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Report Catalogs Risky High School Behavior

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The latest Youth Risk Behavior Study from 2018, which surveys high school students to assess the level at which they engage in unsafe activities such as drinking alcohol, drugs and sexual interactions shows that a small but significant percentage participate in St. Mary's County.

Their responses regarding school safety in particular, and their responses to perceived threats, could be considered alarming.

The report showed that a small percentage of high school students surveyed here, about five percent, admitted to carrying a gun sometime during a 12 month period on at least one day; about 4.1 percent of all high school students admitted to avoiding school for safety reasons for at least one day during the school year.

About three percent who responded to the survey reported they stayed away from school for between two to three days over safety worries; about 1.4 percent claimed they stayed away for six days or more for the same reasons.

About eight percent reported they had been threatened or injured by another student while on school property at least once, the survey showed, with just over one percent said they had been threatened or injured 12 times or more by another student.

Just over 10 percent of all high school students surveyed, both male and female, admitted to being in at least one fight in a 12-month period; 2.5 percent of students in the survey said they had been in two to three fights for the same time period.

Alarming, 21 percent of high schoolers surveyed said they had been bullied on school property; 17 percent who said they were bullied were male, while 25.4 percent were female.

There were 2,270 students surveyed about being bullied.

Poor mental health seemed even more pervasive; 33.6 percent reported they felt sad or hopeless enough over a two week period or longer to stop their usual activities.

Nearly 21 percent had seriously considered suicide sometime over a year, according to the report, while 16.4 percent reported they had made a plan to do so.

Use of vaping products was especially prevalent. Almost half, 49 percent, said they had used vaping products at least once during 2018, with 35 percent saying they had used vaping products at least once a day in a month's time.

Most high school students reported not drinking alcohol, but about 30 percent admitted to having at least one drink in a 30-day period; 17 percent admitted to binge drinking - four drinks in a row in a two hour period for females and five for males in the same time period.

About one-third of students surveyed admitted to using marijuana at least once; less than four percent said they had used heroin.

Just three percent admitted to injecting a substance into their bodies at least once.

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Local USM Branch Faces Major Funding Cuts

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The head of the board of advisors at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland (USMSM), formerly the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, is warning that the newly minted facility's budget is facing a 20 percent cut to its current budget as well as next year's spending plan.

"The Department of Legislative Services has recommended a \$500,000 cut to our fiscal 2020 operating budget, to be taken from awarded Workforce Development Funds and a \$300,000 reduction in IWD funds from our budget request for fiscal 2021," Joe Anderson wrote to the commissioners of St. Mary's County. "If approved, these cuts will seriously hamstring our efforts to recruit and implement high quality, workforce relevant undergraduate and graduate degree and training programs from our college and university partners.

"[It will] surely discourage quality applicants for our executive director position that we hope to hire this spring."

The local university system branch is also the planned home of a third autonomous systems research and development and teaching building currently under construction; the building is widely anticipated to be a hub for advanced technology development that can be taken to the civilian marketplace.

Anderson's letter's purpose was to ask the commissioners to voice their opposition to the proposed cuts; the commissioners voted unani-



mously in favor of Anderson's request at their Feb. 25 meeting.

The proposed cuts come at a time when the Democrat-led legislature in Annapolis is considering lowering the sales tax back to five percent but expanding the sales tax to include nearly all manor of services, from landscaping to tax preparation and accounting.

The estimated \$2.6 billion in extra revenue raised would supposedly be used to fund the massive expenditures recommended by the Kirwan Commission to improve public education in Maryland.

Gov. Larry Hogan has said he will not allow such a vast tax increase.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the cuts he and the commissioners were asked to oppose were due to the Kirwan Commission.

"They're scooping up everything to pay for Kirwan," Morgan said. "That's the bottom line."

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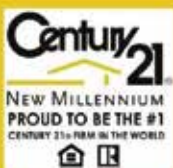


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Mechanicsville Man Charged With Arson

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Investigators with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office have charged a Mechanicsville man with the malicious burning and first-degree arson of materials found in the room he was renting in a house on Lockes Hill Road.

Virgil Pedry, 60, remains incarcerated at the county's adult detention center in Leonardtown on a no-bond status.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed in county District Court, fire marshals, several other law enforcement officers and members of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire scene Feb. 21 and learned that Pedry had ignited clothing and other material in the home where he rented a room.

Emergency responders reported that "during the process of trying to remove Pedry from the interior of the house he was making no sense," according to statements in court papers.

According to the owner of the home, also the victim, Patricia Cross, she had rented a room in the house to Pedry on an intermittent basis for the past eight years but had no other relationship with the defendant other than for business.

On the day of the incident she had taken him to a doctor's appointment and upon returning he told her he was going "up the street," which was one driveway up from his current residence where his ex-wife lived.

When he returned, Cross told law officers Pedry retreated to his room where she believed he was "sniffin," or doing drugs.

While she was watching television, Cross said, she



Virgil James Pedry

noticed Pedry enter the kitchen, remove 12 individual fruit cups and attempt to open them with a chip clip.

She and Pedry had a short argument in which she

told him to get out of the cabinets; he again returned to his room, charging documents stated, and soon after Cross noticed a "blue light" coming from his room.

When she went to check what it was, she noticed the light had turned orange and she walked into the room to find flames reaching from the floor nearly to the ceiling, almost six feet in height, court papers stated.

