can't force anyone to do anything. This is why they try to educate them about the benefits that they have with their insurance company, so that when they need work, they understand how to best take advantage of their insurance.


Most dental plans end at the end of a calendar years. The average plan allows for a \$1500 annual maximum. Someone treatment planned today to have \$3000 in restorative treatment done, can start the procedures in November or December and finish them in January. This will allow them to take maximum advantage of the dental insurance they've paid for.


Call your dental office. Ask them if they are in-network with your insurance. If they are, schedule an appointment for a cleaning and a checkup. See if you have any dental work that needs to be done. Then ask your dental office what your annual limit is and how much remains. If you have work that needs to be done, use your annual benefit before the end of the year. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it.

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# Falling for Fall Classic Magic



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By Ronald N. Guy Jr  
Contributing Writer

In the immortal words of Buffalo Springfield, “There’s something happening here and what it is ain’t exactly clear.” But by the time you read this, the verdict will be in - the Washington Nationals will have won the World Series or have fallen painfully short - and I...we...will have lived, for better or for worse, what was previously unknown.

Crazy statement: The outcome doesn’t matter. Some context...

I worked with a Yankees fan in the early 2000s. A keen eye will recognize the timeframe as a glorious, multi-championship era (the Yankees won four championships between 1996 and 2003) and question my colleague’s authenticity. No need - “Bob” arrived in Southern Maryland from New York and the shadows of Yankee Stadium. He wasn’t a Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera bandwagon fan; the pinstripes were in his bones.

At the time, I had never had a baseball team of my own - the Nats wouldn’t arrive until 2005. I casually rooted for the Orioles as a kid, but once Cal Ripken Jr. retired, I abandoned them and Peter Angelos, their curmudgeon owner, altogether. Me and the O’s? There was never any love.

This is relevant because loving a baseball team is different from other sports. Baseball is beautifully antiquated, a unicorn of sorts in this otherwise instant and over-stimulated age. It forces us to slow down, to contemplate, to think carefully and notice little details normally smudged by life on fast-forward. During the regular season, sitting in the park on a beautiful summer day offers a therapeutic calm; during the playoffs, watching this untimed sport filled with mind-racing dead-time can torment like no other.

Bob and I worked together for about three years and his beloved Yankees made the playoffs every fall of our professional overlap. Sometimes things went the Yankees’ - and Bob’s - way, and sometimes they didn’t. Whatever the outcome, the games were usually long, dramatic affairs with an emotional, anxiety-inducing crescendo with every pitch.

I loved talking to him the morning after epic games (easier if the Yankees won). The outcome wasn’t my primary interest; instead, I was intrigued to hear from a true, diehard fan, what it was like to root for a baseball team - your beloved baseball team - during a deep October run to the World Series.



Bob had a light-up-the-room, beaming smile that was typically accompanied by a warm chuckle. I remember pressing him once after a particularly epic Yankees playoff game, “Bob what was it like for you watching that...pitch after pitch, inning after inning?” Bob grinned and said, “Ronnie, you can’t understand... it is like misery and joy at the same time.”

Bruce Springsteen is known to scream, “Is anybody alive out there?”, before ripping into his song “Radio Nowhere.” It’s a rousing pulse-check, just to make sure his audience is appropriately frenzied. his October, as the Nationals marched to the World Series, obsessive pacing, sweaty palms, guttural screams of joy and anguish and a permanent knot in my stomach became evening norms. Sleep...was in short supply. At all points, I felt very much alive. Or was I accelerating toward a premature, stress-induced demise? Maybe both?

Regardless, and like Bob earlier this millennium, I wouldn’t have had it any other way. The Nats didn’t just inject my October...our October...with adrenaline, they brought us together in a way that few things other than sports can. We rallied behind the excellence of Juan Soto, who just turned 21, the irresistible story Ryan Zimmerman, the 35-year-old, lifelong Nat, and “Baby Shark,” the Gerardo Parra walk-up song that galvanized Nats Nation. It was all highly contagious, memorable stuff.

Whatever the ending, we rallied together and shared much - ups and downs, hope and doubt, joy and anxiety.



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ety. Curly “W’s became our trademark; wearing red, white and blue represented more than patriotism; and starting workdays with discussions of baseball was certainly more fun than, you know, actual work. D.C. in the fall of 2019 transformed into the New York that was described to me so many years ago. What a time to be alive.

Wherever Bob is, I picture him smiling while he whispers, “Now Ronnie understands”.

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# Rossignol Holds the Reins at Leonardtown Barrack

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For just over a year Lt. Krystle Rossignol has been in charge at the Maryland State Police Barracks in Leonardtown and of all the challenges she and her 32 state troopers face on a daily basis in St. Mary's, reducing the number of drunken or drugged driving cases has been the toughest.

Despite increased efforts on the part of troopers to enforce traffic laws and make themselves more of a force on county roads, they have had little success in reducing the number of people arrested for driving while intoxicated, she said.

"These kinds of crashes have steadily increased," Rossignol told The County Times. "We haven't been able to reduce them."

So far this year there have been at least 10 people killed in traffic crashes on county roads, but none have been related to alcohol or drugs, according to combined state police and sheriff's office figures, but the arrests for driving while intoxicated have continued to climb.

The current total for impaired driving to date is 417 arrests.

"It's one of our most dangerous issues we have to deal with," Rossignol said.

State troopers are often seen in the community conducting traffic enforcement operations but Rossignol, who is the barrack's fourth female commander at 36 years old, said her relatively small force of troopers is constantly kept busy responding to criminal complaints.

"The public thinks we're just out there stopping cars," Rossignol said. "But we have more ways to serve."

Responding to calls for assault represents the highest amount of crimes, she said, split roughly evenly between domestic-related attacks and the remainder taking place under a wide variety of circumstances.

The next highest level of criminal complaints her troopers are often called to are thefts, either from businesses, burglaries to homes or from motor vehicles.

Most of the crimes her troopers encounter or investigate are fueled by illicit drugs, either the taking of them or by the addiction to them, she said.

All of this adds up to a busy barrack for such a rural location, Rossignol said, noting the comparison with larger counties.

"We're always near the top, especially for traffic stops, DWIs and drug arrests during those stops," Rossignol said. "It's a high activity barrack and that's because we've got high functioning troopers."

Rossignol has risen quickly in the

ranks to command status in her 15 years in the agency.

She grew up in La Plata and moved here with family in 2003 when she was just 20 years old.

She joined the state police and completed her training and started out on patrol in 2005, riding the county roads for three years.

Then she moved up to the detective ranks of the now defunct Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI), what was a joint venture between the sheriff's office and the state police.

"I loved it," Rossignol said. "It was a great experience."

BCI was regarded regionally as an elite unit of detectives that took on the highest profile, usually meaning the most violent or most sensitive, criminal cases in St. Mary's.

Their closure rate on cases ranging from bank robberies, sex offenses and assaults to homicides was above 90 percent.

She was a detective with the unit for just two years but remembers it being one of the best training grounds for a young law enforcement officer.

The case she worked that she remembers most was the incident in which a bank teller and her children were kidnapped by a trio of bank robbers from their Calvert County home and then taken to St. Mary's, where they instructed the teller to remove money from the PNC Bank in California while the assailants held one of her children hostage.

After a rapid response from detectives, they were able to locate some of the suspects in North Carolina where they were arrested.

In all, four conspirators were indicted and pleaded guilty to felony charges in federal court.

