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# Department Head Pay Hikes Draw Fire

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Following a closed-door session at the end of their regular meeting on Jan. 14, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved pay raises for nearly every department head in county government on a split 3-to-2 vote.

The vote immediately drew criticism from Commissioner John O'Connor, who was joined in his dissenting vote by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

O'Connor was quick to point out that just last year the commissioners had declined to give pay parity to St. Mary's County sheriff's office deputies to match their counterparts in Charles County and in the Maryland State Police.

O'Connor and Colvin voted in support of pay parity, but the remaining commissioners voted against it; though they signaled that they would find a way to increase their pay this year.

Some commissioners said they needed to see more budget numbers late last year before voting for pay parity.

After the vote for department head raises, O'Connor reminded them of their supposed need for more information.

There were nine pay raises in all. "Our department heads make six

figures, some of these adjustments are close to \$10,000," O'Connor said. "The decision was made last year not to do this.

"When you say you don't have enough information to make a decision [on deputies pay] and we start passing out pay increases, retroactively I might add, it kind of sends the wrong message through county government."

Tuesday night at a packed community forum in Leonardtown, the commissioner board was pressed again to raise pay for sheriff's deputies as well as put more money in this year's budget for contract bus drivers for the school system.

Deputy Jason Smith stood at the podium in silence for one minute to drive home the point of needed raises to keep deputies from leaving the agency.

"That minute goes by much faster in the silence than it does when you're on the side of the road fighting for your life waiting for your backup to arrive," Smith told commissioners. "Every time we lose a deputy to Charles County, Calvert County... that minute gets longer and longer."

"That minute lasts a lifetime."

Dana Pettie, speaking for county school bus drivers, pressed for better

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Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  Appointment: 4.15.13	\$183,071  Calvert: \$182,704  Charles: \$210,000	Merit (2.5%) \$4,577
Jeannett Cudmore, CFO  Appointment: 5.5.15	\$134,611  Calvert: \$141,587  Charles: \$148,825	Merit (2.5%) \$3,365
John Deatruck, DPW&T  Appointment: 8.7.17	\$148,625  Calvert: \$172,197  Charles: \$155,718	Merit (2.5%) \$3,716
Lori Jennings-Harris, A&HS  Appointment: 8.1.06	\$135,172  Calvert: \$97,624/ \$98,325  Charles: \$108,969	Merit (2.5%) \$3,379
Bill Hunt, LUGM  Appointment: 6.30.17	\$133,250  Calvert: \$154,239  Charles: \$149,051	Merit (2.5%) \$3,331

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A partial list of department heads with their annual salaries and raises approved Tuesday.



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pay and support.

"Many bus drivers feel they have been the forgotten ones when it comes to the county school board," Petty said.

Low pay meant that drivers often wanted to pursue a secondary job but found that difficult because they were on call in case of an emergency or inclement weather during school operational hours.

"Many of us love the job," Pettie said. "But it's hard to support yourself and

your family on a little less than \$17,000 a year."

"Last year everybody got a raise... most department heads didn't," Commissioner Todd Morgan said Wednesday. "We hadn't taken care of them."

Morgan said he still wanted to find the money during the budget process to give deputies more money.

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## Commissioner Calls for Task Force On Solar Requirement



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Stringent laws requiring that 50 percent of the state's energy come from renewable resources has put a new emphasis on solar power to help meet those mandated 2030 goals; Commissioner Todd Morgan called for the formation of a local task force to examine what impacts that mandate will have on St. Mary's County.

A solar power developer is seeking to build a solar field south of Patuxent River Naval Air Station; Morgan said that the state Public Service Commission has the authority to override any zoning that local leaders might enact that would prevent a solar project.

Moreover, the state's requirements last year for solar power was 3 percent, now it's 15 percent.

"That's a 500 percent increase in the requirements," Morgan said.

The Whitetail IV Solar Project, proposed by Lightsource Renewable Energy Development of Philadelphia, currently presents a "low risk to operations" according to a January 6 missive from the base commander Capt. Chris Cox.

"Should there be any changes to the project configuration such as use of fixed panels or any use of wireless communications devices, the developer should coordinate the changes with NAS Pax,"

the letter reads.

But a subsequent letter sent by the Navy Jan. 9 to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County showed they now opposed the project, though they still say it would present a low risk to flight operations.

"NAS Pax has serious concerns regarding some of the specified vendors, sub-contractors, and sourcing of materials which appear to be either foreign owned, sourced or controlled by foreign government entities and, or have, close associations with other foreign owned firms that have been added to the Department of Commerce's Entity List and banned from the U.S.," the latest missive states. "NAS Pax has additional serious concerns regarding maintenance, sustainment and industrial control systems that will be associated with this project.

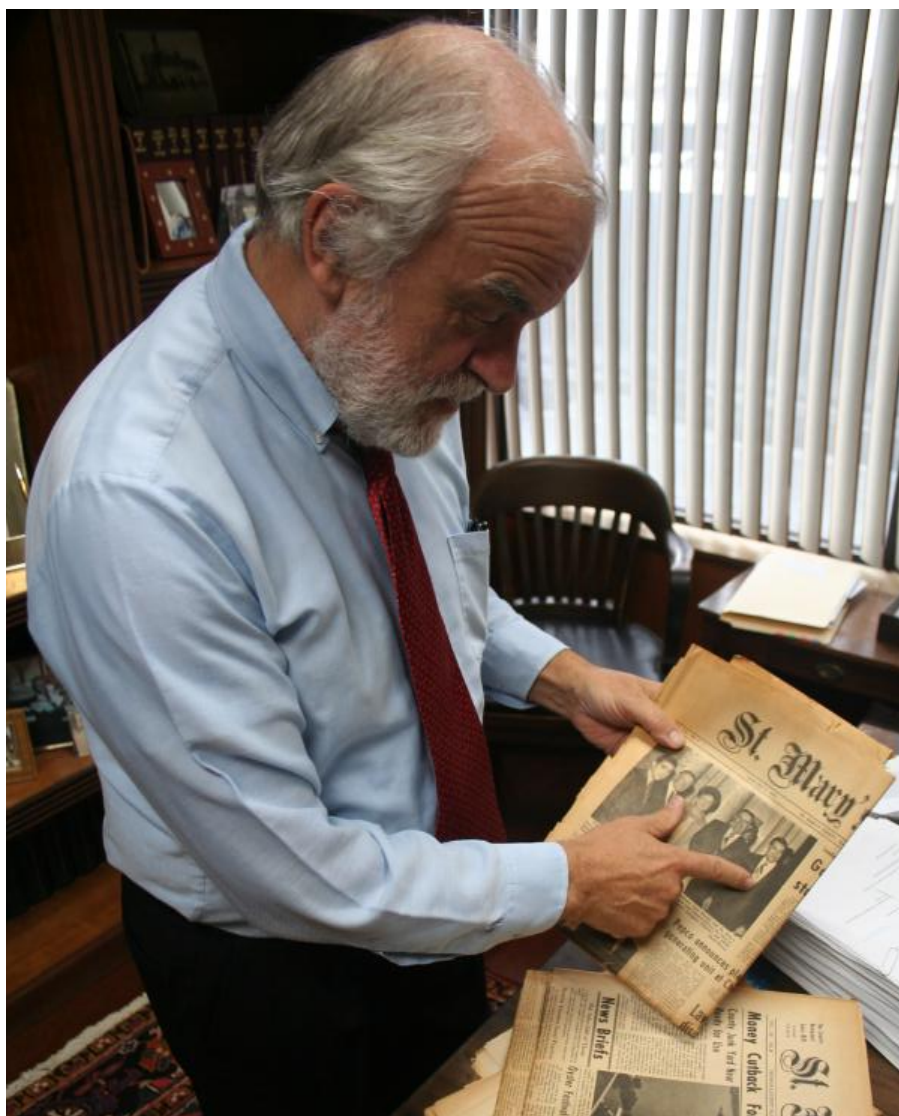
"These factors are a serious concern and are the reason for the objection to the project as proposed."

The project would be located 4.5 miles from the central airfield on the base.

The project was set to appear before the county's Board of Appeals Jan. 9 to seek a variance to the zoning ordinance that would allow its construction, but the board granted a continuance to the applicant based on the objections raised by the navy.

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# Local Attorney Finishes History of Judge John Hanson Briscoe



Local attorney Sam Baldwin used many old newspapers and other documents of his father-in-law's to compile an on-line history of his life.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

John Hanson Briscoe, local attorney, state delegate, first Speaker of the House from St. Mary's County in perhaps 150 years and Circuit Court judge, died in January of 2014.

But not before helping his son-in-law, local trial attorney Samuel Baldwin, complete a history of his eventful life and career.

Briscoe was a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families, which once called Historic Sotterley Plantation its home.

He was also a direct descendent of John Hanson, the first President of Congress operating under the Articles of Confederation, which preceded the U.S. Constitution.

Baldwin recently completed the fifth and final chapter of the on-line John Hanson Briscoe History Project; it took six years to complete and started out as a history of his father-in-law's accomplishments, Baldwin said.

But it became much more.

"It started back in 2013, by then he had cancer and knew he wasn't going to beat it," Baldwin told The County Times. "He hadn't wanted to do it but then there was the cancer."

Baldwin interviewed Briscoe while he was bed ridden in 30 different sessions

which were recorded and later transcribed; the story grew larger as Baldwin interviewed more people who knew his father-in-law and he used the project to paint a picture of the recent history of St. Mary's in which it transformed socially, politically and economically with the arrival of Patuxent River Naval Air Station in 1943.

Baldwin also collected newspaper clippings, photos and other pieces of history to fill out his compendium, including many old papers of Briscoe's stored in his basement.

"I'd bring them up and ask him 'What can you tell me about this? What can you tell me about that?'" Baldwin said.

The first chapter of the on-line opus, which is free to the public, deals with Briscoe's childhood and the work goes on to describe life in St. Mary's through his eyes and those of others as it changed from rural isolation to one of the fastest growing in the state.

By using Briscoe as the main focus of the work, Baldwin was able to talk about the family's time at Sotterley in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as slave owners and the story continued.

"Anyone of these stories is a big one," Baldwin said. "All of these story lines are happening at once."

The arrival of the base changed everything and Briscoe, who didn't even want to run for elected office, found himself

on a political reform ticket in the 1962 elections with the likes of J. Frank Raley, known as the founder of modern St. Mary's County.