She asked him what he was doing, court papers stated, and he told her that someone had told him to start the fire.

Cross used a comforter to snuff out the flames; the damage to clothing, furniture and other items was estimated at \$1,500.

Pedry was taken to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for an emergency evaluation.

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Renewed Funding Announced to Combat Homelessness

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) and Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) announced the award of \$4,878,428 for 25 projects to counter homelessness through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. These funds will be used throughout Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset Counties. This competitive grant program awards nonprofits, state and local governments and their agents for initiatives that provide transitional or permanent housing, rental assistance, or supportive services with the goal of ending homelessness.

"Increasing the availability of affordable housing is a complicated challenge with no one simple solution. This federal funding will support a variety of community-driven initiatives that make a real and meaningful difference for thousands of Marylanders," said the lawmakers. "We are proud to represent many advocates and organizations working tirelessly to combat homelessness in our region and we remain committed to supporting their important work."

Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, a nonprofit serving Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties, will receive federal funding for a new project. Executive Director Sandy Washington said, "LifeStyles is extremely thrilled to have its joint transitional housing and rapid rehousing services to literally homeless DV survivors in Southern Maryland funded. Our goal is to move persons to permanent housing in 24 months or less, based upon the client's needs. This is a significant addition to services in Southern Maryland!"

This program is authorized under Subtitle C of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389). The CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities; promote access to mainstream homeless programs for individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The following is a list of the grants in Southern Maryland:

- Maryland Department of Health/ BHA PSH, Southern MD: \$1,268,841
- Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc./Lifestyles' DV Joint TH-RRH: \$49,664
- Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, MD / Aldridge PWD#16 Consolidated Grant: \$97,820
- Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, MD / Haina PWD#13 Consolidated Grant: \$186,430
- Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, MD / Horne - Permanent Housing Project #11: \$162,421
- Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, MD / Marek PWD#9 Consolidated Grant: \$196,605
- Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, MD / Owens Rapid Rehousing Consolidated Grant: \$197,334
- Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc / Waring Rapid Re-Housing Consolidated Project: \$117,857
- Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc. / MD-508 CoC Planning Project Application FY2019: \$85,244.

Press Release

NAS Patuxent River to Hold PFAS Information Open House March 3

Residents in the vicinity of NAS Patuxent River and other interested parties are invited to attend a public information meeting to learn about the Navy's assessment of on-base surveys of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Navy has developed a protective policy to assess certain PFAS on and in the vicinity of installations which have known or potential releases of these compounds into the environment; these are compounds frequently found in fire-fighting foam (aqueous film forming foam (AFFF)) and various industrial and consumer products.

The meeting format will include informational displays along with representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Maryland Department of Environment, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the St. Mary's County Health Department.

The event open house will be held at the St. Mary's County Public Library, Lexington Park Branch 21677 FDR Boulevard Lexington Park, MD 20653 Tuesday, March 3, 2020, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For additional information regarding the meeting, visit the public web site at <https://go.usa.gov/xnBga> and www.secnv.navy.mil/eie/pages/pfc-pfas.aspx

Commercial Center Proposed for Charlotte Hall

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A group of investment partners have proposed subdividing into three lots a 50-acre piece of property just off Route 5 in Charlotte Hall for commercial development.

The piece of property, which is also adjacent to the construction site for the Veterans Administration's Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), is owned by Charlotte Hall Commerce Center.

Local land developer John K. Parlett is one of the managing partners in the project, which has yet to offer a conceptual site plan for construction and is only now seeking subdivision.

Parlett said the three lots the partnership wants to subdivide would be for commercial use only.

"No residential [development] is intended there," Parlett told The County Times. "We intend it to be a commercial center."

Aside from the three lots now under consideration by the county's Technical Evaluation Committee, there is a significantly larger piece of the 50 acres that has yet to be subdivided, Parlett said, for which the partnership has greater plans.

"We have aspirations to bring in a hotel there, some restaurant space and space for other medical uses," Parlett said. "We've been holding it [the property] for 20 years waiting for the opportunity to develop it."

Parlett said the partnership was focused on bringing in businesses to the current three parcels that did not necessarily need frontage along Route 5 to be successful; the developed properties would be removed somewhat from the main road.

Parlett said those businesses could also be medical service providers to support the emerging services that will be provided at the CBOC.

The CBOC is expected to be heavily used by the veterans living in Southern Maryland, who make up one of the largest populations of former military members living in the state.

The property in question had been in the running to be the site for the new campus of the College of Southern Maryland, which eventually was built in Hughesville.

"That was a big loss for us [the community]," Parlett said.

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Property, Income Tax Revenues Continue To Rise

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A timely increase in the assessments for properties in St. Mary's has translated into a 2.5 percent increase in the amount of property taxes the county has collected as of Feb. 25, which marked the beginning in earnest of the fiscal 2021 budget season.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County met Tuesday to begin deliberations on the coming budget year.

Income tax revenues have also increased, markedly according to the latest data from the county's budget work session documents, by 8.2 percent over the current budget.

In total, property tax revenues have risen by \$2.8 million to \$115 million for fiscal 2021, and income tax revenues have risen by \$9.1 million over the current year to \$110.3 million.