"One of the most interesting cases was the PNC Bank robbery," Rossignol said. "It was good to see everyone [law enforcement] coming together and closing it so quickly."

After her stint as a detective, Rossignol received a promotion to corporal in 2010 and became a first line supervisor in patrol; she served there for two years and went back to La Plata to serve in the local barrack as a shift commander with the rank of sergeant.

In 2014 she moved up to the Internal Affairs Division (IAD), which investigates complaints or issues regarding state police personnel, with the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant.

She took command of the Leonardtown barracks in September of last year.

Before her law enforcement career began, she worked for a special dog train-



Lt. Krystle Rossignol

ing facility in Charlotte Hall training canines for law enforcement and security use.

"I used to train dogs in obedience and drug and bomb detection," Rossignol said.

These canines then went to work in other countries in various security roles, she said.

"They all have their own unique challenges," Rossignol said of her variety of assignments over the years. "When you're a new trooper you encounter new things every day."

Rossignol says one of her priorities is to find new troopers who are native to St. Mary's County to give law enforcement greater capacities in dealing with the community.

There are four recruiters at the barrack seeking new applicants and her agency has just hosted a job fair and an open

house in past weeks. Recruiting is a collateral duty among four troopers.

"We want people who know the roads, who know the communities and who know the people," Rossignol said. "That will help us better serve the community."

The barrack commander said she never really considered a career outside of law enforcement or some kind of emergency response capacity.

She had originally wanted to become a firefighter, but her father did not want her to pursue that path. "I wanted to serve the community in some fashion," Rossignol said, adding that St. Mary's County residents appreciate the work law enforcement does here. "It's a calling."

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Art studios, shops, and restaurants will have extended hours and one-evening only specials with several galleries hosting opening receptions for their new shows. The audience participation Drum Circle hosted by the SoMar Drummers and St. Mary’s County Arts Council is scheduled from 8-9 PM following the movie, bring your percus-

sion instrument or use theirs, all skill levels and ages are invited.

Check the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page for details about specific events at participating businesses, we look forward to seeing you there! Contact info: email Jen Stotler at [membership@thelba.org](mailto:membership@thelba.org) or call (301) 247-7611.



## St. Mary’s County Government Operations for Veterans Day



All St. Mary’s County Government administrative offices will be closed Monday, November 11, 2019, in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. Offices will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

The St. Andrews Landfill, the six Convenience Centers and St. Mary’s Transit System (STS) will be open for normal business hours on Monday, November 11.

All Convenience Centers and STS will be open for their normal business hours on November 10 and 12. The St. Andrews Landfill will be closed on November 10.

The Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) will not operate on November 11. SSTAP returns to normal operating hours on Tuesday, November 12.

All three branches of the St. Mary’s County Library (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown and Lexington Park) will be closed November 11. The Lexington Park Library will be open from 1 – 5 p.m. on November 10.

The three Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler and Northern) will be closed November 11 and there will be no Home-Delivered Meal service.

The St. Clement’s Island Museum in Colton’s Point and the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park in Piney Point will be open November 11 from 12 – 4 p.m.

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Senator Jack Bailey with his Chief of Staff Christina Vigorito, wife Karin Bailey, local aid assistant Lynn Delahay, Assistant campaign manager Tiffany Barthelme

“Southern Maryland Matters” was the message received by over 200 supporters at Senator Jack Bailey’s 2nd Annual Fall Fundraiser at the Holiday Inn in Solomon’s. With 60 sponsors and raising over \$60,000 Senator Bailey addressed the packed room of supporters. He shared his accomplishments over the past year and his willingness to fight for economic growth opportunities and businesses in our region. He reaffirmed his campaign promise of being “available, approachable and committed,”

as he introduced his staff who work in his local district office in Hollywood, Maryland.

Additionally, he shared his continued commitment to working with all levels of government to ensure that St. Mary’s and Calvert counties remain a priority in our State. This type of support is gained and retained by building strong relationships with business leaders, community leaders, local government officials as well as our Southern Maryland Delegation and federal representatives.

The Senator closed his remarks by stating that “Southern Maryland is open for business, we have the whole package

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# The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Intrepid fisherman Erick Fowler landed this 28 inch rockfish in the St. Mary's River last Monday.

By Ken and Linda Lamb  
Contributing Writers

We have rockfish, trout, and perch eager to take lures of trollers and casters.

The stripers are in the bay breaking on occasion attracting birds, but most anglers are finding them on their fish finders and jigging both metal and bucktail jigs. The undersized fish are on the surface, the big fish are on the bottom under the top water thrashers.

Shore fishermen prowling the rocks and beaches around Cedar Point are finding eager stripers taking bucktails, sassy shads, swimming plugs, and Hard Head Custom Baits popper rigs.

There are great catches of rockfish made by lure casters working structure all around the mouth of the Patuxent, the Potomac, and creek entrances.

Shallow water trollers and lure casters can catch rockfish all up and down the Patuxent and Potomac.

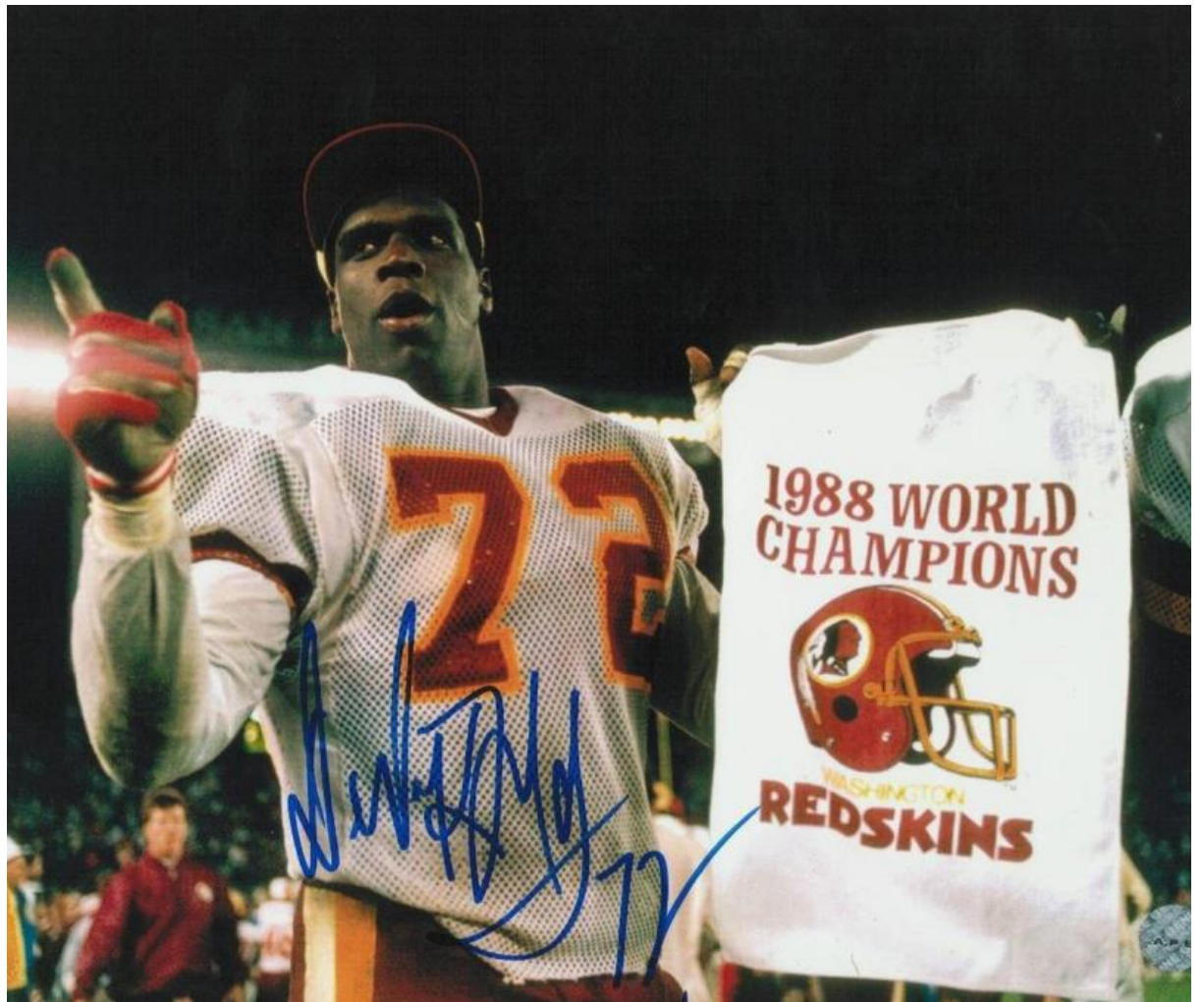
Speckled trout are schooled up in the Potomac in fifty feet of water near the mouth of the St. Mary's River. The trout will take metal jigs with shiny green, and chartruse being popular colors. White bucktails with sparkly green curly tail grubs are excellent. There are plenty of stripers in the mix, mostly undersized, but a hefty 28 incher can show up anytime. There are trout just north of the Targets below Cedar Point.