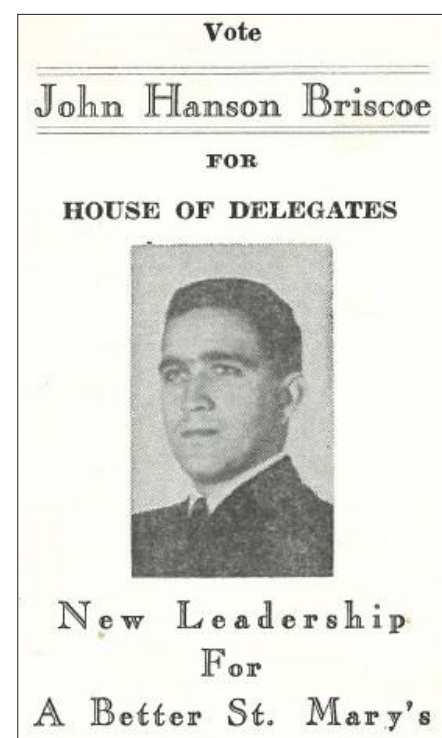
The change was made possible with the rapid rise of Lexington Park as the main community serving the base; though Leonardtown power brokers believed it was not worth investing in because they believed the military's presence would be temporary after the end of World War II.

Residents like Raley, Briscoe and Jack Daugherty had a different vision and worked to foster Lexington Park, create a rival political and social base to counter what was then known as the Dorsey political machine and give rise to the nascent transformation of the county.

Raley would be elected a senator, serve just four years but submit successful legislation that transformed the local government and infrastructure of the county as well as reform the local sheriff's office.

His opposition to slot machines would be his downfall; but his ticket partner Briscoe would carry on to become the top legislator in the House of Delegates.

Baldwin said he gathered the tome and was able to publish it with the help of about a dozen high school-aged interns – mostly from St. Mary's Ryken High School – who did the typing and



A John Hanson Briscoe Voting Card

transcribing of hundreds of interviews. "It's a sharing of the county's history," Baldwin said. "It was a way to make his passing easier."

"It's been a way to honor his memory."

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## Golden Beach Winery Concept Approved



Howard Thompson returns as planning commission chair.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Though some in the Golden Beach community in North County were concerned about increased traffic on narrow Golden Beach Road, the county planning commission Monday night approved the concept site plan for the proposed Corteau Winery project.

The winery would be located on 240 acres of farmland that sits astride Golden Beach Road, said commission chair Howard Thompson, who made his return this week after recovering from a double lung transplant late last year.

The 6,562 square foot winery would sit in the approximate center of the larger parcel, Thompson said.

"There were some concerns about additional traffic but from the board's point of view it's in a rural setting," Thompson told The County Times. "He [the applicant Gerald Byrne of Leesburg, Va.] worked with county roads to find the best entrance."

Dale Antosh, president of the Golden Beach/Patuxent Knolls Civic Association, brought out the community concerns about additional traffic.

"We love driving past this winery," Antosh said. "But Golden Beach Road is a horrible, horrible road to drive on."

"They speed... there's a tremendous amount of traffic."

Included in the winery project proposal was a tasting room, complete with

11 parking spaces in front of the winery for visitors, and a field for events such as weddings.

Additional parking would be available throughout the farm in designated areas, according to the plan.

"It's not on the same scale as Bowles Farm, because they have commercial kitchens," Thompson said.

Under current county ordinances wineries are allotted 20 days each year for special events; the county's Department of Economic Development is pressing the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to increase that number to 30 days a year.

The projected traffic increase to be brought by the project was 50 trips a day.

The farm already produces grapes that are shipped to the Port of Leonardtown Winery.

The lone opposition vote came from member Joseph St. Clair.

At the start of the meeting Monday night at the Potomac Building in Leonardtown, Thompson thanked his colleagues for their prayers during his surgery and recovery.

Thompson works at the Paul Hall Center of the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point.

"I'm doing fine," Thompson told The County Times. "I'll be back to work full time next week."

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# Big Larry's Closing Soon on Town Square

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After the recent death of Larry Rhodes, the proprietor of Big Larry's Comics and Café in Leonardtown, the current operators of the store have announced that they will be closing its doors in March.

"But until then we will still be serving the same high-quality food using Larry's recipes," the operators noted on the business's website. "Thanks to everyone for your support over all these years."

Mayor Dan Burris spoke about the plans of the operators of Big Larry's to "move on" to other business opportunities at the town council meeting Monday.

Burris said the owner of The Slice House pizza shop, Ken Held, has expressed an interest in moving into the space Big Larry's occupies to possibly start up a dedicated carryout establishment.

"Ken's very interested



Big Larry's is set to close this March

in taking it over," Burris said.

In other news, the town council voted to pursue a task order to design and build a new water tower to help accommodate the expansion of the town's water and sewer treatment plant capacity project.

The task order calls for the new tower to provide 75 percent of maximum daily demand expected to come from increased projected commercial and residential development in Leonardtown.

Its other mission is to provide up to two hours of waterflow for fire suppression.

The study promulgated by GHD, the engineering firm hired by the town, stated that by 2037 the town would need up to an additional one million gallons of water capacity.

The new tower will carry an additional 800,000 gallons; the budget estimate for construction was \$3 million in the FY20 budget and \$815,000 for engineering and design and construction management.

The task order provides for the engineering stage of the project.

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## Board of Public Works Awards Grant Funding for Land Preservation in St. Mary's

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County are pleased to announce that the Maryland Board of Public Works last week awarded over \$2.5M in FY20 grant funding for land preservation in St. Mary's County. Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Board, Inc. will use the grant, along with County and Navy funding, to purchase conservation easements in the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area (RLA). In total, RC&D has leveraged over \$9.5M to preserve over 1,670 acres of land in the Mattapany RLA over the last two years.

Maryland's Rural Legacy Program provides funding to preserve large, contiguous blocks of environmentally sensitive land, while supporting agriculture and natural resource-based industries. Recognizing these important benefits, as well as the need to protect local quality of life and rural character, St. Mary's County provides matching funds for conservation easements through its land preservation program. The Navy's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program also contributes significant funding for the easements in order to minimize con-

flicts between development and military operations at NAS Patuxent River and Webster field.

Commissioner Todd Morgan was pleased to join RC&D's Executive Director, Cindy Greb, at the Board of Public Works' grant award announcement. "We are happy to be able to give landowners the option of preserving their farmland and protecting it for future generations," Morgan said.

RC&D is currently preparing its grant application for FY21 Rural Legacy Program funding. Landowners in the Mattapany RLA (roughly bounded by Hermanville Road to the north and the Rt. 5 and 235 intersection to the south) who are interested in participating in the program should contact RC&D by Jan. 24, 2020, to verify their eligibility. The time from application to completion of the easement process is typically 18-24 months.

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## Open Discussion Scheduled to Address Connection Between Poverty and Mental Illness

The St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's College of Maryland's anthropology, environmental studies, psychology, and sociology departments will jointly host an open discussion focusing on the connection between poverty and mental illness. This event is scheduled for Monday, February 3 (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.) in St. Mary's Hall (Building 34) on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus.

Guest speaker Annie Harper, PhD, cultural anthropologist at Yale University, researches how people with mental illness, including those with incarceration histories, struggle with poverty and financial difficulties. This event will share strategies for supporting this population, and discuss interventions to provide them access to safe and affordable services crucial for good financial health.

The discussion is open to all students, staff and faculty, public health professionals, clinicians and community members who would like to learn more about this public health issue. To learn more and to register, please visit <https://moneymentalhealth.eventbrite.com>.

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# SMECO Announces New CEO

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) announces the appointment of a new president and CEO. Sonja M. Cox, who has been serving as SMECO's senior vice president of Financial, Economic, and Employee Services and Chief Financial Officer, will assume the role of SMECO's president and CEO on March 1, 2020. She will be the fifth CEO in the cooperative's 83-year history and will join the ranks of women who serve as managers at 77 of the 941 electric cooperatives across the nation.

Cox started her career with SMECO in 1999 and oversees SMECO's power portfolio, human resources, customer billing, energy and technology, and accounting personnel. Prior to her tenure at SMECO, Cox worked at Carolina Power and Light in South Carolina. A licensed CPA in the state of Maryland, she earned her master's degree in business



As of March 1, 2020, Sonja M. Cox will become SMECO's fifth CEO in the co-op's 83-year history.

administration from Johns Hopkins University and her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. Cox currently serves as a Trustee on the Board of the College of Southern Maryland and as Treasurer of the Board of Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc.

Scott White, chairman of the SMECO Board of Di-

rectors, said, "Sonja Cox has a wealth of experience with electric utilities and has served the cooperative well over the past 21 years. She is respected among SMECO employees and industry peers, and she has the full confidence of our Board. SMECO has made a lot of progress with regard to technological innovations, construction of power lines, substations, and new facilities, and the expansion of customer services, and Sonja has been involved with these improvements every step of the way. We couldn't be more proud to appoint her as SMECO's new CEO."

"I am honored to be appointed to this new leadership role," Cox said. "SMECO is a great organization with dedicated employees and a meaningful role in Southern Maryland. Not only do we work tirelessly to provide electric service to our members, we also support local organizations and

participate fully in the life of the community." She added, "I'm looking forward to continuing the innovative work at which SMECO excels. Our co-op—from the Board of Directors to the personnel across all the departments—is committed to serving our members, and that's what drives our success."

Austin J. Slater, Jr., who has served as SMECO's CEO for 17 years, submitted his retirement letter to the Board of Directors at the monthly board meeting in October. Upon retirement, Slater plans to teach in the business school of his alma mater, Shepherd University, as an adjunct professor. He and his wife, Carmen, are restoring a home in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, that was built in 1789, and they plan to enjoy the many outdoor activities the area offers.

*Press Release from SMECO*

## County Operations Schedule for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All St. Mary's County Government administrative and Metropolitan Commission offices will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 21.

The St. Andrews Landfill and six (6) Convenience Centers will be open normal hours on Monday, January 20, 2020.

The St. Mary's Transit System (STS) and ADA will operate on a normal schedule. However, the State-wide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) will not operate on January 20.

All three St. Mary's County Library branches (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown and Lexington Park) will be closed on January 20.

All Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler and Northern) will be closed and no Home-Delivered Meals deliveries will be made.

The St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums will be open on January 20 from noon until 4 p.m.



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# Sheriff's Office Crime Report

## Narcotics Arrest Leads to Child Abuse Charges

On December 17 members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division began an investigation into the death of a 25-year-old male from Charlotte Hall. During the investigation information was obtained the decedent had been at a residence in the 28800 block of Trent Hall Road in Mechanicsville prior to his death. The investigation determined **Hannah Mason Meinhardt**, 24, resided at this residence and was also operating an unlicensed daycare at the residence. Information obtained during the investigation determined in December of 2019, a juvenile at the unlicensed daycare obtained used drug paraphernalia from a trashcan and possibly ingested residue from a controlled dangerous substance (CDS). Detectives determined during this time frame Meinhardt had been providing daycare to at least two other children under the age of 10.