The current total revenues for county government operating costs now stands at \$259.2 million

The commissioners voted unanimously this week to retain the current property tax rate of .8478 cents per 100 of assessed value. School Superintendent Scott Smith told commissioners during the budget work session that the Board of Education would finalize its budget Wednesday night and send it to commissioners; the increase over last year's request was \$7.3 million.

The total budget for the school system proposed for fiscal 2021 is \$265.4 million; with

the county's proposed share coming in at \$117 million; the rest would come from state and some federal sources.

Commissioner John O'Connor asked if the school board could begin reworking the budget with the possibility of \$2 million increase.

"If you were to say plug in the number of \$5 million that gives us a great deal of ability to then work back and take a look at every single thing in there and then have the most workable budget," Smith said. "In March we'll come back and be dealing with real numbers."

By then, Smith said, the school board will have ratified its negotiated agreement with employees.

"Be prepared to deal with \$3.1 [million]," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt. "I'm not sure I'm prepared to go with \$5 [million.]" Smith said the current budget took into account increases in compensation for contract negotiations.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said three commissioners voted to increase taxes last year to pay for prior negotiated agreements.

"So now you're getting ready to have a whole new deal that we don't know about," Morgan said.

"You'll come with a tin cup but still be eating with a silver spoon."

Smith said the \$2.3 million in additional funding commissioners provided last year was "warmly received."

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St. Mary's County Man Wins Fast With Lucky Numbers Game

A Mechanicsville resident who has played Maryland Lottery games for years received a tip this week from his daughter-in-law that was a \$50,000 winner. Hank Buckler can thank her and the Lottery's new FAST PLAY category of games for his biggest-ever prize.

The retired heavy equipment operator is a Lottery veteran, having played and won over the years with just about every type of game available. When he visited the Charlotte Hall gas station where his daughter-in-law works, Hank listened to her suggestion that he try Lucky Numbers, one of the new FAST PLAY games that hit stores on Feb. 10. "I figured that while I was there saying hello that I would get a ticket. Before I could decide which, she showed me FAST PLAY."

Familiar with the play style of scratch-offs, Hank quickly saw what looked to be a \$50,000 match on his \$10 Lucky Numbers ticket.

"I knew what I was seeing but I thought maybe this new game had different kinds of rules," said the 69-year-old. "I handed it to my daughter-in-law to check." She checked once and then retrieved her glasses to check the ticket more closely.

"When I told him it was real, that he'd won \$50,000, he was shocked," she told Lottery officials. "Then I saw the biggest smile I'd ever seen on him, ear to ear."

Hank is still figuring out how his FAST PLAY Lucky Numbers winnings will fit into his life. He is sure, however, that the Lottery's new game category is fantastic and one that he will play often in the future. The happy dad has taken home several significant Lottery prizes over the years but he will not soon forget his lucky FAST PLAY purchase at New Market Citgo. The St. Mary's County store is located at 29290 Three Notch Road in Charlotte Hall.

Lucky Numbers is one of five FAST PLAY games. FAST PLAY is a new Maryland Lottery product with games that are printed by Lottery terminals and self-service vending machines but play like scratch-offs. Also in the lineup are the \$1 Piggy Bank Bucks, \$2 Cherry Twist, \$3 Treasure Chase and \$5 Hit \$250 games.



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Important Deadlines for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election

Important deadlines for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election are approaching. The deadline to register to vote, change party affiliation, update an address, and request a polling place reassignment is 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

To vote in the upcoming presidential primary election, Maryland residents who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered – including 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old on or before the Nov. 3 Presidential General Election– should register by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020. This is also the last day for registered voters to change their party affiliation.

St. Mary's residents with a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID may register to vote, change their address, or change their party affiliation online at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration

Voters and members of the military, their spouses and dependents who are overseas and who do not have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID, may also register or change their address or party affiliation online using different identifying information.

Paper voter registration applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to the St. Mary's board of elections. A hand-delivered application must be received by the St. Mary's board of elections by 5 p.m. April 7, 2020, and a mailed application must be postmarked by April 7, 2020. Voters who want to update their address can do so at their local early voting center during the early voting period from April 16 through April 23.

Voter registration applications are available throughout Maryland at the following locations:

- Local boards of elections
- Motor Vehicle Administration offices
- State Department of Health offices
- Local Department of Social Services offices
- Offices on Aging
- Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Public institutions of higher education
- Marriage license bureaus
- Post offices
- Public libraries
- State Board of Elections
- The MTA Paratransit Certification Office

You may also call 1-800-222-8683 to request an application by mail or download and print a voter registration application at: elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

Most of Maryland's polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities. An elderly voter or a voter with a disability who is assigned to an inaccessible polling place may ask to be reassigned to an accessible polling place. This request must be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The request form is available online at elections.maryland.gov/pdf/Request_for_Accessible_Polling_Place.pdf

Voters can also call 1-800-222-8683 to request a form by mail. On receipt of a timely request, the St. Mary's board of elections will review the request and determine whether there is an accessible polling place with the same ballot as the voter's home precinct and notify the voter of the status of the request.

To verify voter registration status or to find out if an assigned polling place is accessible, voters may visit: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch.

The 2020 Presidential Primary Election will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Voters may vote by absentee ballot, visit their local early voting center during early voting, which takes place April 16 through April 23, or they can go to their polling place on Election Day.