A big red drum near 50 pounds was caught at buoy 72 this week. The big red represents the last of these big fish that are leaving for the Atlantic to spend the winter off Cape Hatteras.

My forecast of declining perch activity last week was blown out of the water as tide levels returned to normal and the perch were plentiful and hungry. The perch in the photo this week I caught Friday afternoon and evening; the closer the sunset the better the bite.

Fresh water fishing is excellent for bass, bluegill and crappie.

# Ex-Redskin to Attend King's Christian Fair



Former Washington Redskin Dexter Manley will be appearing Nov. 2, 2-4 p.m. at the King's Christian Academy's Carnival, Craft and Vendor Show in Callaway.

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# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Pax River Celebrates the Navy's 244th



Naval Air Station Patuxent River hosted the 244th Navy Birthday Ball at River's Edge Catering and Conference Center Oct. 10.

This year's theme, "No High Honor", comes from a quote by Lt. Cmdr. Robert Copeland, commanding officer of the World War II destroyer USS Samuel B. Roberts (DE 413). Japanese forces sank Samuel B. Roberts during a battle off Samar, Philippines, the most dramatic naval engagement of the Leyte campaign. This theme commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf this year.

"As the U.S. Navy faces increasingly more capable and aggressive adversaries during this time in history, the time may well come when our core values of honor, courage and commitment — and the steadfast support of the home front — once again determine the outcome of any future hostilities, and the course of our nation," said Vice Adm. Dean Peters, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, in his remarks remembering Leyte Gulf.

More than 100 people attended this year's ball which included remarks by base

leadership, two drill team demonstrations, a bell-ringing ceremony, a brass band, a three-course meal, cake cutting, dancing, and prize raffles.

"This was the first Navy ball I have been to in years and I feel it could not have gone better," said Naval Aircrewman (Helicopter) 1st Class Jonathan Smitherman, logistics officer of the Navy ball planning committee. "Everyone seemed to have a great time. The service members and Department of Defense civilians from around the entire base celebrated 244 years of naval excellence together."

The U.S. Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, established during the War of Independence by the Continental Congress on Oct. 13, 1775. Navy balls are hosted around the world to synchronize efforts to enhance the impact of the Navy's heritage and to link today's Sailors with those who have gone before them.

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# Hearth and Home Returns to at Historic St. Mary's City



Hearth and Home at Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) will return Nov. 29-30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where you and your family can explore the skills that allowed people over 300 years ago to weather the cold and survive. Appropriately, the theme of this year is "Getting Stuffed," highlighting foods that are layered inside one another.

Guests of HSMC can walk through the outdoor exhibits to take part in many activities and learn about the different cultures that inhabited the area.

At the Woodland Indian Hamlet, seasonal tasks include preparing food for winter storage and processing deer parts for tools and clothing.

Those visiting the Tobacco Plantation can help Godiah Spray's family prepare a mid-day meal over an open hearth, or learn about the ways a European's diet changed when they arrived in the new world and their reaction to the new foods found in the area.

In Town Center, learn how an "ordinary" dinner is made while discovering the businesses "around town."

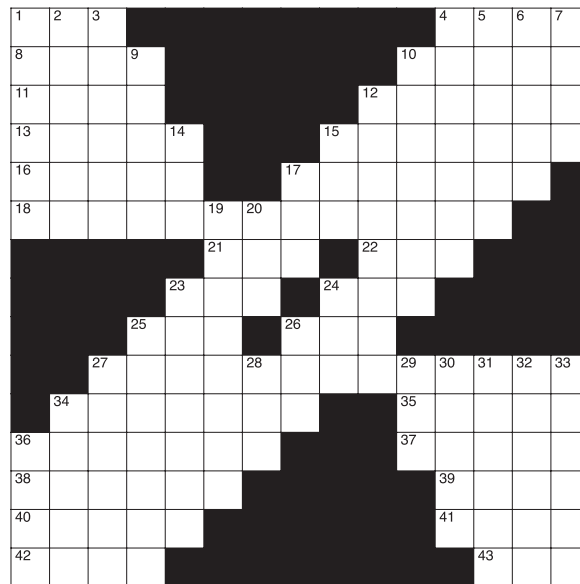
Down at Maryland Dove, watch galley cooking of "ships fare," and learn what foods were imported to early Maryland.

Guests are encouraged to lend a hand and stir a pot or two and will be able to take home a free recipe booklet to recreate foods enjoyed centuries ago.

Hearth and Home in Early Maryland will take place at Historic St. Mary's City on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30, 2019. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 students, and free for those 5 years and under and HSMC Friends members. Guests contributing a non-perishable food item will receive a \$1 discount off admission benefiting Southern Maryland Food Bank.