On January 8, 2020, Meinhardt was arrested and charged with the following:

- Child Abuse: Second Degree-Care and Custody (three counts)
- Neglect of Minor (three counts)
- Reckless Endangerment (three counts)

Meinhardt was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and later released on a \$15,000 bond.

**Assault-** On January 5 Dep. Lawrence responded to the 21700 block of North Essex Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **James Walter Wheeler Jr.**, 30 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by punching and slapping the victim in the face,



as well as kicking the victim causing injuries that required medical treatment. Wheeler was located, arrested, and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

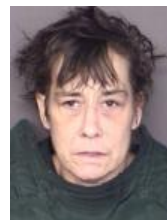
**False Statement/Drug Arrest-** On January 6, Dep. Graves was in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, when he made contact with an individual who provided a false name. Investigation determined the person to be **David Andrew Spears**, 31 of Leonardtown. Spears had outstanding warrants for Child Support, and was taken into custody. Once into custody a folded one dollar bill was discovered on Spears and contained suspected cocaine residue. Spears was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and False Statement to Officer. CASE# 1039-20



**Violate Protective Order-** On January 7, Dep. Graves responded to the 22000 block of Willow Spring Lane in Lexington Park, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined **Daelandre Keyshawn Barnes**, 18 of Lexington Park, contacted the victim numerous times in violation of a valid court order. Barnes was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



**Assault-** On January 7, Dep. Forbes responded to the 22500 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Kristen Marie Zook**, 49 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by grabbing the victim's hair and striking the victim several times. Zook was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



# Hit and Run Collision Involving Pedestrian Under Investigation



On January 14, at 4:16 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Three Notch Road and Corporate Drive in Lexington Park for the reported motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Units arrived on scene and located Sherry Lynn King, age 44 of California, suffering from injuries sustained from being struck by a motor vehicle. The striking vehicle fled the scene and has not been identified. King was transported to an area trauma center and is in stable condition.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing the investigation. The strik-

ing vehicle is believed to be a dark colored truck. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has information on this incident is asked to contact Corporal Brian Connelly at (301) 475-4200 extension \*8031 or by email at Brian.Connelly@stmarysmd.com.

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

## Legal Notice

### COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN REQUEST FOR BID RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS


The Commissioners of Leonardtown are currently accepting bids for Rental of Portable Toilets. Approximately 80 units to be used during 7 annual events, plus possible additional units throughout the year will be included in the contract. The bid will be for a 1 year contract with 2 one-year options.

Interested bidders should obtain bid materials from the Town office, located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD or by calling 301-475-9791, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A pre-bid conference will not be held for this bid. Questions concerning the bid materials should be directed to Brandy Blackstone via email to brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov, or by calling 301-475-9791.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2020, at which time they will be a publicly opened and read.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown reserve the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, and accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

By Authority:  
Laschelle McKay  
Town Administrator



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## St. Mary's County Airport Kicks Off 50th Anniversary with RC Plane Demos



Archie Stafford, of Patuxent Aero Modelers, demonstrates a 14-gram remote control airplane in the terminal.



Radio controlled airplanes on display at the county airport terminal included jet powered ones like this F-16 model.



Matt Carruthers takes his daughter Shelby through an aircraft simulator at the county's airport Jan. 11.

## St. Clement's Island Museum to Host Appraisers at Annual Appraiser Fair

You may have an attic full of hidden treasures and not even know it! Visit with expert appraisers as they determine the value of your prized possessions at St. Clement's Island Museum at the annual Appraiser Fair Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Appraiser's Fair provides an opportunity for the public to learn the value of their heirlooms and how to properly care for them. Appraisers will be available to offer oral appraisal to members of the public for the following categories: fine arts, dolls, coins, jewelry, currency and clocks. The fine arts category includes ceramics, pottery, glassware, artwork/paintings, music boxes and small furniture pieces. Items in this category are limited to two items per person at a fee of \$5 per item. Due to the popularity of this category, you may experience a longer wait time than usual. Other category fees are \$5 each. Cash and check are the only form of payment accepted.

The featured appraisers come from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines. The "fine arts" appraisers include Dorie Lear, a certified auction house appraiser; Henry Lane Hull, proprietor of Commonwealth Antiques and Appraisals; and Bill Curry, proprietor of Hammer's Antiques and Collectibles. For jewelry, Shari Mesh, a certified gemologist and appraiser, and graduate of the Gemological Institute of America will be on hand. Linda Neeley, member of the Black-eyed Susan Doll Club of Southern Maryland, will be on hand to appraise dolls. In the "clocks" category, Mike Johnson, member of the Watch and Clock Association and specializes in antique clock repair, will be available. William Parron, proprietor of the Bill Parron Coin Co, will be available to appraise coins and currency.

The public is encouraged to only bring items that can be hand-carried. Items that do not fit this category will not be accepted for appraisal. Space is limited and items will be viewed on a first come, first served basis. Appraisals are not certified; however, one can make arrangements for a certified appraisal at a later date and time.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 221 will be selling tasty baked goods in the Water Front Room. Museum staff will be available to offer advice on how to care for your items.

Those who are members of the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums will enjoy exclusive benefits open only to members, including the ability to skip the lines and gain early access (from 9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.) to the appraisers, as well as two (2) free tickets good for item appraisals. Friends members enjoy these and many other benefits throughout the year and at museum events, so be sure to join the Friends now and support local historic preservation.

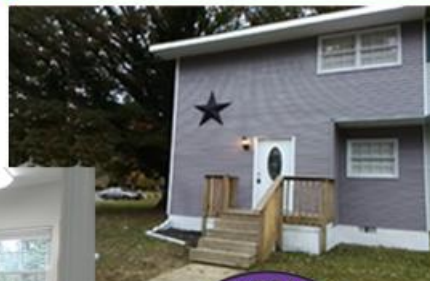
St. Clement's Island Museum is located at 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. Call 301-769-2222 for details and hours of operation. During winter hours, the museum is open seven days a week, noon to 4 p.m. and upcoming events include Community Day Feb. 7, and Maryland Day March 25.

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Judges receive \$200 per election as well as \$30.00 for attending the required training class.

For more information, please call the Elections Office 301-475-4200, ext. 71614 or email [electionjudges@stmarysmd.com](mailto:electionjudges@stmarysmd.com)

*Press Release from St. Mary's County Government*

## Cedar Lane Senior Living Community Receives "Superior" Rating on Management and Occupancy Review

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development gives Cedar Lane its top ranking



Based on an extensive Management and Occupancy Review, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has recognized Cedar Lane Senior Living Community I with a "Superior" rating, its highest score.

The Management and Occupancy Review is a mandatory inspection conducted to ensure that multifamily housing programs comply with the guidelines set forth by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The comprehensive process includes an advance desk review, an on-site review, customer satisfaction surveys and a follow-up summary report, all designed to identify any operational deficiencies and eliminate fraud, waste and mismanagement.

In the categories of general appearance, follow-up and monitoring of project inspections, maintenance and standard operating procedures, leasing and occupancy, tenant/management relations and general management practices, Cedar Lane received the rating of "Superior."

"Responsible management is of the utmost importance to us and I am exceedingly proud of the work our team does every

day," said Beverly Stickles, president and chief operating officer of Cedar Lane Senior Living Community. "A superior rating shows our commitment to the people who live here. Our residents can be assured we have their best interests in mind and we're taking the best path forward to get there."

### About Cedar Lane

Founded in 1977, Cedar Lane Senior Living Community is a collaboration of 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations providing affordable housing and supportive services to residents of Southern Maryland. Cedar Lane serves senior adults (62+) with income-based and market rate housing. In addition, 10% of the resident community is made up of individuals under the age of 62 who are living with a disability. Situated in the heart of Leonardtown, Maryland, the campus features 195 apartments where residents can live independently while enjoying onsite amenities, optional services and a full calendar of life-enriching activities. For more information, visit [www.cedar-lane.org](http://www.cedar-lane.org), call 1-301-475-8966 or visit in person at 22680 Cedar Lane Court in Leonardtown, Maryland.

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# Listings Now Accepted for Horse Industry Guide

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) is now accepting listings to develop a new consumer guide in support of the region's horse industry.

"The Southern Maryland Horse Extra" is the latest iteration of SMADC's former "Equine Guide" (last published in 2016), and is intended to be a vibrant showcase and fully comprehensive consumer resource for the expanding equine/horse industry in the five county area of Southern Maryland (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's County).

Free listings are offered for Southern Maryland horse barns and facilities of all disciplines and categories: riding/lessons, boarding, training, sales,

breeding, therapeutic programs and other horse-related activities.

Additionally, regional equine-related businesses, organizations and support services for horses and their owners are encouraged to submit listings including hay producers, tack shops, farriers, vets, specialized horse care facilities, feed mills/suppliers, regional shows and arenas, riding and hunt clubs, judges and trainers.

The new guide is just one element of SMADC's continued outreach and commitment to Maryland's horse industry. "We hope to launch the Horse Extra online in time for the Southern Maryland Horse Summit on March 8th, a one-day event featuring three seminar tracks covering topics for all disciplines

and stages of riders, barn owners, businesses and equine enthusiasts," commented SMADC Program Specialist, Karyn Owens.

Later this spring the Commission will also launch, a dedicated one-stop-shop portal to state-wide equine resources, which will also be a new feature of SMADC's Maryland FarnLINK program website.

Applications to be included in the Southern Maryland Horse Extra are now being accepted until the deadline March 1, 2020. Listings are free. To submit a listing, and for Horse Summit details and tickets, visit 'News & Events' at [www.smadc.com](http://www.smadc.com).

*Press Release from SMADC*

## St. Mary's County player wins \$100,000 \$100,000 Crossword Scratch-off Spells Big Fortune

A scratch-off stocking stuffer became the ultimate Christmas gift for a St. Mary's County man when it revealed a \$100,000 top prize. The infrequent player won with our third edition \$100,000 Crossword scratch-off, which ranks 15th this week on the Maryland Lottery's Top 40 Scratch-offs list.

The lucky 20-year-old only needed 10 words to win the top prize but matched a much larger total of 14 words! One of his friends, along with a family member, confirmed his big win in the \$10 game. Once certain that he had won \$100,000, the player called immediate family members and close friends to share his good news.

He was undecided about his plans for the prize other than to "invest smartly." He might spend his windfall on a new washer and dryer, take his family on a cruise and pursue plans to open his own restaurant.

The person who stuffed his stocking bought the lucky game at Food Lion #0656. The Leonardtown store located at 40955 Merchant Lane earns a \$1,000 bonus from the Lottery for selling a top-prize winning scratch-off of \$100,000.

His lucky game is still filled with prizes, including four unclaimed \$100,000 top prizes and 13 \$10,000 prizes.