Individuals who miss the April 7 deadline to register will have the opportunity to register to vote at an early voting center during early voting or at their polling place on Election Day. To register to vote on Election Day, individuals need to go to their assigned polling place where they live and bring a document that proves where they live. This can be an MVA-issued license, ID card or change of address card, paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document that includes the voter's name and address.

Voters can find their polling place online at: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch

For more information, voters may contact the St. Mary's Board of Election at 301-475-4200,

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Motor Vehicle Collision in Valley Lee Under Investigation

On February 23, 2020, at approximately 2:31 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 19400 block of Piney Point Road in the area of Blake Creek Road, in Valley Lee, for the reported motor vehicle collision. Deputies arrived on scene and located a single vehicle, with one occupant, in a field. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 1994 Ford Mustang operated by Joshua William Robe, age 24 of Leonardtown, was traveling south on Piney Point Road when for unknown reasons the vehicle left the roadway and struck a telephone pole. The vehicle overturned multiple times ultimately coming to rest in a field. Robe was transported via helicopter to an area trauma center and remains in serious condition. At this time speed and alcohol are considered contributing factors in the collision.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or events leading to the collision is asked to contact Deputy First Class Jason Smith at (301) 475-4200 extension 72328 or by email at Jason.Smith@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.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Assault- On February 21 Dep. Graves responded to the 26500 block of Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Tiffany Lynn Hancock, age 37 of Hollywood, assaulted the victim during an argument by grabbing the victim's face and scratching the victim. Hancock also retrieved a pair of scissors, and came after the victim; a witness on scene was able to take the scissors away from Hancock. Hancock was charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree. Located in Hancock's wallet was a suspected Suboxone strip. Hancock was also charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Tiffany Lynn Hancock

Assault- On February 21 Dep. T. Snyder responded to the 22500 block of Armsworthy Court in California, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Keith Philip Tucker, age 47 of California, assaulted one victim by punching, and kicking the victim repeatedly and throwing the victim against a vehicle. A second victim was thrown onto the ground by Tucker. One victim sustained a laceration to the forehead from the assault. Tucker was arrested and charged with two counts of Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.



Keith Philip Tucker

Child Abuse/Assault- On February 19 Dep. Myers responded to the 21400 block of Compass Court in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Noel Livingston Plummer, age 39 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by striking the victim repeatedly with a piece of wood during a disagreement. The victim sustained injury to both arms and knuckles. Plummer was arrested and charged with Child Abuse 2nd Degree and Assault 2nd Degree.



Noel Plummer

Deputies Need Information on Charlotte Hall Vandalism

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in a vandalism investigation. Between 7:40 pm and 8 pm on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, four separate victims reported that their vehicles were struck by yellow paint balls while driving on Golden Beach Road in Charlotte Hall. The victims reported being struck on Golden Beach Road between Triangle Drive and Laurel Ridge Drive.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008.

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Identities Sought in Lexington Park Robberies

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division is seeking the identities of individuals involved in two recent robberies in Lexington Park.

On Friday evening, Feb. 21, 2020, two males entered the Island Sushi business in Millison Plaza in Lexington Park, brandished a weapon and demanded money. The two men left with an undisclosed amount of currency.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 23, 2020, two males entered the 2000 Liquors business, also in Millison Plaza in Lexington Park, brandished a weapon and demanded money and left the establishment with an

undisclosed amount of currency.

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with the St Mary's County Metropolitan Commission in the Adopt a Fire Hydrant program. Please help us by keeping the fire hydrant nearest your residence or business clear of snow, leaves and debris."

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Press Release from St. Mary's County government.

St. Mary's City to Host Dove Construction Symposium

With construction underway on the new Maryland Dove in St. Michaels, Md., Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) have planned a Symposium on Building the New Maryland Dove. Scheduled for 10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, the event will be held inside St. Mary's Hall, located on the campus of St. Mary's College of Maryland, 47458 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.



Historic St. Mary's City will host a Symposium on Building the New Maryland Dove on Saturday, March 14, to explore the history of the original Ark and Dove, and the partnership involved in the research, design, and construction plan for the new build. The current Maryland Dove will be open for attendants directly after the event until 4 p.m. To register, contact 240-895-4990. Photo credit to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

During the symposium, staff members from both HSMC and CBMM will explore the history of the original Ark and Dove, and the partnership involved during the research, design, and construction plan for the new build. The day's events will include a morning talk and afternoon panel discussion, with the current Maryland Dove, open for visitors directly after until 4 p.m. This symposium is a companion piece to one held in St. Michaels back in September 2019, with the latest information and updates on the build included.

The cost of the Symposium is \$15, coffee and snacks will be provided in the morning. There will be a lunch break in the middle of the day, with food available for purchase provided by Salty Heifers Rolling Cafe.

Seating is limited, registration will be required. For information or to register, call 240-895-4990 (Tuesday—Friday, 10 a.m.—5 p.m.) or email Info@DigsHistory.org.

Built in a shipyard near Cambridge, Md., in 1978, Maryland Dove is owned by the state of Maryland and operated and maintained by the Historic St. Mary's City Commission. From now through 2021, CBMM's working Shipyard is constructing the ship's successor in full public view. To learn more about Maryland Dove and CBMM's efforts to build the new vessel, visit marylanddove.org.

Press Release from HSMC.