*Press Release from Historic St. Mary's City*

## Fun & GAMES



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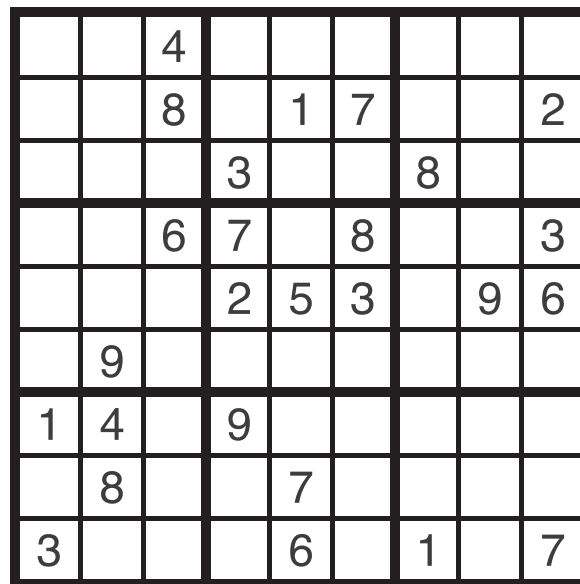
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- 4. This (Spanish)
- 8. Goals
- 10. Something to do lightly
- 11. "Great" North Sea Empire legend
- 12. Iced or chilled drink
- 13. Weight units
- 15. Immune system response

- 16. Groundbreaking German pharmacologist
- 17. Milk-supplying companies
- 18. Enjoyable distraction
- 21. Doctor of Education (abbr.)
- 22. Type of submachine gun (abbr.)
- 23. Curved shape
- 24. Brew
- 25. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet

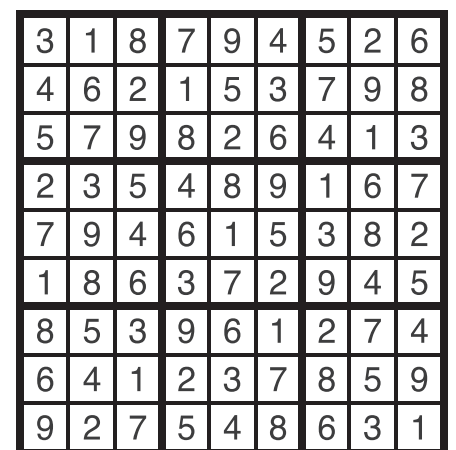
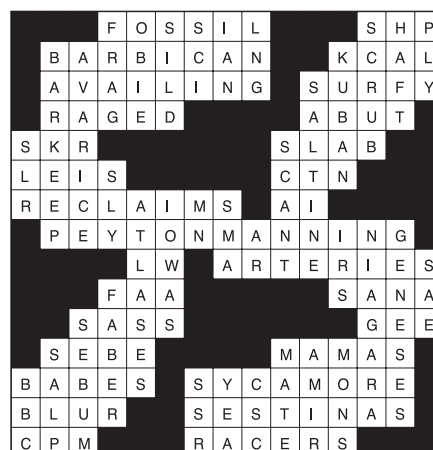
- 26. Advanced degree
- 27. Shock rocker
- 34. Enthusiast
- 35. Quiet's partner
- 36. Hijacked
- 37. TV's once needed them
- 38. Brings together
- 39. Narrow piece of wood
- 40. Paths
- 41. Monetary unit
- 42. Wings
- 43. Soviet Socialist Republic

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Gear
- 2. Outer part of a bird's wing
- 3. Good luck charm
- 4. Removing from memory
- 5. Group of seven people
- 6. Records
- 7. German river
- 9. "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine
- 10. Ancient Greek war galley
- 12. Nonsensical speak
- 14. Title of respect
- 15. Cast out
- 17. Have already done
- 19. Wood-loving insects
- 20. Analog conversion system (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 25. Sea cow
- 26. Protein coding gene
- 27. Where boats park
- 28. The top of a jar
- 29. Fitting
- 30. German city
- 31. Martens
- 32. They're all over the planet
- 33. One that nests
- 34. Coming at the end
- 36. Croatian coastal city



### LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



# DUE DILIGENCE

If you have heard the term “due diligence” and are confused about what it means, don’t be surprised. When I was a young attorney starting my first job at a large New York law firm, I was given an airline ticket to the Midwest and told I would be doing “due diligence” on a company. I was terrified I would completely fail at the job since I didn’t know what “due diligence” was. I learned pretty quickly that due diligence described a process of investigation. In the context of my legal work, this meant I needed to learn everything there was to know about the company I was investigating.

Due diligence doesn’t need to be confined to legal work. In fact, the investigative process of due diligence is a very handy tool to use in life. You probably use it all the time—another phrase for the process would be “using common sense”.

Suppose you want to buy a car. Your process would be to look at all the new cars and their features, figure out what you liked and why, probably test drive a vehicle, and do comparison shopping on price. You may do some research on the type of car you want on the internet or through a “Consumer Reports” magazine. Armed with all of your “due diligence” you will approach a seller of the vehicle and use all your newfound facts about the car to engage in negotiation over price. That’s the kind of process involved in due diligence investigations.

The unfortunate fact is, however, that even though most of us understand how to do a due diligence investigation, we often do not use our knowledge when we are making major life decisions. I have seen more attention paid by clients to picking a new couch than to picking an attorney to handle their estate planning, an accountant to handle their taxes or an investment advisor to help them manage their assets.

Why? Perhaps it is that we feel more comfortable with our ability to investigate a couch than an attorney, accountant or investment advisor.

My advice is DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED by subject matter. After all, if you can investigate a couch, you can investigate an attorney, advisor, accountant or any other professional. Think about this process in the same way.

Start by looking for professionals who work in your area. Ask your friends and neighbors, your banker, your insurance agent and anyone else involved in finance whether they have heard about the professional and what they have heard. Read all about the professional. Check out the online reports on the professional to see if anyone has ever made a complaint against

them—these are all available free to you. Meet with the professional, but not for the purpose of signing up to anything. Meet for the purpose of furthering your due diligence investigation. Your goal is to get some answers about how the professional approaches their subject area and, most importantly, how they communicate with you. Communication is critical.

Ask about the professional’s experience, the types of clients they have (especially in your age group), the approach they use; the processes they have in place to communicate with you on a regular basis. You want to hire the professional who can explain what they do in terms you understand. Anyone who is condescending to you should immediately be stricken from your list. Anyone who makes wild promises to you about results should also be checked off your list.

Although you may not leave your consultation with a complete understanding about exactly how the professional can help you, you ought to be able to become comfortable that the professional will act in your best interests. Never hire a professional with whom you do not feel comfortable.

The due diligence approach can be used for any other life events. Suppose you decide to open a business. Before you commit, you need to do a due diligence investigation of your idea for a business. If the business involves food service, for example, what experience do you have in that type of business? Do you know what it costs to set up a food service business; how to hire and manage employees or how many you will need; how to arrange for suppliers and who to select; where the business will be located, what terms of lease you are willing to agree to, what advertising costs will be required, etc. The reason professionals recommend you have a business plan for any new or existing business is so that the plan will answer all of these (and more) due diligence questions.

See how simple the concept is? The next time you meet with someone, whether buying a couch, a car or seeking a professional, tell them you just have a few questions to complete your “due diligence” process, step back and let your common sense guide you. Spending time learning about the professional you will work with is important to achieving a good result for you. Take the time to learn first, then commit to working with someone you like.

Join me for a free seminar on this and other topics 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 a spot.

Lyn Streigel

# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann  
Contributing Writer



## “Happy, soggy, Halloween!”

Happy Halloween to All! I hope everyone has fun and stays safe, dry, and warm, or at least has a really good time. Remember when we were all wishing for rain during the drought? I was too, but more for the farmers than myself. Now, I am wishing for all the various, and all completely different weather reports to be wrong about Halloween. It’s hard to be sure how much Halloween stuff to set up. No matter what we will still have our own party with our die-hard Halloween friends. We are still going to set up all non-electrical creatures and risk it just in case a few trick or treaters



are out braving the rain. Yesterday, we started on all the basics with some friends and a young boy from the neighborhood who enjoys the Trails. The work was definitely worth it for the four of us adults who were left since my husband made my friend and I a pitcher of the most magnificent mango-orange Pina Colodas. Our husbands stuck to beer, thank goodness because I don’t believe that either she or I were about to share. Might need another pitcher tonight.