## Leadership SOMD Learns From Walden Sierra/Pyramid Health Care



Members of the Leadership Southern Maryland Class of 2020 visited Walden Sierra/Pyramid Health Care recently for a briefing of the services it provides. Photo by Ceandra Scott.



Laura Webb, associate executive director at Walden Sierra talks to Leadership Southern Maryland attendees. Photo by Ceandra Scott.

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# Legislature Ponders Kirwan Funding

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A state senate committee heard from former University of Maryland Chancellor Brit Kirwan Jan. 14 about the potential for reform and improvement in state public schools if the legislature enacts the many recommendations from the commission that bears his name.

Kirwan said the combination of \$4 billion in additional education funding over the next 10 years, along with higher standards and increased guidance on planning and school improvement from the state will result in a superior education “for every kid, in every zip code.”

Still, just how the state will pay for the steep increases is unknown and rumors are circulating around Annapolis, local elected officials say, about possible ways to raise extra revenues.

Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist. 29) who attended the hearing, listened intently about the promises of increased teacher pay, which were a key aspect of the recommendations and one of the main reasons teachers were either leaving the profession or trying to find jobs in systems with higher salaries.

But Bailey said during the hearing that pay was only part of the equation.

“The issue I find in talking to teachers who come to Southern Maryland is not the pay but a lack of discipline in the classroom,” Bailey said.

Bailey also chafed at one of the accountability measures that would withhold 25 percent of a school system’s state funding if it did not enact Kirwan commission directives; that money would only be released if the system did so.

“It would be held in escrow,” Kirwan told the committee.

In a later interview, Bailey told The County Times he did not receive a satisfactory answer from Kirwan about accountability for school systems that “cooked the books” to make it seem that they were meeting state standards.

Bailey gave examples of recent scandals in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County over testing and grade manipulation for reasons why there should be penalties for offending school systems.

“There’s no penalty [in the



District 27 Democrat Sen. Thomas V. “Mike” Miller, left, and District 29 Sen. Jack Bailey, a Republican, talk about what was the upcoming legislative session in Annapolis which started Jan. 8.

Kirwan recommendations] for not following the rules,” Bailey said. “There needs to be discipline and accountability.”

Kirwan said systems which failed to improve, but followed the recommendations would receive help from state education specialists to make the gains they needed.

Sen. Mary Beth Carroza, of Wicomico County and a member of the Kirwan Commission, backed up Bailey’s concerns about discipline in the classroom and general working conditions.

“Along with pay, teachers continually bring up the learning environment,” Carroza said during the hearing. “In Wicomico County we’ve had teachers sent to hospitals in just the past six weeks.”

Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist. 29A) said no bill had been filed with a funding formula for Kirwan recommendations, though the House Bill 002 designation had been reserved for it.

For the next several years, the bill for Kirwan recommendations was paid for by the tax windfall the state received from the Trump Administration’s tax cuts, Morgan said.

“It’s about \$750 million for three years,” Morgan said. “They’ve taken that and put it

towards Kirwan.”

But by 2023, the forward funding will run out and both counties and the state will have to begin paying the additional \$3 billion to make Kirwan recommendations a reality.

“That’s when the bill comes due,” Morgan said, who questioned whether Kirwan’s recommendations, with their high price tag, was the answer to improving education.

“Is Kirwan really the fix for education?” Morgan asked. “Maryland’s per pupil funding is already \$3,600 over the national average.”

The Kirwan recommendations would also shift larger proportions of funding to school systems that are either economically disadvantaged or with poor performance.

“It means transporting more of our tax dollars to areas that already have the highest per pupil funding in the state,” Morgan said.

He added that St. Mary’s County received 41 cents back in tax revenue for every dollar it sent to the state.

Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist. 29B) said the level of taxes returning to St. Mary’s was not the best, but 12th out of 24 jurisdictions.

“We are the benchmark,”

Crosby said, adding that he was confident St. Mary’s would be able to fund any increases in education funding that Kirwan would mandate, at least for the next few years.

“I’m confident, based on recent history, St. Mary’s is funding above whatever’s in this bill,” Crosby said. “Do we [at the state level] even need to raise revenues?”

“I don’t have the answer to that.”

Crosby said the issue of Kirwan funding would be the most important this General Assembly, but the commission itself was supposed to have come up with a funding formula after three years of work.

“They kicked it back to the legislators,” Crosby said. “They’ve had three years and everybody’s already asking for it.”

He agreed with Morgan in that other jurisdictions less well off than St. Mary’s would benefit much more.

“They’re going to get a larger portion of the pie... because they have more poor people,” Crosby said.

Del. Jerry Clark (R-Dist. 29 C) said there was still much uncertainty over how the state would fund the Kirwan recommendations, but there were al-

ready numerous ideas floating around Annapolis about how more revenues could be raised.

“They’re looking hard at taxing digital ads on the internet,” Clark said. “They’re also considering taxing internet sales and doing away with certain business tax credits.”

Removing business tax incentives would not produce significant revenue, Clark said, as the state did not provide many such incentives.

There was even an idea about allowing sports gambling at Maryland casinos to raise revenue to help fund Kirwan, Clark said.

That could find its way on a referendum ballot in the next election, he said.

Clark also entertained the idea that legislators might leave the solution to funding Kirwan to others.

“They’re just moving the can down the road for the next governor and the next legislature,” Clark said.

Gov. Larry Hogan has been critical of the Kirwan Commission’s spending recommendations as being without enough accountability.

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# Winter Turkey Season Opens Jan. 23

## Another Chance to Bag a Hen or Gobbler

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the opening of the winter turkey season, which runs statewide from January 23-25 for hunters who did not harvest a turkey during the 2019 fall season.



Hunting hours are from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. The bag limit is one turkey of either sex.

“Wild turkey populations are at an all-time high in much of Maryland,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “The winter season provides a fantastic opportunity to

get outdoors after other popular hunting seasons are winding down.”

During the winter turkey season, Maryland hunters may only use shotguns loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller, crossbows, vertical bows, or airguns that shoot arrows or bolts.

Hunters are reminded that it is illegal to hunt turkeys with the aid of bait. Hunters are required

to check in their harvest via phone at 888-800-0121, online or via the department’s mobile app.

The Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping provides information about winter turkey hunting, including season open dates and regulations.

*Press Release from MD DNR*

# Leonardtwn Basketball of to Fast Start



The Leonardtown Varsity Basketball Team defeated McDonough 63-40 at a home game Jan. 8. Photos by Ceandra Scott.



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# News

## New Commander Takes Charge of U.S. Navy Test Pilot School

Lt. Col. Rory Feely became the 49th commander of the United States Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) following a change of command ceremony today. Feely took over from Cmdr. Glenn P. Rioux who served as the school's commanding officer since July 2018.

Retired Rear Admiral Paul A. Sohl was guest speaker at the change of command ceremony. Sohl formerly served as the commanding officer of Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division and as both the executive officer and commanding officer of Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.

"You've set the foundation for TPS to be an integral part of the Navy's larger transformation – well done," said Sohl. "I couldn't be prouder and more appreciative of your command's accomplishments over the last year and a half. We all owe you a debt of gratitude."

Sohl praised Rioux's initiatives to de-

velop and implement a long-term vision statement for the school, to comprehensively update the school's curriculum and develop measurable learning objectives aligned to them, and to formalize the school's instructor qualification standards. "You're taking the deliberate steps required to get to a coaching instructional methodology," Sohl said. "This is real education reform."

Feely, according to Sohl, exhibited three traits that will make him a successful commanding officer of USNTPS: "a contagious curiosity, a core belief that perceived failures actually get us closer to the solution more quickly than successes, and finally, he holds dear the idea that humans inherently want to connect together in teams to solve the biggest challenges."

Feely, the current executive officer of USNTPS, has served 24 years in the Marine Corps and has deployed four times



Cmdr. Glenn Rioux hands over command to Lt. Col. Rory Feely.

to Iraq, Southeast Asia, and Central Asia. An acquisitions officer and experimental test pilot, Feely's last assignment prior to joining USNTPS was to the Marine Corps' Heavy Lift Helicopter Program Office, where he was responsible for the CH-53K International team's efforts in Germany and Israel. He is a USNTPS graduate and served four years as a military test pilot at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 21, where he worked on precision weapons and high-fidelity sensor systems integrated onto combat helicopters.

A native of Dublin, Ireland, Feely has a bachelor's degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics from University College Cork. He earned a master's in Technical Program Management from Johns Hopkins University in 2009 and a master's in Aerospace Engineering from Naval Postgraduate School in 2015. He is the recipient of the 2009 National Defense Industrial Association Marine Corps Tester of the Year Award and is an active member of the Vertical Flight Society, the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, and the Marine Corps Aviation Association.

"We make combat systems for Marines and sailors who fly into combat," said Feely. "We have to a good job. We have to do a better job."

"If you want to make a difference, you need to do the kind of work that does," said Feely.

Rioux, a fellow graduate of USNTPS, enlisted in the Navy and served as an electronics technician, where he attained the rank of Petty Officer First Class before being selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. At the same time, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Virginia Tech with majors in Computer Science and Software Engineering and minors in Mathematics and Leadership. After a career supporting

flight test projects, carrier and humanitarian operations, and unmanned air systems program offices at NAVAIR, Rioux reported to USNTPS as executive officer in January 2017.

"It has been an honor and pleasure serving with you," said Rioux to Feely. "And I'll tell you this: hang on, it's a wild ride. It goes so very quickly, but enjoy it, cherish it, it will be awesome and you're going to do a great job."

During his remarks, Rioux presented commendations to USNTPS instructor Mr. Ron Barthelme for spearheading the curriculum development effort, and to instructor Lt. Cmdr. Nick Denison and chief flight instructor Cmdr. Ryan Donohue for updating the USNTPS history book for the first time since 1992.

Founded in 1945, USNTPS trains the world's finest developmental test pilots, flight officers, engineers, and industry and foreign partners in the full-spectrum test and evaluation of aircraft and aircraft systems. Located at NAS Patuxent River, the school is in the forefront of developing modern test techniques, and is a leader in the standardization of flight test. It is the only source of rotary-wing test pilots in the United States and serves as the U.S. Army's test pilot school. Graduates leave the program prepared to meet the wide range of requirements necessary to conduct research, developmental and operational test and evaluation activities in support of U.S. military services, government agencies, and many foreign nations.

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# School Schedule Draws Controversy

## When to Start the Year Debated

By Dick Myers  
Editor

Maryland's school boards have been unshackled from the Gov. Hogan dictated requirement that schools start after Labor Day. But the controversy ranges on in St. Mary's County.

A committee tasked with coming up with next year's school calendar has recommended that schools start as they had before the governor's policy change — on the 4th Wednesday of August, which would be August 26 this year. The recommendation has the full support of Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith. But several school board members don't like the idea.