Construction on the new Maryland Dove, a representation of the vessel that accompanied the first European settlers to Maryland in 1634, is being done in full public view in the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's working Shipyard. A Symposium on Building the New Maryland Dove, scheduled for 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Friday, March 14, invites guests to Historic St. Mary's City, to learn the history of the original Ark and Dove, and the research, design, and construction plan for the new build and partnership between HSMC and CBMM. To register, contact 240-895-4990. Photo credit to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

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Rhythm 2020 Fly 4aCure Raises Funds to Fight Leukemia and Lymphoma with Fine Arts



There were dance performances as well at the Rhythm 2020 event.



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Mechanicsville Sailor serves in Arabian Sea



Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Zachary Tanner, from Mechanicsville, assigned to the "Proud Warriors" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM-72), installs a bonding wire onto the center stab of an MH-60R Seahawk in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Dalton Lowing)



St. Mary's Leveraging Future, Past For Economic Growth



Chris Kaselemis and Tech Port Director Tom Luginbill

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's is a county of tradition and technology, innovation and conservation, of looking to the future while clinging jealously and lovingly to the past.

The county's strong economic growth relies heavily on both key aspects.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the county's Department of Economic Development, is using his office to leverage the best the county has to offer to ensure its continued prosperity.

"We're creating an identity for St. Mary's County," Kaselemis told *The County Times*. "Knowing who we are and what we represent is important."

Aviation, particularly

naval aviation, and the concurrent advances there have been the county's economic life blood to increasing degrees since World War II and the advent of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

But downturns in defense dollars due to federal sequestration cuts several years ago shocked the system, and local leaders realized the need to diversify the economy.

But they quickly realized relying on the region's technological strengths was the best way to achieve success; the county now sports the St. Mary's Take Flight theme as its brand and actively promotes itself as the Washington, D.C. area's Aviation Headquarters, ideal for aviation and aircraft repair and modification.

The focus of this new nexus of aviation work is the county's regional airport, which has experienced exponential growth in just a few years, with vast new hangar space and technology-based businesses continuing to build there.

It's all part of a plan to create an Airport Innovation District, a combination of not only businesses and tech-oriented companies but homes and amenities that make it a close-knit, even walkable, community.

The core idea is to have innovation-oriented companies, and even defense contractors, working so closely together that the best minds will share ideas and spark even more innovation, leading to business and job growth.

All of this, which is still in the planning stages, would only add to all the innovation currently at the airport environs.

Already there is the University System of Maryland's Unmanned Air Systems (UAS) test site and the TechPort business incubator, which got its start from \$2 million from the Navy as a way to help technology companies get their start here.

The new facilities mean taking, in many cases, former military technology and turning it to lucrative, civilian applications.

While much of the county's prosperity remains with testing and evaluating the Navy's aircraft and unmanned systems, St. Mary's is taking strides to step out on its own, said economic development Deputy Director Kellie Hinkle.

"It's not just a suburb of D.C.," Hinkle said. "You can work here and live here; we're more than a bedroom community."

There are about 200 technology companies in St. Mary's, Kaselemis said,

and the staff are actively meeting with them to find out how the county can best suit their needs and grow their workforces.

"We're doing work here that stands on its own," Kaselemis said of the technological successes here. "We're being more aggressive than we have in the past; what we have is good but we're not going to rest on it."

"We're taking a leadership role."

The county isn't looking solely to technology to ensure its future, though. It continues to promote agriculture and agritourism to spread prosperity and keep much of the county's rural character strong and vibrant.

The county has fostered the growth of wineries and now distilleries of liquors but if gained a significant win last year when it won grant money from the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission to begin construction of a Regional Agricultural Center (RAC) in Charlotte Hall which will finally provide the region with a processing center for local meat producers.

In conjunction with a newly USDA approved slaughter facility run by an Amish family, local meat producers will be able to save time and money in getting their product to market.

The meat processed at the RAC will also be sold there, as well as goods such as jams, jellies, preserves and other value-added items made from farm produce.

The county also plans to move the farmers market located at the Charlotte Hall Library Branch to another site on Thompson Corner Road.

Scott Sanders, proprietor at the Tobacco Barn Distillery in Hollywood, said the county's focus on promoting agriculture and agritourism was just as important to continued growth here as high technology.

"Agritourism, it helps attract a quality work force here, they like that in a community," Sanders said. "It's a quality of life issue."

Keeping farms operating means keeping them profitable, and branching out into industries such as beer, wine and liquor made that possible, Sanders said.

Having activities like the Fly-In Farmers Market each month at the county airport, helped provide a venue for local farmers to become known to a wider market.

Pilots can fly in and peruse local farm products at the airport terminal and get in flight experience at the same time.

"It's like having a motorcycle, when you own one you want to ride it," Sanders said. "It [the market] combines high tech with agriculture and the heritage industries."

He credited Kaselemis with finding innovative ways to promote diversification of the economy.

"He's been very strategic in his thinking," said Sanders.

Ken Reed, managing member of S. Hunt Aero LLC, which has overseen and managed much of the facility expansion at the airport, said

the work to lengthen the runway at the airport by an extra 1,000 feet will mean more and bigger aircraft.

With no rail lines, major port or interstate, the airport was key to boosting the county's economy.

"That makes it important for commerce and tourism," Reed said. "I think Airport Road will become the most important road in St. Mary's County one day."

The airport also boasts two flight schools along with the aviation and technology companies choosing it as a home, making it a training hub for pilots and aviation mechanics.