I think the churches and organizations who have Halloween events going on tonight are going to be busier than they expected. I am so glad that parents will have options for their very excited children. I can’t even imagine not being able to go out trick or treating when I was a child – waiting, not so patiently and sweating in my Davey Jones plastic mask and costume, for my older brother Billy (the brother who passed away last October) to eat dinner. Then you had to wait until it was dusk. Good Grief, didn’t any of these old people in my family understand the importance of trick or treating?! I was ready right after school. Dinner? I was too excited to eat much dinner or any dinner at all.

Weren’t we all like this? And can’t we all still remember the smell of the mask and the perspiration that formed on our faces. The eyes never seemed to be cut out in the right spot, so my mother had to cut the eye holes a little wider so I could see. Good thing Billy was holding my hand. Very few houses on Woodland Lane had dark houses on Halloween. I loved holding open my pillowcase at each door and yelling Trick or treat!. The hard part was later after we walked back home and my mother trying to get that elastic band that kept the mask on out of my perpetually tangled hair – which is not much different than it is now.

Then came the battles. If you had a father or mother or older siblings who also liked candy then you know what I mean. My father was the worst for any holiday involving candy and being diabetic it was not good for him at all. My brothers were close in the candy-snitching department. Not sure about my mother and candy.

I still get excited for Halloween, and my excitement begins as soon as the first airing of *It’s The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* airs. I’ve seen it twice already, and my friend who moved to Kentucky and I always text each other that it is on. What’s funny is that no matter how many times I see it I still see things that I don’t remember. But, then again, I am like that with any show. This year I was really lucky and was able to see almost all of *The Haunting* movie from 1963 a week ago, and then all of it from the beginning a few days ago. Such a great movie, and what a great book when I read the original novel, *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson in the 70s. If my third favorite movie, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, 1944 comes on I will be in Halloween Heaven. So, as crazy Uncle “Teddy Roosevelt” Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace* would say as he stood at the top of the stairs, I think I should “CHARGE!!!!!!” out and work on the Halloween Trails.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby  
Please send your comments or ideas to:  
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or find me on Facebook with a message please



# “Watergate: Shadow of History” Screening and Discussion Presented by the Center for the Study of Democracy at St. Mary’s College

St. Mary’s College of Maryland’s Center for the Study of Democracy presents a screening of “Watergate: Shadow of History” by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Sherry Jones on Tuesday, November 19 in Cole Cinema, Campus Center on the St. Mary’s College campus. Led by Jones, the screening of the film begins at 6 p.m., followed by discussion with William Galston, Ezra K. Zilkha Chair in the Brookings Institution’s governance studies program.

“Watergate: Shadow of History” is an Emmy Award-winning PBS special broadcast written and produced by Jones on the 30th anniversary of the 1973 Senate Watergate hearings. In the film, the men who were there - from co-conspirators who served time in prison to the journalists who unraveled key parts of the mystery to former senators who investigated a President - tell the story like it had never been told before.

The Baltimore Sun wrote: “This film is a fine example of television as national memory. This is television for the civic life and soul of the nation.”

Producer Jones has won eight Emmy

awards, two Robert F. Kennedy awards, three Edward R. Murrow awards, and two consecutive Silver Baton awards from the American Bar Association, including for “Watergate: Shadow of History.” She previously presented two of her films - “Torturing Democracy” (2008) and “The Missiles of October: What the World Didn’t Know” (1992) - on the College’s campus.

Galston, the author of nine books and

more than 100 articles in the fields of public policy and U.S. politics, writes a weekly column for the Wall Street Journal, and frequently appears on national television as well as National Public Radio.

“What we’re discovering is that the Constitution is not a mechanism that runs itself,” he recently told the Washington Post. “Ultimately, we are a government of men and not law. The law

has no force without people who are willing to enforce it.”

A winner of the American Political Science Association’s Hubert H. Humphrey Award, Galston was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004. His most recent book is “Anti-Pluralism: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy” (Yale, 2018).

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## In Remembrance

### Alfred Leroy "Al" Kessler



Alfred Leroy "Al" Kessler, 83, of St Inigoes, MD passed away peacefully in his home on October 28, 2019. Born August 25, 1936 in Lavelle, PA, he

was the son of the late Elwood W Kessler and Margaret I (Leshner) Kessler.

Al was a lifelong resident of St Mary's County after his family moved here in 1942. He was happily married 37 years to his wife Sharon E (Woods) Kessler who he married on August 27, 1982 in Hollywood United Methodist Church. He was previously married to Vera (Bowles) Kessler who preceded him in death in 1982.

Along with his wife, Sharon, he is survived by his daughter Darlene (Bill) Lynam of Lexington Park, MD and his son Alfred (Diane) Kessler, Jr of St Inigoes, MD. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jason McLaughlin of Colorado, Ryan Kessler of Nashville, TN, Christopher Kessler of Great Mills, MD, and Amanda Kessler of Nashville, TN. In addition he is survived by his great-granddaughter, Margaret McLaughlin of MD.

Al is also survived by his siblings Leonard Kessler of Lexington Park, MD, Melva Williams of New York, Janice Cone of Lexington Park, MD, Marcia Takacs of Lexington Park, MD and Marilyn Tournay of Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Ella Mae Whiting and his brother Arlin Kessler.

Al led a full and active life providing for his family and being involved in the community. He worked for the government servicing office equipment for 16 years before opening his own business, Patuxent Business Machines, Inc in 1973. He retired from business in 2000 and served the Church of the Nazarene as a volunteer missionary for another 15 years. He and Sharon traveled extensively in this service to countries in South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa. They spent three of those years living and serving in Kenya.

Over the years he was active in community organizations including the Southern Maryland Boat Club, Boy Scouts, Optimist Int'l, Optimist Club of St Maries, Gideons Int'l, Fawn Grove Compassion Center in Pylesville, MD, and his church, Hollywood Church of the Nazarene.

Al was an avid organic gardener

and propagated the magnolia trees lining their driveway. He enjoyed gifting produce from his garden, and trees and shrubs that he divided, to friends. He also enjoyed woodworking, making furniture pieces, wood pens, toys and other items and gifting them to family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 4, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm with prayers at 7:00 pm in the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A funeral service will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 10:00 am in Hollywood Church of the Nazarene, Hollywood, MD. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Christopher Kessler, Ryan Kessler, Craig Chubb, Jeff Chubb, Tommy Denneau, and Tim Pearson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kevin Woods and Jim Ellison.

Donations may be made to Fawn Grove Compassion Center 5300 Fawn Grove Road Pylesville, MD 21132 or Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### Clarissa Nicole Grau

Clarissa Nicole Grau, 26, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on October 21, 2019. She was born on November 23, 1992 in Virginia Beach, VA and was the loving daughter of Candy Trexler of Mechanicsville, MD and Timothy Grau of Mechanicsville, MD.

Clarissa is survived by her brothers Travis Grau of Mechanicsville, MD, and Michael Grau of Frankfort, NY. She graduated from Chopticon High School in 2011 and attended the College of Southern Maryland.

All Funeral Services will be private.

### Dr. Blair K. Wood



Dr. Blair K. Wood, 74, of Dameron, MD, affectionately referred to as "Doc" by many friends and loved ones, passed away on October

20, 2019 at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., as a result of medical complications following surgery. He was surrounded by his loving family. Born June 17, 1945 in Wheeling, WV, he was the son of the late Martha Kittle Wood and Samuel Crayton Wood, II.