The report of the 27-member committee was presented to the school board at their Jan. 15 meeting by Chief Strategic Officer Dr. Jeffrey Maher. The committee reviewed more than 3,000 responses to an online survey, and he said slightly less than 50 percent favored the 4th

Wednesday start, while 35.5 percent being okay with a Sept. 1 start and 25.4 percent sticking with retaining the start after Labor Day.

Board member Rita Weaver quickly responded, "I am against schools starting that early." She expressed concern for families transferring to a Pax River related job from areas more familiar with a September school start. She said it might require family members to come in early to start their children in school.

Board Chair Karin Bailey expressed support for an Aug. 31 start while board Vice Chair Cathy Allen settled in on Sept. 1 for this year, which is a Tuesday and would give time on Monday for the schools to be readied for the children.

Bailey noted, however, "We all agree it would be unreasonable to start after Labor Day." The state's school boards pushed back on that requirement and got legislative sup-

port because of the difficulty of squeezing the required 180 days into the calendar, providing for snow days, and ending sometime in mid-June instead of extending into late June.

The calendar presented to the board included a full two-week winter break around Christmas and New Year's, which this year will be on Friday. Maher said the committee felt it would make sense to give the kids the whole week off before Christmas and families time to travel. But Weaver wondered how many people do travel.

Weaver suggested that would be one possible place to make up for the days lost by starting later. Another possible target would be Columbus Day, which is now a voluntary parent/teacher conference day.

Another potential target for making up lost days could be the traditional Friday school day at the county fair. Maher noted that having school that day would cause problems for

the three schools across the street from the fairgrounds, which are used for overflow parking.

And, board member Mary Washington argued passionately that the fair tradition was important for the students and the public.

Smith was resolute that the 4th Wednesday in August made the most sense from an education standpoint. Smith said, "I understand there is a great push to keep summer, summer," but he noted that the earlier start date had worked successfully "forever." He said in starting on Wednesday teachers have time to prepare their classrooms and also schools have time to schedule open houses.

He also observed that starting earlier gave students more time to prepare for their college examinations.

Allen asked Maher to take the school board members' concerns back to the committee to solicit their comments,



Chief Strategic Officer Dr. Jeffrey Maher

although Smith pointed out that the decision ultimately rests with the school board. She also asked for data on the number of military families affected and the number of parents who come to the Columbus Day conferences.

The committee's recommendation was to create a uniform schedule for the next two school years.

The school board will have a chance to hear more reactions at a public hearing scheduled for their Jan. 29 meeting.

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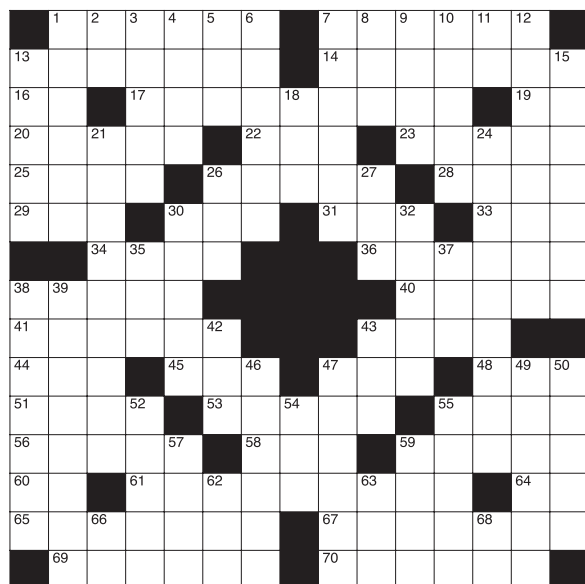
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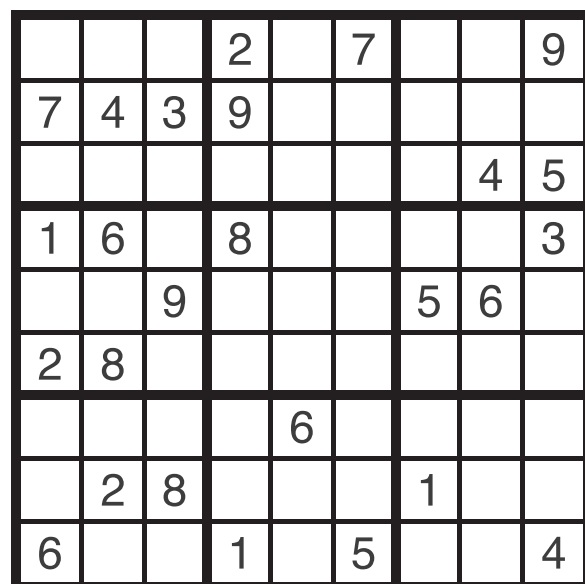
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- 22. Musical genre
- 23. Heavy cavalry sword
- 25. Ancient Olympic Site
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- 28. Popular flower
- 29. Shared services center
- 30. Drain
- 31. A way to attack
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- 38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
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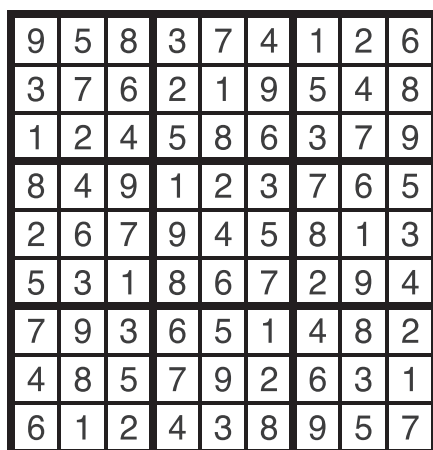
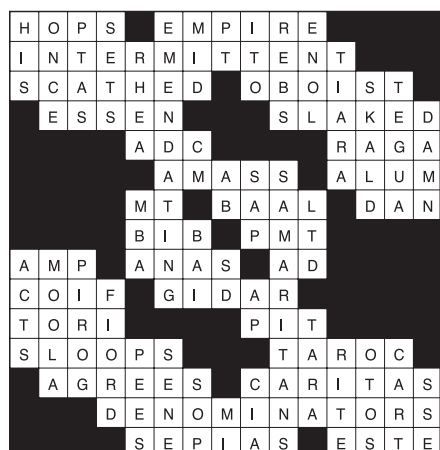
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- 58. Infamous singer Zadora
- 59. Anwar \_\_\_, Egyptian statesman
- 60. Influential sports mag
- 61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant
- 64. Sixth note of a major scale
- 65. Unit of explosive power
- 67. Large watertight chamber
- 69. Popular street
- 70. A way of watering

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- 1. Mollusks
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- 4. Large Middle Eastern country
- 5. To make a mistake
- 6. Ancient governor
- 7. Extents
- 8. Chinese surname
- 9. NYC subway "residents"
- 10. Essential oil used as perfume
- 11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)
- 12. Session
- 13. Units of land areas
- 15. Goes over once more
- 18. Where wrestlers work
- 21. Italian islanders
- 24. Avenue
- 26. \_\_\_ Adams, U.S. President
- 27. Rest with legs bent
- 30. Type of flour
- 32. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 35. More (Spanish)
- 37. Stinging, winged insect
- 38. The use of irony to mock
- 39. Arsenals
- 42. Pouch
- 43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. Restrict
- 49. Something comparable to another
- 50. Punishment device made from stems
- 52. Soul and calypso songs
- 54. Formerly OSS
- 55. Athabaskan language
- 57. \_\_\_ bene: observe carefully
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Read-only memory
- 63. Chinese philosophical principle
- 66. American conglomerate
- 68. Tin



**LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**



## Celebrate the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Free Three-day Event Set for Annmarie Garden



Visiting artist G.M. Webb will lead a community art project titled, "faces of a Dream" at Annmarie garden's MLK Days January 18-20.



MLK Days at Annmarie Garden brings the community together to celebrate and create a piece of art inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King's message of acceptance and understanding.

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland, will celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with MLK Days, an annual event that brings the community together for three days of uplifting creativity and inspiration. This year's event will take place Saturday, January 18 through Monday, January 20, 11am to 4pm each day. Admission is free; donations are gladly accepted!

Visiting Baltimore artist Gary Webb will guide visitors through the creation of a community art project titled, "Faces of a Dream." Inspired by the art of Mr. Webb, the project invites guests of all ages to create a wire mask using the artist's "webbing technique" of twisting and bending different kinds of wire into a self-portrait mask. Each wire portrait will be added to an ever growing wall of faces, celebrating the diversity and beauty of our community. Materials appropriate for different ages and abilities will be available.

"We're thrilled to offer this creative and uplifting event each year that invites the community to come together to celebrate Dr. King's dream by working together to build something beautiful."

says Stacey Hann-Ruff, director of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center.

Guests at MLK Days can also enjoy, the popular "Tent of Many Colors," a giant indoor communal coloring tent that transforms the gallery into a gathering space that is both peaceful and inspiring. Step inside the colorful tent and enjoy the therapeutic qualities of coloring! Coloring supplies will be available for use and all ages are welcome. Guests are also invited to visit the artLAB Creative Reuse Center to create an original piece of art to take home inspired by Dr. King. Guests can also tour a gallery show featuring the Webb's work.

MLK Days is an unforgettable opportunity to reflect upon the legacy of Dr. King and affirm his message of acceptance and understanding. You won't want to miss this unique and memorable community event.

MLK Days is appropriate for all ages; admission is free, donations are gladly accepted. For additional information please call 410-326-4640 or visit [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org).

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# In Remembrance

## Frederick Otto Troger



Frederick Otto Troger, 88, of Silver Spring, MD formerly from Detroit, MI passed away on January 11, 2020 at his home. He was born on April 14, 1931 in Detroit, MI and was the loving son of the late Erma Van Troostenbergh Troger and Alfred Troger. Fred was the loving husband of Helena Pat Troger whom he married on July 4, 1955 in St. Mary's County, MD. Fred is survived by his children Cathy Carter (Scott) of Burtonsville, MD, Joann Syrokosz (Steve) of St. Mary's, KS, 15 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Rosemary Holzhauser.

Fred graduated from St. Ambrose in 1949 and attended the University of Detroit. Fred lived in Detroit until he joined the Navy in 1951. He was stationed at Pax River and had a blind date with Patsy Downs. Patsy's mother said he must be ok since he was Catholic. They married after he was honorably discharged from the Navy. Fred brought Pat to Detroit and then Dearborn where they lived until Fred retired in 1994. Fred initially worked at Continental Aviation which eventually moved to Toledo. The family did not want to move so he started working for Ford as a test engineer and retired in 1994.