Both of those specialties are in short supply, Reed said.

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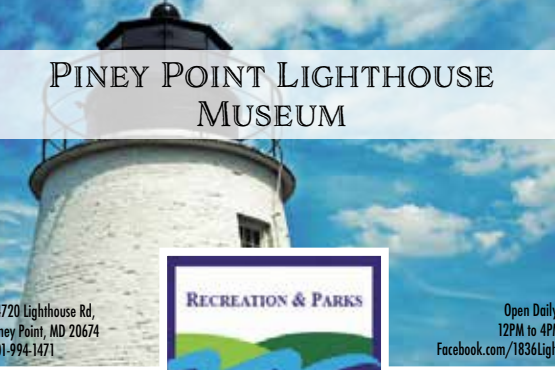
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VX-20 Personnel Win NAWCAD, Test Wing Awards



Lt. Sarah E. "Buzzkill" Gunn and Lt. David "Slingblade" Chapelle

2019 was a banner year for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20 honors: a test team that has been working hard to bring the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye airborne early warning aircraft to operational readiness has been recognized for their accomplishments with a NAWCAD Commander's Team Award, and the squadron is the home of Naval Test Wing Atlantic's 2019 Sailor of the Year and Test Naval Flight Officer of the Year as well.

The squadron's E-2D Aerial Refueling Integrated Test Team was recognized by Rear Adm. John Lemmon, commander of NAWCAD, during a ceremony in December that spotlighted the accomplishments of seven teams out of dozens nominated throughout the command. The team won the award for its efforts to analyze and address issues with higher-than-anticipated tail loads and rotodome temperatures that appeared during test flights. The team developed a set of continuation criteria and inspections that expedited the return-to-flight cycle and enabled the test program to stay on schedule.

Audrey Keller, the team lead for the E-2D aerial refueling test team, said the award reflected the hard work of the team, which numbered over 30 engineers at its peak. "They're just above and beyond, so I'm happy that they get to have this recognition," said Keller, who has been with VX-20 for over four years. "They're awesome. And so are the people above me who have trusted me to lead the team and who gave me all the resources that I needed to be able to do that."

Lead project officer Lt. David "Sling Blade" Chapelle said that over the multi-year course of the program, the team dynamic changed significantly as people got to know each other and worked well together against tight program deadlines.

"I was excited more for the team than anything else," Chapelle said. "They put in a lot of hard work over the last two or three years and overcame significant challenges, both programmatic and material, to provide the results that we got. So it was good to have those efforts recognized. All of the team members deserve just as much credit, if not more than myself, because I was just the one who was orchestrating things."

The first successful in-flight fuel transfer between a tanker aircraft and an E-2D took place in July 2017. Since then, in ad-

dition to improvements to the aircraft's aerial refueling capabilities, VX-20's E-2D teams have been also busy testing its air- and sea-based Naval Integrated Fire Control (NIFC) capabilities; its radar, IFF, and Delta System/Software Configuration (DSSC) builds; and compatibility with the Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) system.

NTWL's 2019 Test NFO of the Year, Lt. Sarah E. "Buzzkill" Gunn, was also heavily involved in the E-2D program last year. Her work as the project officer on the Delta System Software Configuration Build 3 (DSSC-3) software system enabled the release of DSSC-3 to the fleet on time, while her efforts as radar project officer overseeing upgrades to the E-2D's complex radar suite resulted in a 62% increase in the number of successful test flights over the course of two months.

"I have a great team of engineers that, that I work with," said Gunn, who found out that she had been named Test NFO of the Year the day before she returned from maternity leave. "I'm very team oriented, and I definitely have a lot of great people that I work with who have helped me to get my job done and who help make the test products and the systems better."

Aviation Structural Mechanic First Class John Martin, the 2019 Naval Test Wing Atlantic Sailor of the Year, was recognized for his oversight of VX-20's complex maintenance programs, responsible for 273 military and contract personnel who performed over 11,500 scheduled and unscheduled maintenance actions on 26 aircraft, which enabled the successful execution of 979 sorties and over 4,000 mishap-free flight hours.

"It really just shows the effort that we do together," Martin said of his award. "I mean, there's not a single part that I was responsible for solely. It's always a group effort, but we have so much going on that you're not always going to know everything that everyone is working on. We all help each other grow professionally."

VX-20 provides the Navy and Marine Corps with full-spectrum developmental ground and flight test services for the E-2C Hawkeye and E-2D Advanced Hawkeye, P-8A Poseidon, MQ-4C Triton, E-6B Mercury, C-2A Greyhound, and multiple versions of the C-130 Hercules, as well as the T-6A Texan II. The squadron also provides test services for the U.S. Coast Guard and several foreign military services.

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Regional Library Selects New Catalog Librarian

Richard Guinn has joined the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Inc. (SMRLA) as its information catalog librarian.

In his duties, Guinn supports the public libraries in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties through cataloging and classification of all library materials using online cataloging database software. He comes to SMRLA from the Texas Medical Center Library in Houston where he was a cataloging and metadata librarian. Over a library career spanning more than 20 years, Guinn was also head technical services librarian at University of Texas School of Public Health and a librarian at the Texas Medical Center Library. He holds a bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Texas.

"Richard's experience in library management systems, cataloging and online databases is a great fit for the services we provide to Southern Maryland libraries and their patrons," said SMRLA CEO Sharan Marshall.