Dr. Wood is survived by his life partner, Judi Sterling, his step-children, Will Sterling of Leonardtown, MD, Tom Sterling of Annapolis, MD, Christina Sterling Good of Leonardtown, MD, and Scott Paul of Dameron, MD, and his grandchildren, Baylen (Mr. B.), Adalyn and Blake. He is also survived by his sister, Christina (Bob) Burns of

Beverly Hills, MI, and many loving extended family members, friends, and patients. Dr. Wood was preceded in death by his brother, Samuel C. Wood, III, and his former spouse, Jewel Wood, with whom he maintained a lasting bond of friendship.

Dr. Wood graduated from Triadelphia District High School in 1963. In May of 1966 he joined the United States Army. With his father and brother deployed to Vietnam at the time, the Sole Survivor Policy led him to be stationed in Korea. He became a Purple Heart recipient after being shot in the knees from sniper fire during his deployment. After completing his military service, he continued his education at West Virginia University (WVU) and the WVU School of Dentistry, earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. In 1977 he picked a random location on the map, and moved to St. Mary's County and opened his private dental practice in Lexington Park, MD. He has spent the last 42 years providing quality dentistry to many, and his greatest accomplishments included the loyalty shown from many long-standing patients and staff, and the esteem he garnered from his peers.

Doc truly enjoyed tinkering. Whether it was working on his '66 Corvette, kit Cobra, a project around the house, restoring an old gun, or custom making gifts for those he loved, there was always a project in progress.

In addition to his dental practice, Doc was most proud of his family. For the last 30 years, he spent much time with his family, usually with a cold beer or glass of scotch in hand, teaching many life lessons and always having a funny story to share. He enjoyed finding clever ways to surprise Judi with gestures of his love and affection. He loved every holiday and would go above and beyond on all of the little details to make each one special. The pride, joy, and love he felt for each of his children and grandchildren was shown in abundance and will be greatly missed.

Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520, Ridge, MD 20680 and/or the Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, 21155 Lexwood Ct. #A, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

### Charles James Bryson



Charles James Bryson, 73 of Hollywood, MD passed away on October 19, 2019 at home with his wife by his side.

He was born on December 1, 1945 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Charles James Bryson, Sr. and Marie (Johnson) Bryson.



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Charles served in the United States Marine Corps from September of 1963 to September of 1967 as Sergeant. He was employed in construction for most of his life. He was the owner and operator of A&C Concrete, LLC for over 20 years. While managing his thriving business he was a pillar within the community. He was a firm believer in one's responsibility to give back to his community and to others. He supported local 4-H clubs, was Governor of the Mechanicsville Moose lodge for two terms, a member of Burgesses of Colonial Williamsburg, serving on many county boards and active in his support of local politicians. He worked with Vacations4Vets in providing support to his fellow brothers in armed forces. He was passionate about education, specifically, American history for local schools.

He married his loving wife, Mary Anne [Roach] on January 19, 2007 in Leonardtown, MD. They spent 16 wonderful years together. Chuck was a family man who felt time spent with them was paramount. He loved traveling to clear water beaches with family and friends. He would be adamant that no view he had ever seen could compare to the view from his deck. Even more he enjoyed regaling us all with his personal tales of life, laughter, adventure and wisdom. He often spoke of his men who worked for him at A&C Concrete. He was an avid fan of the Redskins, Maryland Terrapins and any team his children and grand kids played. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His memory will live on eternally in our hearts and through his stories.

Charles is survived by his wife, Mary Anne; daughters, Jennifer Bryson and Samantha (Robert) Tuck; son, Bill (Juliana) Grigsby; sister, Bonnie Cronin; six grandchildren, Ryan (Meagan), Kacey, Amanda (Joe), Robert, Teagan, Ashlynn and seven great grandchildren Teagan, Aubrie, Tyler, Emma, Skylar, Cody, and Cohen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the research of Dr. Trinity Bivalacqua at The Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins Medicine, 600 N. Wolfe St., CMSC 130, Baltimore, MD 21287 or made at: <https://secure.jhu.edu/form/urology> or to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

Arrangements made by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### William Harris "Bill" Fessler



William Harris "Bill" Fessler, 90, of Tall Timbers, MD passed away on October 24, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leon-

ardtown, MD with his wife at his side.

He was born in Crane, MO on October 26, 1928 to the late Thurias Fessler and Laura Ranshaw Fessler.

In December 26, 1977, Bill married his wife, Joan Corey in Mount Laurel, NJ. Together, they celebrated over 41 years of marriage. He was employed as a dedicated and knowledgeable engineer with Bell Labs, RCA, GE and Lockheed Martin with over 38 years of service before his retirement. He was also a Councilman and Mayor in Mount Laurel before coming to Maryland. He loved to fly his plane and he enjoyed sailing the Chesapeake. When Bill wasn't flying, he and his wife enjoyed traveling on a quest to learn new things. They went on excursions visiting Indian tribes across the U.S., train rides and riverboat cruises.

In addition to his beloved wife, Bill is also survived by his children Thomas Fessler (RaeAnn) of Rancocas, NJ and Sharon R. DeVone (James L.) of Mullica Hill, NJ; his grandchildren: John R. Fessler, Keith T. Fessler, Christina DeVone, Madison DeVone and Nicole DeVone; and his great great-granddaughter, Audrey C. Fessler. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings, Myron Fessler and Evelyn Priem.

Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Second District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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### Robert Raymond Rice



Robert Raymond Rice, 82, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 29, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

He was born in Washington, D.C. on June 3, 1937 to the late Warren Rice and Rita Roche.

In 1994, Robert married his beloved wife, Barbara Jean Rice. Together they celebrated over 18 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in 2013. He served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, where he received his engineering training. He took this knowledge and became a Civil Engineer for the Federal Government in Washington D.C. for over 25 dedicated years of service. He loved to talk about the projects he worked on and the engineering challenges behind them, especially the Blue Plains water treatment facility in D.C. He completed his career with over three years of service for the State Department in Athens, Greece. He retired

in Leonardtown, MD in 2004. He was good at working with his hands, was a skilled builder, and an excellent repairman. He was an Engineer through and through. He even applied his skills in helping his grandson with his Eagle Scout project. He enjoyed watching football, especially with his grandson. He also loved nature, for his most recent favorite past time was sitting on the porch watching the deer and birds in his backyard. He also enjoyed travelling, especially in Greece, where he and his wife Barbara were stationed together. He loved his family, his cats, and was extremely proud of his grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his daughters, Kimberly Fortuna Stillwell and Tracy Fortuna; his sister, Rita Floria; five grandchildren: Brianna Burnell, Adam Stillwell, Jr., Brady Kinslow, Cate Kinslow, and DJ Kinslow; two great grandchildren, Landon Burnell and Trace Stillwell; his companion, Angie O'Brien; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he is also preceded in death by his son, Robert Raymond Rice, Jr.

On Saturday, November 2, 2019 a Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Reverend David Beaubien at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Maryland Audubon Society, P.O. Box 81 Bryans Road, MD 20616.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

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### Charles F. Lewis



Mr. Charles F. Lewis, 101, formerly of Cambridge Drive, Frederick, MD, died on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019, at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, Maryland. Mr. Lewis was born in Frederick on March 6, 1918, the son of the late George R. and Geneva Houff Lewis. He was predeceased by his wife, Marietta Biser Lewis, in 2003 and a son, Charles E. (Chuck), in 2018.