Fred and Pat moved to Culpeper, VA for a short time but that was too far away from Pat's family in Southern Maryland and from his daughter Cathy's family in Burtonsville. Fred and Pat bought a house in La Plata and lived there until they moved to Riderwood in 2009. Fred was not crazy about Riderwood at first but knew it would be a good place for them in the future, and it was only a few miles from Burtonsville. Fred and Pat made lots of friends there. Fred played pinochle and pool every week, and joined the ham radio club. Fred's call letters for many years were K8TKC which Pat said stood for K8 Tender Kissing Catholic. Fred had those call letters on his license plate.

Fred and Pat traveled all around the US and to other countries as well. Fred also took a trip with his nephew Phil to Australia. In addition to vacation travels, Fred and Pat took many trips to Kansas to visit Joann and her ever growing family. Joann says she appreciated Fred helping with tuition for her 13 children to attend Catholic school. Joann also fondly remembers the banana seat bike her dad gave her, to which he added a small motor. Most of the neighbors were ok with this "motorcycle" but there were a few who didn't like the noise. Joann also remembers when her dad would take her shopping to buy a present for her mom, and buy her M&Ms which he told her to keep quiet about.

That brings us to dad's hobby of riding motorcycles. He got his first one when he was 14, and he had at least one ever since

Cathy and Joann can remember. Every couple of years he would buy a larger one. One year he bought a 1949 Harley 3 wheeler and used it to drive all the neighbor kids around, and he drove it on the ice on Lake St. Clair. Fred took the family on weekends to watch "hill climb" motorcycle races. Fred also went on lots of motorcycle trips with his nephew Mike, and Cathy remembers more than one time when her dad had a hard time pulling his boots off a black and blue ankle from leaning too far into a curve. Cathy also remembers when her dad took her to a Tiger game on a motorcycle. It started to rain so they pulled off onto the shoulder of I-94 under a bridge. The bike kind of went sideways and Cathy's pants ripped and her knee was scraped up. They returned home to get the car and for Cathy to change and she was told to get in and out of the house without her mom seeing her knee. Dad was also a lucky rider because when he was T-boned by a car one time he did two summersaults and landed on his feet. However, his pristine Honda Silver Wing was totaled. Pat went on regular rides with Fred and he bought them matching helmets for their 25th wedding anniversary. They also loved riding their snowmobiles at their cottage "up North" at Forest Lake.

Fred was very handy and had a workshop in the basement where he fixed TVs and some small appliances. He even fixed his own huge flat screen TV last year.

Fred loved music, mostly jazz, and he frequently attended Navy Band concerts.

Fred was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, neighbor and friend. He helped family, neighbors and friends, especially while living at Riderwood. After all, he was still driving, even at night! There will be a service at Riderwood later in January or in February so all his friends there can attend.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery Bushwood, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30 PM with Father Samuel Plummer officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

There will be a service at Riderwood later in January or in February so all his friends there can attend.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Church of the Resurrection 3315 Green Castle Road Burtonsville, MD 20866, Riderwood Benevolent Care Fund, Philanthropy Department 3110 Gracefield Road Silver Spring, MD 20904 or the American Cancer Society.

## Mary Emily Dyson

Mary Emily Dyson, 96, of Abell's Road Abell, MD passed away on January 10, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on January 8, 1924 in Bushwood, MD she was the daughter of the late Mary E. Armstrong and Raymond I. Armstrong,



Sr. Mary was the loving wife of the late James Benjamin Dyson, who she married on July 5, 1942 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bushwood, MD and whom preceded her in death on September 26, 2015. Mary is survived by her children Mary Clinton of Washington, DC, Dulca A. Ball of Lexington Park, MD, Raymond Dyson of Forestville, MD, Agnes A. Somerville of Waldorf, MD, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. As well as her sister Gertrude Butler of Washington, DC. She was preceded in death by her son James H. Dyson.

Mary was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. She attended Bannker High School, and received her GED. Mary was a cook at Capt. Sam's, Pennies, Baileys, and Jefferson Island Club, retiring in December, 1984.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD; where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father Samuel Plummer officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Bushwood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Kevin Dyson, James

Ball, Jr, Cecil Somerville, Wayne Thomas, Joseph Broome, and Francis Broome

## Joseph Frederick "Freddie" Hancock



Joseph Frederick "Freddie" Hancock, Sr., 88, of Compton, MD, formerly of Loveville, MD, passed away on January 10, 2020 at St. Mary's Hos-

pital. Born on October 10, 1931, he was the son of the late Mary Alma Long Hancock and Joseph Morgan Hancock. Freddie was the loving husband of Lorraine Burch Hancock, whom he married on August 24, 1955 at Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville, MD.

A lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, Freddie attended St. Joseph's Catholic School. He served two years in the Maryland National Guard. He worked as a mechanic for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Fuel Farm, later at his own repair shop, and then the C&P Telephone Company. In 1970, he joined the business Hancock Refrigeration with his brother Billy. In 1976, he then moved on to a position in HVAC service/repair for the St. Mary's County Board of Education, retiring from there in 1993. He was also




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a school bus contractor and driver for 30 years for the St. Mary's County Non-Public School system.

Freddie was considered a "Jack of all trades." He had the amazing ability to fix just about anything that he put his hands on, and if something was needed that didn't exist, he invented it. He was famous for his ability to put a motor on anything. His cousins are convinced that he invented the first "moped" in St. Mary's County – by putting an old gasoline powered washing machine motor on a bicycle in his teens.

There was always someone coming in and out of his garage/shop at home in Loveville, bringing him new projects and things to fix. Nothing made him happier than to help people out. Even in his later years, with severely limited eyesight and difficult mobility, Freddie always had a project going. In the last week of his life, he finished building/repairing an air compressor as a surprise gift for one of his grandsons – just because he thought it was needed.

Along with "tinkering", Freddie enjoyed hunting, motor-home camping, boating, fishing, and crabbing. He was famous within the family for his steamed crabs. His grandchildren swore that no one cooked crabs that tasted as good as Pop-Pop's. Freddie was also an avid NASCAR and Dallas Cowboys fan.

Freddie is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Lorraine Burch Hancock; his daughter, Mary K. Peterson of Piney Point, MD and her husband Billy; his son, Joseph F. "Ricky" Hancock, Jr. of Loveville, MD and his wife Cindy; his daughter, Susan P. Hall of Chaptico, MD and her husband Glenn; his daughter, Paula E. Kidwell of Hughesville, MD and her husband Charlie; his daughter, Julie M. Guy of Loveville, MD; his son, John M. "Jack" Hancock of Callaway, MD and his girlfriend Cathy Sparks; and his brother, Charles J. Hancock of Mt. Airy, MD. Freddie is also survived by eight grandchildren (William B. "BJ" Peterson IV, Christina Finegan, Kelly Trossbach, Jessie Hall, Alex McLean, Christopher Hall, Rose Hancock, and Jason Guy) and eight great-grandchildren (Emma Peterson, Madison Trossbach, Elizabeth Finegan, Cheyenne Trossbach, Jack Finegan, Henry Finegan, Liam Peterson, and Ryleigh Trossbach).

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his siblings Mary Agnes Bailey, William B. Hancock, and Reggie Hancock; and his grandchildren Heather Hancock and Kerri Hancock.

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 17, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM, with Father Drew Royals officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be BJ Peterson, Alex McLean, Christopher Hall, Jason Guy, John Trossbach and John Finegan.

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

### Hilda Elizabeth (Lumpkins) Olson



Hilda Elizabeth (Lumpkins) Olson, 93 of Piney Point, MD died January 7, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital. Born May 14, 1926, in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Maurice Hamilton Lumpkins and Mable Lottie (Potter) Lumpkins. She married her husband, Bernard (Ole) Edwin Olson, on June 23, 1945 at St. George Island Methodist Church in St. George Island, MD. He preceded her in death on October 19, 2007. She was preceded in death by her brothers James Lumpkins and Wallace Lumpkins and her sister Phyllis McKinney. Hilda was also preceded in death by her oldest grandchild, Jennifer Lynn Olson on February 25, 2013.

Mrs. Olson was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother who enjoyed life with her family. She loved the outdoors working in the yard with her flowers in the summer time. She also was a substitute 4th grade teacher at Piney Point Elementary School. She enjoyed playing Bingo and going to the horse races. She was a volunteer member of the community, serving on various boards and committees. She served as a volunteer for the cancer fund for 15 years. She served as member of the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary for 38 years. She also served as Vice-President for 6 years. She was Secretary for 5 years and ran the Gift shop at St. Mary's Hospital for 10 years. She was also a member of the St. Mary's Hospital Board from 1989-1994. She donated her time as an assistant to the information desk for 5 years at St. Mary's Hospital. In addition, she served on the Human Resources Committee of St. Mary's Hospital. She also served as a member of the Asbury's-Solomons Board of Directors from 1995-2000.

She was President of the Piney Point Lions Club from 1989-1991. She also was president of the Lioness Club of Piney Point from 1981-1982. During her tenure she received an appreciation award from the Lioness club in 1981.

She also received the Golden Award from St. Mary's Hospital for exceptional volunteer service for raising \$1000 for the Hospital. She also was a member of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation for 6 years. In her younger years, after graduation from Great Mills High School, she worked at the Naval Air Test Center as a civil servant from 1945-1948. During her tenure she received a work accomplishment award.

Hilda is survived by her younger brother Ray Hamilton Lumpkins of Shrewsbury, PA and her son, Richard Glenn

Olson of Lexington Park, MD. She is survived by 3 grandchildren, John Olson, Melissa Olson Phipps, and Emily Olson. She also had 8 great grandchildren, Dylan, Jeramey, Ashley, Brooke, Aliyah, Lincoln, Journey, and Elliana.

The family received friends Tuesday, January 14, 2020, from 5-8 pm with prayers at 7 pm at the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home in Leonardtown, MD. Pallbearers were Jimmy Lumpkins, Brian Russell, Jim Amsden, Scott Phipps, Mark Jones, and Greg Boggs. Honorary Pallbearers were John Olson, Shelly Russell, and Greg Madjeski.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, 25500 Point Lookout Rd. Leonardtown, MD, 20650.

### Roy Franklin Hoffman, Jr



Roy Franklin Hoffman, Jr of Mechanicsville, Maryland died peacefully on Friday, January 10, 2020, at St. Mary's Nursing Center after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Mr. Hoffman was born July 26, 1952 in Cheverly, Maryland to the late Lois Hoffman Garner and Roy Hoffman.

Roy graduated from Suitland High School where he met his wife Dolores Hoffman as members of the school marching band. In his younger years, he served as a volunteer firefighter at Hillside Fire Department where he served as president in 1974 and was awarded the Top Responder Award in 1971. Prior to his illness, Roy was employed by Safeway grocery stores for 24 years as a store manager.