Cataloging materials involves describing an item both physically—for example, how many pages a book has or how many minutes a DVD runs—as well as intellectually, by adding relevant subject headings, contents notes and summaries to a catalog record. "A great cataloger is the difference between a library customer finding a title he or she is interested in and that title never leaving the shelf in the library," explains Susan Grant, SMRLA's Head of Information and Access Services. "Richard will help library users in the region find the materials they are looking for and interested in."

Guinn will also act as the cataloging and processing team lead for SMRLA. He is a member of the American Library Association, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, and the Library & Information Technology Association.

Formed in 1959, SMRLA supports the three Southern Maryland library systems through efficient, coordinated services that county libraries cannot adequately provide themselves. SMRLA operates the tri-county circulation and online catalog system known as COSMOS (Collections of Southern Maryland's On-Line System); provides access to downloadable books, ebooks, online research and information resources, and other free electronic services; runs the region's interlibrary loan system for books and materials; and organizes in-service training for library staff.

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College Assistant Professor Awarded Sea Grant

Cassie Gurbisz, St. Mary's College assistant professor of environmental studies, recently received her second grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Maryland Sea Grant program. The \$71,023 grant will fund a two-year project titled: Effects of Oyster Aquaculture on Submersed Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Habitat. Gurbisz is working with



Cassie Gurbisz, St. Mary's College assistant professor of environmental studies

co-Principal Investigators Jeremy Testa and Dong Liang from UMCES Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. The issue is that as these important living resources expand, they are increasingly coming into conflict because they both tend to occupy shallow water. Current regulations restrict aquaculture in areas that contain SAV under the assumption that aquaculture will impair SAV growth. This has created a burden for growers who are required to cease operations when SAV spreads into their lease area. However, it is unclear whether aquaculture actually harms SAV. Gurbisz and collaborators' research aims to address this information gap by 1) analyzing existing spatial datasets to assess the extent of past conflict and predict where future conflicts are likely to arise and 2) conducting a field study to identify how aquaculture alters SAV habitat. The broad goal is to generate scientifically defensible information that can guide a reevaluation of policies that address SAV-aquaculture conflicts to maximize both continued SAV recovery and aquaculture expansion. SMC student Victoria Lusk '20 (environmental studies major) has already begun the spatial analysis, and Ellyse Sutliff '21 (environmental studies major) and Lindsey Stevenson '21 (environmental studies and biology double major) will help conduct the upcoming fieldwork.

Gurbisz is a coastal ecosystem ecologist who takes a holistic approach to studying the environment. Her research has been published in journals such as BioScience and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as recently featured in the Baltimore Sun.

Press Release from SMC

Museum to Remember Black Diamond Disaster

Head to St. Clement's Island Museum for a weekend of activities commemorating a forgotten tragedy of the American Civil War, the Black Diamond Disaster. On April 23, 1865, 87 lives were lost when the Black Diamond and the steamer Massachusetts collided in the Potomac River near St. Clement's Island during the hunt for John Wilkes Booth.

On both days, visitors can enjoy FREE water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island where interpreters will be on hand to discuss the 1863 Goldsmith Raid, FREE Civil War-focused tours of Blackstone Lighthouse, FREE admission to the St. Clement's Island Museum, special exhibits and presentations, including Carolyn Ivanoff as Clara Barton, Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office, Sons of Union Veterans, The National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and more. On Saturday, there will be a concert by the Federal City Brass Band. This group appears in period dress, uses mostly period instruments, and their musical selections are based on the military music books from the 1860's.

On Sunday, a commemorative ceremony will take place with guest speaker David Price, Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and remarks by Naval Air Station Patuxent River Base Commander. The ceremony will include a wreath laying and the reading of the names of the deceased.

A reception (3 p.m.) at St. Clement's Island Museum follows the ceremony.

This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium and the Maryland Heritage Area Authority.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Government.



Humane Rescue Alliance Hosts Free Training on Caring for Neonatal Kittens

The Humane Rescue Alliance and St. Mary's County Animal Services are co-hosting a free, one-day training for members of the public, regional animal shelters, rescue organizations and elected officials to learn how to provide immediate, critical care for neonatal kittens during the hands-on session, as well as how to set up a kitten foster program that saves lives.

The goal of the training is to decrease the mortality rate for kittens.

The event will be held at the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad on Tuesday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The squad is located at 43256 Rescue Lane in Hollywood.

Session 1: A look into HRA's successful neonatal kitten foster program | 11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

In this session, HRA's Jennah Billeter will share tips for building a successful and life-saving kitten fostering program, including recruiting and retaining volunteers, training volunteers and case managers, and more. HRA has built such a successful kitten foster program that it is able to assist other rescue organizations with the influx of kittens during this season by taking in kittens from overburdened shelters.

Session 2: Caring for neo-natal kittens | 1:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.

In this hands-on session, Susan Cooksey Spaulding, who has fostered thousands of neonatal kittens, will teach attendees how to provide neonatal kittens with immediate critical care, monitoring, weighing, feeding, and general care, assessing medical needs and more.

The training is free and open to the public.

For more information, view the Facebook event.