Mr. Lewis was a veteran of World War II, having served in both the European and Pacific Theaters with the 632nd Engineer Light Equipment Company, U.S. Army. At the time of his passing, Mr. Lewis was the oldest Veteran at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

He was employed for over 30 years in the Retail Sales Tax Division of the Maryland State Comptroller in both the Baltimore and Hagerstown offices. In his retirement years, he enjoyed wood-

working and driving around Frederick County as a courier for Frederick County National Bank. He was a life member of the American Legion Francis Scott Key Post 11, John R. Webb VFW Post #3285, and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a Charter Member of the Carroll Manor Fire Company, Adamstown, MD

Surviving him are two sons: Donald E. and wife, Nancy of Hollywood, MD; and Neil E. and wife, Lynn of Ooltewah, TN; six grandchildren: Denise Lewis Cash (Heath), Chad Lewis (Sera), Karen Lewis, Todd Lewis (Melissa), Danielle Lewis Stewart (Chris) and Stefan Lewis; eight great-grandchildren: Shane Dill (Katie), Taylor Dill, Brennan Lewis, Meghan Lewis, Michael Groff, Makenzie Groff, Greyson Lewis, and Jaxon Lewis. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Rainey Duncan of Jacksonville, FL and Mrs. Blanche Biser of Frederick, MD and will be remembered by many nieces and nephews in the Biser Family.

Graveside services will be held at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### Virginia (Davis) Huff



Blanche Virginia Huff, known to all as "Ginnie", passed away on October 9, 2019 in Port Orange, Florida of injuries sustained in an auto-

mobile accident on May 1, 2019 in Covington, LA. Ginnie was born November 30, 1940 to Eugene Howard and Helena Davis. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in 1960. She married Patrick Huff on June 26, 1962 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Compton, MD.

She is survived by her three Children, Wayne, Lenexa, KS, Keith, Romeville, IL, and Catherine of Port Orange, FL, and three grandchildren. She also has one surviving sister, Belly Hill, Helen, MD and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. During their 57 years together they lived in MD, KS (three times), CO (twice), OK, TX, and finally FL. Ginnie was a housewife except for four years working for the Thornton, CO school district. She was a devoted mother raising three great children and was a loving wife. She will be missed by her family, relatives, and the many friends she made wherever she lived.

# Community Calendar

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

**Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019**



## Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

*Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub  
Joe Hazel Road  
Leonardtown  
4p.m. to 7p.m.*

Ticket Sales Start at 4pm, last sale at 6:45pm, drawing at 7pm. Every Thursday until the Queen of Hearts is chosen by the winner.

## Community Harvest Party

*Living Word Community Church  
39371 Harpers Corner Rd.  
Mechanicsville  
5:30p.m. to 8p.m.*

First Come, First Served Free Food, Games, Pony Rides, Hay Ride, Moon Bounce and Other activities geared for elementary age students and under plus treats will be provided.

## Encounter Christian Center Trunk or Treat

*30080 Henry Lane  
Charlotte Hall  
6p.m. to 7p.m.*

Encounter Christian Center is hosting our Trunk or Treat! Come on out for candy and smores!

## Fall Festival

*Leonardtown Baptist Church  
23520 Hollywood Rd.  
Leonardtown  
6:30 p.m. to 8p.m.*

Kids of all ages are invited to this free event. Join us for fun, games, a cake walk, hayrides, and candy. For more information, please call 301-475-2131 or email [children@LBCMD.org](mailto:children@LBCMD.org). The church website is [www.LBCMD.org](http://www.LBCMD.org)

**Friday, Nov. 1, 2019**

## Used Aviation and Military Book Sale

*Patuxent River Naval Air Museum  
22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park  
4p.m. to 6p.m.*

There is a museum member presale from 4 PM to 6 PM on November 1. We are having a huge used book sale on November 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Flight Technology Hall at the museum. We have books on aviation, all branches of the military, history, biographies, space, and many other topics. Our volunteers are also donating books for this sale. For more information call 301-863-1900.

## Spaghetti Dinner by the Hollywood FD Ladies Auxiliary

*Hollywood VFD  
24801 Three Notch Rd  
Hollywood  
5p.m. to 7p.m.*

All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner. All proceeds will

benefit the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Dinner includes spaghetti, sauce/meat sauce, salad and bread. \$10.00 Adults. \$5.00 Children ages 5-12. Free Children age 4 and under. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Helping Hands to help those in our community who are less fortunate.

## Concert featuring the Ken and Brad Kolodner Trio

*Southern MD Traditional Music and Dance  
37497 Zach Fowler Road  
Chaptico MD  
7p.m. to 10p.m.*

Join SMTMD in welcoming the Ken and Brad Kolodner Trio with Rachel Eddy. The dynamic father-son duo Ken & Brad Kolodner weave together a captivating soundscape on hammered dulcimer, banjo and fiddles pushing the boundaries of the Old-Time tradition into uncharted territory. Doors open at 7 pm. SMTMD members \$10; Non-members \$15. Go to [www.SMTMD.org](http://www.SMTMD.org) for more information.

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019**

## 2nd Dist. Craft & Vendor Fair

*2nd Dist. Co 6, VFD & RS  
45245 Drayden Rd.  
Valley Lee  
9a.m. to 11a.m.*

## Fall & Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

Cost: \$25.00 Per Space

Stuffed ham sandwiches, pulled pork and chili available. 50/50 Raffle. For more information: Call Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 4:00p.m.

## Silent Auction

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
44078 St. Andrew's Church Rd.  
California  
10a.m. to 11:30a.m.*

We will have items for bidding on ranging from themed gift baskets, antiques, collectibles, kids items and gift cards. We will also have craft items for sale plus other fun stuff.

## All Faith Church Annual Fall Dinner

*Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department social hall*

*28165 Hills Club Road  
Mechanicsville  
Noon to 5p.m.*

The meal features fried oysters, Southern Maryland stuffed ham, fried chicken, side dishes, and drinks. The dinner is \$27 for adults and \$13 for children 8 years old and younger. Carry-out dinners are also available for \$27 each. A silent auction and baked goods are also featured. Proceeds are dedicated to the maintenance of the historic church, which is 252 years old.

**Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019**



## Mother Catherine Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair

*Mother Catherine Academy  
38833 Chaptico Road  
Mechanicsville  
10a.m. to 3p.m.*

Over 30 Crafters & Vendors. Silent Auction. If you have any questions please the school 301-884-3165

## Artisan Market—Craft Fair—Summerseat Farm

*Summerseat Farm  
Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville  
10a.m. to 3p.m.*

The Artisan Market will feature all homemade, homegrown, handcrafted, vintage and baked goods. Some examples of the crafts that may be offered are: coastal arts, gnome stumps, chalk art, baked goods, silver and vintage jewelry, handmade pillows, quilts, handmade rustic signs, shell crafts, sea glass, watercolors and much more.