In his spare time, Roy enjoyed traveling to Key West, Florida, visiting his sister and spending time fishing with his friends and sons. Mr. Hoffman was a life-long Redskins fan, enjoyed a good card game with friends and tending to his lawn.

In addition to his parents Roy was preceded in death by his sisters Janice King and Patty Hoffman, step-father Richard Garner, Sr., and in-laws Melvin and Grace Mothershead. Roy is survived by his wife of 48 years Dolores Hoffman, his three children Tracy Hoffman (Hank) of Mechanicsville, Frank Hoffman (Vicki) of La Plata and Joey Hoffman of Mechanicsville, five grandchildren Cortney and Melanie Buckler, Hannah and Lily Hoffman, Maddox Hoffman and two great-grandchildren Layla Vaden and Blake Thompson. Mr. Hoffman is also survived by his step-brother Richard Garner, Jr of Federalsburg, Maryland and step-sister Denise Treece of Hopewell, PA.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, January 18th from 10-11am with a prayer service at 11am at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center Leonardtown, Maryland or Hospice of St. Mary's.

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### Elmer Wayland "Elmo" Lewis, Jr.



Elmer Wayland "Elmo" Lewis, Jr., 82, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with his family by his side.

Elmo was born on May 6, 1937 in Washington, D.C., to the late Elmer Wayland Lewis, Sr. and Virginia Dale (Hamilton) Lewis.

Elmo enlisted in the United States Navy as a reservist but was ordered into active duty in October, 1961. He was proud of his service to his country and served for eight (8) years before coming home to raise a family. He worked at Giant Food as a Receiver for thirty-two (32) years until his retirement in 1998.

Elmo was a caring husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who loved his family above all else. Spending time together brought him great joy. He enjoyed camping with the family, fishing on the river and spending time at the beach. Elmo was an active man who loved the outdoors and found peace in the quiet of nature. In the spring and summer, you could find him on the pitcher's mound throwing a softball. During the fall and winter, he was at the bowling alley knocking down the pins. A die-hard Washington Redskins fan, he was an usher at RFK stadium for many years and never stopped rooting for his favorite team. An avid fan of sports, he could spend hours watching the television during any season.

He had a great sense of humor and was the kind of person that if you met him only one time, you would never forget him. You could always count on him to make you laugh. Elmo was a man of faith and great character but his love for his family is his greatest legacy. He left his family with many wonderful memories. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Along with his wife Barbara, he is survived by his children, William "Billy" Lewis of Huntingtown, MD, James "Jimmy" Lewis of Bryans Road, MD, Shari Void of Arlington, VA and Vicki Debeltz (David) of Mechanicsville, MD; six (6) grandchildren; and two (2) great-grandchildren. Elmo is also survived by his siblings, Warren Lewis of Locust Grove, VA, Helen "Carol" Stanberry of Suitland, MD and Cynthia "Cindy" Helmer of Castle Rock, CO. Along with his parents, Elmo was preceded in death by his sons, Robert "Bobby" Lewis, and Johnny



Lewis and two brothers, Richard Lewis and Russell Lewis.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a Life Celebration Visitation at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, & Crematory, Charlotte Hall. Interment will be at a later date in Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

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

### Sloan Walter Reynolds



Sloan Walter Reynolds, 3 months, of California, Maryland, passed away on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Born on October 6, 2019, in Annapolis, MD, he was the son of Patrick and Shelby Reynolds.

Sloan was the happiest baby in the world; most notably recognized by his humongous cheeks, multiple chins, and gummy grin. He adored his big brothers, loved giggling with Papa, and his favorite was Mama's milk. Sloan will always be remembered for his warmth, joy, and \*incredible\* smile. Sloan will forever be the music in our lives, the beat of our hearts, and the rhythm in our souls.

In addition to his parents, surviving are his brothers, Garrett and Pierce. Grandmother, Susie Williams and many family friends.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, January 19, 2020 for a Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### Marion Joseph "Will" Frazier



Marion Joseph "Will" Frazier, 65, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on November 08, 1954 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Russell Vincent Frazier and Margaret Mary (Duke) Frazier.

Will met the love of his life, Carol Falbert Frazier and together they celebrated over 30 years of marriage. Their love produced three intelligent, strong and respectful children.

Will was a compassionate man, who always thought of others. His family was his number one priority and his love for them was in every decision he made. He supported them working as a Physical Security Specialist for the Federal Government. An educated man, Will wanted the very best for his family.

He had many interests: spending time on his fishing boat, Free Willie, wood-working, collecting model trains, camping, and enjoying the company of his beloved dog, Andi.

Will was a wonderful man and his family feels blessed to have his memories to carry them through the hard times. They will be reunited again in the heavens above with his legacy living on through them. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Frazier of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Benjamin Joseph Frazier, of Alexandria, VA, Rebecca Elaine Frazier, of Mechanicsville, MD, Olivia Renee Frazier (Noah Leo Bainter), of Owings Mills, MD; and numerous siblings, Roland Duke Frazier of Towson, MD, Walter Frances Frazier, of Leonardtown, MD, Catherine "Kit" Pilkerton, Margaret "Mickey" Bean, Lake City, FL, Russell Robert Frazier, Ormond Beach, FL, Samuel John Frazier, Hollywood, MD and Andrew Gregory Frazier of Thomaston, ME. Will was preceded in death by his parents, Russell Frazier and Margaret Frazier.

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

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

### Terri Ja'net Phifer



Terri Ja'net Phifer, 34, of California, MD died on January 5, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital with her loving family at her side.

She was born in Greensboro, NC on January 17, 1986 to William Terence Phifer and Janet Moore Phifer of California, MD.

Terri attended Great Mills High School. She was a talented artist and enjoyed painting with acrylics and sketching portraits of people. She enjoyed watching cooking shows and then demonstrating all her gourmet skills. She made many delicious dishes, especially her eggplant lasagna. Her other hobbies included watching scary movies, reading, studying history and visiting her grandmothers and family members in the summers in North Carolina.

In addition to her loving parents, Terri is survived by her sister, Leslie Phifer of Minneapolis, MN, her grandmother Marcella Moore of Greensboro, NC and many extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America Inc., 2121 K St. NW #200, Washington, DC 20037.

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

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### Rupert Cooksey



Rupert "Pete" Cooksey passed away on January 9, 2020. He is survived by his two daughters, Deborah Karen Gray and husband, Michael and

Beverly Fay Norris; two grandsons, Timothy Allen and his daughter, Asia and Mervin L. Allen, Jr. and wife Nicole and their children, Piper and Flynn Allen; his sister-in-law, Catherine Cooksey; his nephew, James Cooksey; and his niece, Carolyn Cooksey. He is preceded in death by his wife, E. Ann Cooksey; his parents, Rupert (Tom) P. Cooksey, Sr. and Elizabeth Hay (Roberts) Cooksey; and by his brother, James C. Cooksey.

Pete grew up on a farm in Dentsville, Maryland, graduated from La Plata High School, and served as a MP in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. When he returned, he joined the Charles County Sheriff's Department and retired with the rank of Lieutenant. He then started his own business, R. P. Cooksey Construction, building custom homes. During that time, he served as the site manager for the Build a Dream Foundation through the Charles County Public Schools. He was also a member of the FOP Lodge 24.

In his free time, he enjoyed playing guitar and listening to country and western music. He worked hard all of his life until life made it impossible. He was proud of his service to Charles County and proud of his Scottish heritage.

Visitation on Monday, January 20, 2020 from 9:30AM until time of Funeral Service at 11AM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 followed by interment at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20601.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Charles County (2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603) or the Dentsville EMS (PO Box 109, La Plata, Maryland 20646).

### Virginia M. McGovern



Mrs. Virginia M. McGovern, a longtime resident of Calvert County, died after a brief illness on January 11, 2020 at the age of 99. Called "Granny" by most who knew her, Virginia Miller was born in 1920 in Washington DC, was raised in Chillum MD, and attended Mr. Rainier High School. She and her 4 siblings worked on her family's truck farm where she met her husband, Marshall McGovern. She was mother to 4 children and traveled with her family after WW II, living in Germany, Italy, and Panama. Granny was active in the air force community and the Red Cross, gaining a reputation as a superb swimming teacher and water safety instructor. She loved crabbing, fishing, and her many hobbies.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, sons Ron and Steve, infant daughter Donna, and grandson Andrew. Yet despite those many losses and heartbreaks, she lived a wonderfully joyful life, touching each person she knew in her own very special way. She is survived by daughter Jan Turner, 4 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and many loving nieces, nephews, and countless devoted friends.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at St. Paul's Church in Baden Maryland. After which all are invited to a share remembrances and a celebratory meal at the adjacent parish hall, internment will be private.



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# 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, Jan. 16, 2020

### Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser

Fitzies Marina and Pub Restaurant

Joe Hazel Road

Leonardtown

4p.m. to 7p.m.

Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win the jackpot. Each Thursday there is the opportunity to take a chance to win until the Queen is found, with the jackpot rolling over each week. Tickets are sold from 4pm-6:45, with the drawing at 7pm.

### Cheesesteaks

VFW Post 2632

Three Notch Road

California

5p.m. to 8p.m.

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 and Money Tree tickets will be sold from 5 to 7.

### Annual Tech Expo at the Forrest Center

James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center

24005 Point Lookout Road

Leonardtown

5:30p.m. to 8p.m.

The purpose of the Forrest Center Tech Expo is to familiarize students and parents with Career and Technology Education (CTE) career options offered by the St. Mary's County Public Schools. This is an opportunity to meet the staff at the Forrest Center and to learn about the 23 completer programs (including the MIFRI Fire and Rescue/EMS program at an off campus location) and the five elective classes that are offered.

## Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

### The Elephant in the Room-How to Help Someone Who is Grieving

28095 Three Notch Rd., Suite 2C,

Mechanicsville

6p.m. to 7:30p.m.

If you would like to know how to help a grieving friend or family member please join us on Friday, January 17th from 6-7:30 pm. This is a FREE grief program but registration is required at [www.melindaruppertlpc.com](http://www.melindaruppertlpc.com)

### Steak Dinner

American Legion Post 238

6265 Brandywine Rd.

Hughesville

5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Steak or Steak & Fried Shrimp Dinner. Price—\$15-\$18. For more info call 301-274-3522 or check us out on the Web [www.alpost238.org](http://www.alpost238.org) or Facebook

### Hollywood VRS Pitch Party

Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad

Rescue Lane

Hollywood

5:30p.m.

High/Low Jack Game. \$20.00, each bump will cost an additional \$1.00 per partner at your table, bid four and make it, get a chance to win \$50.00 from the bump money. Prize money is guaranteed with 40 or more players. A tie means players split the money. There will be a 50/50 raffle. We will also be selling the squad lottery tickets.. Please contact Bonnie Lemonds at [bonnielemonds@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnielemonds@hotmail.com) or cell phone 301-247-8397. Future dates: Feb. 21, 2020 and March 20th, 2020.

## Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

### Mother Catherine Academy Bingo Every Saturday

Mother Catherine Academy

38833 Chaptico Road

Mechanicsville

6:30p.m. to 10:30p.m.

Doors open 4:30 Early Birds start 6:30 Regular Games start at 7:00. 301-884-3165

## Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020

### VCMi St. Mary's Church Service

Chancellors Run Park

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Great Mills

10a.m. to noon.

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## Monday, Jan. 20, 2020

### Elks Holdem Bounty Tournament

St. Marys County Elks Lodge

45779 Fire Department Lane

Lexington Park

7p.m. to 11p.m.

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament

\$25 Buy in = 6,000 chips

\$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing

Earn a BOUNTY chip worth \$5 dollars for every person that you bust out of the tournament. This tournament is part of our leaderboard challenge. Earn 1 point for every person knocked out before you. Cash games will start as soon as there are enough players that are interested. Omaha Hi/Lo : \$.50—\$1 no limit (starts at 4pm) 301- 863- 7800

## Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020

### DLR Veteran Assistance

Calvert Library

850 Costley Way

Prince Frederick

9a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Representative from DLR Disabled Veteran Outreach Program will be available from 9-11 am to meet with veterans seeking employment. Registration encouraged, but not required. 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. CalvertLibrary.info.

## Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020

### Karaoke

VFW Post 2632

Three Notch Road

California

7p.m. to 11p.m.

### Open Mic

Christ Church Chapel

37497 Zach Fowler Road

Chaptico

7p.m. to 10p.m.

Musicians, vocalists or folks who just like to listen! Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to the SMTMD open mic

Come out for some great music and friendship, to hone your performance skills, to meet new friends and possibly learn a few new licks. The doors open at 7:00 PM, and the music starts at 7:30. The admission is \$7, and performers are admitted free. To sign up to perform, please contact Mike Smith at [smtmdmike@gmail.com](mailto:smtmdmike@gmail.com). Visit [www.smtmd.org](http://www.smtmd.org) for more information. Refreshments will be available.

## Friday, Jan. 24, 2020

### Park Place Toastmasters

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Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

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### Awakening Yoga

By popular demand, the Northern Senior Activity Center has added on a second Awakening Yoga class on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor Judi Lyons will guide you through your practice and meditation. This yoga class focuses on health-wholeness of mind, body and spirit. Experience gentle yet effective poses which improve range of motion and strength,

while boosting mood, energy, brain function and immunity. Try your first class for free! After that, class can be taken through the purchase of a fitness card; \$35 for 10 sessions. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

### Beginner's Piano/Keyboard class coming up

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, the author of the "How to Play Gospel" book series and a leading expert on teaching gospel music (Check out his website at [Jeffersonpresents.com](http://Jeffersonpresents.com)) will again offer beginner piano/keyboard classes at the Loffler Senior Activity Center Tuesdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 25. The cost for the lessons is \$100 for 6 sessions and includes instruction, texts and corresponding cd. Additionally, you will need to invest in an inexpensive keyboard (\$50-\$100+ available at local stores and online.) Payment for the lessons can be made directly to Dr. Jefferson on the first day of class.

Pre-registration is required by Jan. 14. For questions or to sign up, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the registration desk at Loffler.

### Wii Bowling League

Ready to strike up a good time this winter with your friends and Center staff? Join us at the Northern Senior Activity Center for league-style Wii bowling with staff-led teams and some fun group competition. Bowling times will be open Tuesdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 25 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 to sign up & it supports prizes at the end of the 6-week period. Space is limited. To sign up and pay in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

### Ceramics with Marti

The Garvey Senior Activity Center will have ceramics class on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. If you enjoy painting and creating personalized gifts or decorations for the home this is the class for you! Marti Cotterell will be teaching the class and offering instruction on painting techniques. The theme for the class will be Valentine's Day. The cost of the class is \$10 for each item painted and includes the firing of the item. For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext.71050.

### Beginners Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be offering Beginner Tai Chi for Arthritis classes on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 27. In this class we will learn to do some core movements on each side of the body in a graceful routine while applying basic Tai Chi principles. There is no fee for this class, but a commitment to attendance and practice is necessary for success. Pre-registration is required. Since space is limited to 20 new participants, we ask that you sign up only if you are sure that you will be able to attend regularly. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk by Jan. 23 to sign up.

### Quote Terracotta Pots

Does your home look a little less bright and cheery during the winter months? We can help you brighten it up with uplifting quotes and beautiful terracotta pots for those fresh plants. Come join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. as we add color and one of your favorite inspirational quotes to the pots. Each person will get to take one pot home for \$5. If you would like to do more than one pot, please let the receptionist know ahead of time. For more information or to sign up, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.



## ★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All three St. Mary's County Library locations will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All locations will be open for regular business hours on Tuesday, January 21.

### Financial Goal Setting and Planning for Retirement

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Financial Goal Setting and Planning for Retirement on Tuesday, January 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Brian Koenig will present a two-part class on setting your financial goals and planning for your retirement all in one evening. Learn how to set your SMART goals and savings plans in preparing financially for retirement and to answer some big questions regarding basic level retirement planning. Be able to apply 5 steps to successful financial goal setting; be able to identify potential roadblocks ways to manage them and ways to

stay motivated. Identify retirement goals and determine how much will be needed for retirement using guidelines. Also consider possible sources of retirement income choose among different types of retirement investment options create a plan to maximize savings for retirement and possible ways to overcome identified roadblocks to retirement readiness. Brian E. Koenig will present a class from Consumer Education Services Inc. (CESI) which is a non-profit service provider of comprehensive personal financial education and solutions for all life stages and for all of life's milestones. Their goal is enhanced economic security for everyone they serve. <https://www.cesissolutions.org/> Registration required. Ages 16 and up. Registration required on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Illuminating St. Mary's County's Past Lecture Series: Archaeology 101

Leonardtown Library will hold the first presentation in a monthly series 'Illuminating St. Mary's County's Past' lecture series about Archaeology 101 on Tuesday, January 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This presentation is the first in a monthly series which will cover the science of archaeology and the scholars who map out and chart excavated sites, and document and verify their finds. Have you ever wondered why archaeologists are so interested in the dirt in a square pit, or why they get so grumpy when they see a metal detector? How can we determine human activity through the recovery and analysis of materi-

als found in dirt? Craig Lukezic and James Gibb will address these questions and other archaeological mysteries. Registration required on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### "I Can't Do Yoga" Yoga

Lexington Park Library will hold 'I Can't Do Yoga' Yoga on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come join us for "I Can't Do Yoga" Yoga. You will learn to use your mind, body, and breath to awaken your wellbeing and self-healing power. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel. Registration required. Dr. Lisa Clow, Ph.D., and Awake Yoga and Integrative Health Coaching invite you to experience how to use the Genius Breaks Method to develop your home-based yoga practice and join our yoga community to learn to move your joints through the appropriate range of motion. The "I Can't Do Yoga" yoga class was designed for all levels of interest and abilities and will help develop your ability to stay calm during stressful situations and find joy in living.

### Beaded Jewelry

Lexington Park Library will hold two sessions of Beaded Jewelry class on Saturday, January 25. The first from 2 – 3 p.m., and the second from 3 – 4 p.m. Learn the basic techniques of beaded jewelry creation. Create a pair of earrings and a bracelet to take home. All materials are provided and light refreshments will be served. Registration required.



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**Where:** Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department  
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 Must be on time as all tables have to start at once!

**Cost:** \$20.00

**NOTE:** Each bump will cost an additional \$1 per partner at your table. Bid 4 and have a chance to win the Buddha Bump Money Fund - \$100.00

**Early Bird Pitch Games!**

Play 5 QUICK rounds of cards. Games start at 6:30.  
 Cost \$10 a person - Team wins \$60.00, plus bump money.

**Nightly Payouts:** 1st Place - \$250 • 2nd Place - \$175  
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**NOTE:** Prize money is guaranteed with 80 or more players.

**Amenities:**

Cash Bar (beer & mixed drinks) • Food  
 50/50 • “King of Diamonds”

**Additional Info:** Contact Jenny Russell

Email [jennifer1107r@msn.com](mailto:jennifer1107r@msn.com)

Cell 301-904-0169 Monday-Friday after 4:30 PM  
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# Is Your Dental Office Safe?

Untreated waterlines in the dental office can affect your health.

The next time you go to your dentist's office, before you let them spray water in your mouth, ask them how, and where their water lines are treated.

**The Problem:** The flexible lines that go from the water pipes in your dental office to the delivery system at the chairside are made of materials that are the perfect environment for the growth of biofilm. Biofilm is made up of bacteria colonies that adhere to the inner walls of the dental hosing. When not properly treated, these water lines and valves become coated with bacteria that grows exponentially at room temperature and contaminates the water that is used to irrigate and rinse your mouth. This water can be unsafe!

City water, often considered to be safe for consumption, reaches the dental office in potable form. Dental offices, aware of the need for added water quality and safety may even have a water treatment system at the source where the water enters the building.

While this proactive measure helps reduce risk, what most dentists don't realize is that the water that sits in the lines for long periods of time, such as over a weekend, will still grow this dangerous bacterium.

**The Risk:** Microbacterium Abscessus, a bacterium with a distant relation to the ones that cause tuberculosis and leprosy, can cause infections in patients when contaminated water supplies are used to irrigate the mouth. A simple google search of "dental practice, water, illness" will result in many articles about lawsuits and unfortunate outcomes to patients including children in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia, and California.

**The Solution:** It is not enough to treat the water lines in a dental office as the bacterium can still grow after the fact. Each dental operatory must be treated at the instrumentation that is used on the patients to ensure safety. One such company at the forefront

of treating water effectively, above and beyond the EPA, CDC and ADA minimum standard of water quality compliance is Sterisil, Inc. Using Sterisil's latest and best products a dental office can achieve results of < 11 CFU/ml HPC water purity. These are virtually the lowest levels achievable today, and they are well beyond the EPA's recommendation of less than 500 colony forming units (CFU) per milliliter (ml).

Sterisil's solution is a combination of treating the water at entry to the practice and at the dental chair where the instrumentation connects to the flexible water hosing. This takes virtually all risk out of the water supply, ensuring safe water while treating the patient.

**Proof:** It is your dental office's obligation to ensure all measures are being taken to assure your safety while in the care of your dental provider. Dentists are to follow guidelines on safety, sanitation, standard of care and product quality. It is your right to know what

your dentist is doing to assure your safety. Don't be afraid to ask your dentist how they treat the water in the office. Ask them where it is treated (at the chair and/or at the utility hook-up). Ask them if they test their water for consumable quality and how often. They should be able to supply test results.

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