## Turkey Shoot

*Mechanicsville Moose Lodge  
Mechanicsville  
Noon to 5p.m.*

Sign up 12:00 to 12:30

Shoot for meats, Prizes, and Money. Call Jimmy Suite for further info 240-417-5767

**Monday, Nov. 4, 2019**

## Toastmasters Meeting—Talk of the Town

*Lexington Park Library  
21677 FDR Blvd  
Lexington Park  
11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.*

Talk of the Town Toastmasters is a Toastmasters International club open to anyone to join. If you want to improve your communication and leadership skills, pay us a visit and bring a friend! Enjoy a special celebration of our club member, Jennifer, earning the Distinguished Toastmaster award plus experience a full Talk of the Town Toastmasters meeting. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free. Event details: [www.facebook.com/events/2421585458122976/](http://www.facebook.com/events/2421585458122976/)

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019**

## Men In Worship

*First Missionary Baptist Church  
46370 Pegg Lane  
Lexington Park  
7:30p.m. to 9p.m.*

Our Guest Preacher will be Pastor John B. Butler of St. Matthews Pentecostal Church, Leonardtown. For additional information please contact First Missionary Baptist Church at 301-863-8388, we are located at 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019**

## American Legion Post 221 Meeting

*21690 Colton Point Rd  
Avenue  
8p.m. to 9p.m.*

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month. Visit our website at [www.alpost221.webs.com/](http://www.alpost221.webs.com/) or e-mail us at [alpost221@aol.com](mailto:alpost221@aol.com). Call (301) 884-4071 for more information

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

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

Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for the most up-to date information

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### Veterans Resource Day – Friday, Nov. 8

Join the Department of Aging & Human Services for the fourth annual Veterans Resource Day on Friday, Nov. 8, at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland, located at 44219 Airport Road in California, MD, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

This year's Veterans Resource Day will include a question and answer session centered around veterans' affairs, informational workshops, displays by local veteran support organizations, and peer counseling.

The question and answer panel will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel members in addition to learning about changes in programs state and country-wide.

We invite you to join us for lunch, provided by Mission Barbeque, at 12 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. We encourage veterans, active service men and women, their friends and family members, and employers who work with veterans to attend.

For more information, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, email [sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com](mailto:sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com), visit [www.stmarysmd.com/veterans.asp](http://www.stmarysmd.com/veterans.asp), or find us on Facebook, keyword St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services.

### National Air & Space Museum- Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

It's been 50 years since the Moon Walk, so join us on Tuesday, Nov. 5, for a guided tour of the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, VA. The museum features two large hangars which display thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the Space Shuttle Discovery. The Center also offers the Airbus IMAX® theater, the Donald D. Engen Observation Tower, and the Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar. Food and drink other than bottled water are not permitted in the museum. All bags/backpacks are checked so please limit the bags taken in. Upon arrival, the group will be divided into two predetermined groups for the tour. Lunch is included at the museum's McDonald's. Register at any of the County's Senior Activity Centers. Fee is \$42 and includes motor coach transportation, tour, driver tip and lunch at the museum. Bus departs from the Northern Senior Activity Center at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m. Arrive at the center by 7:15 a.m. to get checked-in. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063.

### Caregiver Breakfast

Are you caring for a loved one? Are you looking for support, resources, or a community to connect with? This is the opportunity for you. Join the Department of Aging & Human Services at the 13th Annual Family Caregivers Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.,

at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, located at 24005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, MD. Joining us at the Caregiver Breakfast will be guest speaker Theron "TJ" Hudson, BS, HCA, Bereavement Coordinator with the Hospice of St. Mary's. Have a hearty breakfast accompanied by our special musical guest, The Quartet from Southern Maryland Sound. For more information, contact Daphne Benneer by phone at 301-475-4200 ext. 71069, or email at [Daphne.Benneer@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Daphne.Benneer@stmarysmd.com).

### Bus trip to National Harbor

Here's the trip you've been waiting for!! Join us on a bus trip to National Harbor on Tuesday, Nov. 12. You'll have the option to go to MGM Casino or Tanger Outlets. Spend a few hours there and then if you wish, hop back onto the bus for a quick shuttle to the other location so that you can hit both attractions on the same trip. Get a jump on your Christmas shopping at the Outlets, then go over to the Casino to try your luck. Or, start at the Casino and if you have any money left, then go shopping at the Outlets. Or, spend your entire day at either location. It's bound to be a fun time. Just don't miss the bus back to dear old St. Mary's County!! Bus leaves from the Garvey Senior Activity Center in Leonardtown at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. Or board the bus at the Northern Senior Activity Center in Charlotte Hall at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. \$40 fee includes motor coach transportation, driver tip and snacks for the

return trip. Reserve your spot by paying at any of the county's three senior activity centers. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063.

### R&B Line Dancing

A NEW session of R&B Line Dance is starting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center for this fun class on Mondays, Nov. 4- Dec. 16, at 1:30 p.m. If you have ever wanted to learn some of the line dances that are all the rage right now come on in and join us! We will be taking it step by step and learning dances like the Cupid Shuffle or The Wobble. The cost per class will be \$2; payable at the time of the class. Call the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 for more information.

### Diabetes Nutrition at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Registered Dietician, Donna Taggart, offers a free presentation on different topics every month. This month she will discuss how to Manage Diabetes with the MED Diet at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Monday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. Additionally, she will offer individualized nutrition counseling at 9 a.m. and 11a.m. for free that day if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539. To sign up for the Med Diet presentation call 391-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk.

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### Roblox 3D Printing

Lexington Park Library will hold a Roblox 3D Printing on Thursday, November 7. Two sessions will be held, 5-6 p.m. is for teens ages 13-18, 6-7 p.m. is for tweens ages 8-12. The Library now has 3D printing! We'll bring Roblox to life by printing characters before your eyes and using them in a real world board game. Designed characters may need to be picked up on a future day. No experience needed, all materials provided. No registration, drops in welcome!

### Capture the Flag: Ethical Hacking Cybersecurity Competition

Lexington Park Library will be a host location for MAGIC's Capture the Flag: Ethical Hacking Cybersecurity Competition on Saturday, November 9 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. MAGIC's Capture the Flag is an ethical hacking cybersecurity competition for entry-level participants at the high school and college level. No prior experience is required and the event is free for participants. MAGIC's CTF will feature teams of 2-4

students working their way through a series of cybersecurity puzzles set up in a "jeopardy" style format to find hidden flags to earn points. Coaches will be on site to help students if needed. Registration is required on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Library Closed

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, November 12.

### Beaded Jewelry

Lexington Park Library will hold a Beaded Jewelry class on Thursday, November 14 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for adults. Learn the basic techniques of beaded jewelry creation. Design and create a pair of earrings and a bracelet to take home. All materials are provided and light refreshments will be served. Registration required on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Cricut Drop-In

Leonardtown Library will hold a Cricut Drop-in on Wednesday, November 13 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The Library's Cricut Maker will be set up for one-on-one lessons or for your use! The Cricut Maker is a die-cutting machine (aka craft plotter or cutting machine) which can cut a variety of materials including paper,

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### Painting Bookends

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Painting Bookends for teens on Thursday, November 14 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Personalize your library and help make it a more colorful place. Design a bookend based on your favorite book or fandom. After they are painted, the bookends will be returned to their shelves with a lot more style! Registration will open on October 31.

### Childcare Training: Music Play is Learning Play with Jim Gill

Lexington Park Library will hold a special childcare provider's training 'Music Play is Learning Play' with Jim Gill on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free Professional Development Institute for Licensed Childcare Providers. Join musician and educator Jim Gill to learn how to use musical play to support healthy development, pre-literacy and math skills, and self-regulation, and to create an inclusive environment for children of all abilities. Earn 3 Core of Knowledge Hours (2 in Curriculum, 1 in Special Needs). Receive a free CD of learning songs to keep! Register at <https://www.stmalib.org/music-play-is-learning-play/>.

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