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In Remembrance

Patricia Ann "Patsy"

Mattingly



Patricia Ann "Patsy" Mattingly, 82, of Colton's Point, MD formerly from Leonardtown, MD passed on February 17, 2020 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Margaret Mary Mattingly and Joseph Louis Mattingly, Sr. Patsy was the loving wife of the late

Joseph Herman "Hermie" Mattingly, whom she married on July 22, 1956 in St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD and who preceded her in death on November 20, 1996. Patsy is survived by her children, Joseph Glenn Mattingly (Cheri) of Mechanicsville, MD, Robert Dale Mattingly of Colton's Point, MD, 1 grandchild, and 4 great-grandchildren. As well as her siblings Lillian Mae Beck of Columbus, OH, Joseph Louis Mattingly, Jr. of California, MD, David Howard Mattingly of Leonardtown, MD, Mary Linda Gass of Colton's Point, MD, and Robert Jamie Mattingly of Avenue, MD. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Robert Louis Mattingly and Marian Arlene Bellere.

Patsy graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1955. She went to work for the United Associations of Plumbing and Pipe-Fitting in Washington, DC, as an Administrative Assistant to the General President in September 1961 and retired in November of 1999.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

Ronald Francis Welch

Ronald Francis Welch 71 of St. Inigoes MD,



died February 11, 2020. His last days were at his residence surrounded by his family.

Born in Dameron, MD, he was the son of the late Carrie E. (Ryce) Welch and the late Earl J. Welch. Ron was foremost a waterman all his life, worked St. Mary's County Parks for a time, but his passion was to be on the river. He loved his grandchildren, and his family always came first.

Ron is survived by his wife, Joan Welch and children; James Welch of St. Inigoes, MD, Eric Welch and Kimberly of St. Inigoes MD and Stephanie Welch of Great Mills, MD. His grandchildren Ashley Welch of St. Mary's City, Zachary Cannavino and Savanna Cannavino of Great Mills and Dilan Welch of St. Inigoes.

He is survived by his brother Lloyd J. Welch of Florida and a sister Brenda M. Welch of Mechanicsville. He was preceded in death by his brother, Earl Wayne Welch and his sister, Claudia Dale Welch Rolfe.

The family request donations be made in the care of Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20680 or St. Michael's School, 16560 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680 All services are private.

Norman Frank Dorn

Norman Frank Dorn, 95, of Catonsville, MD departed this life on February 14, 2020 at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Norman was born on September 5, 1924 in Baltimore, MD to the late Max H. Dorn, and Frieda (Haas) Dorn.

He was drafted into the United States Army in 1943. A proud American who fought in WWII,



he was decorated for his accomplishments and defense of his country. Upon his honorable discharge, Norman met the love of his life, Vera Fick Dorn and they were married for over 40 years before her passing in 2006. Together they expanded their family having two (2) children, two

(2) grandchildren and eventually, six (6) great-grandchildren. Norman supported his family as a printer for a Baltimore Business Forms for over twenty-five (25) years before his retirement in 1986.

A man of many talents, Norman enjoyed wood working and also baking. He gathered recipes throughout his travels and impressed his family and friends with his culinary talents. Norman loved to go on long drives; he was friendly and outgoing, sharing his experiences with both his family as well as strangers he met along the way. He was an avid collector of trains, and he was well known for his Betty Boop collection and eclectic music tastes.

No matter what you called him, Norman, Dad, Grandfather, or Great-grandfather you knew he loved his family above all else. A great man was lost, but his family will rejoice knowing he has been reunited with this loving wife, Vera.

Norman is survived by his son, Clifford Dorn of Catonsville, MD; two (2) grandchildren, Kevin and Nicholas Dorn; and six (6) great-grandchildren Mari, Cayden, Landon, Cameron, Peter and Elinor. He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Frieda Haas; wife, Vera Dorn, son, Norman Dorn, Jr., and siblings, Alfred Dorn, Linwood Dorn, Raymond Dorn and Bertha Dorn.

Interment with military honors will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., in Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, 1122 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville, MD 21032.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Dallet Sramek Jencso



Dallet Sramek Jencso, husband, father, and waterman, died on February 16, 2020 at his home on the Chesapeake Bay. He will be remembered by the many whose lives he touched for his essential kindness and gentle nature.

Dal was born in Cleveland on May 16, 1943, to Steven and Mary (Sramek) Jencso. He enlisted with the U.S. Navy in 1968 and served for four years. After leaving the military, Dal settled in St. Mary's County; he felt more at home here on the water than any other place he lived. He found his true calling as an educator: Dal taught for more than 35 years at Great Mills High School and worked for the Board of Education. His love of learning was voracious. Dal was a crafty handyman, a liberal firebrand, a gifted gardener, and a devoted custodian of the waters.

He is survived by his soulmate and wife of 35 years, Kathryn Jencso; his son, Kelsey, daughter-in law, Jennifer, and grandchildren, Jayne and Graham; and his daughters, Emily, Hayley, and Kaitlin.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2020 at the State House of Historic St. Mary's City. Those who are unable to attend are invited to share their thoughts and memories at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Catherine Lucille Hill



Catherine Lucille Hill, "Kitty", 77, of Abell, MD passed away on February 24, 2020 in Washington, DC. She was born on April 17, 1942 in Washington, DC and was the daughter of the late Mary Catherine Wathen and John Elwood Wathen. Kitty was the loving wife

of the late Francis DeSales Hill who she married on February 16, 1963 in Holy Angles Catholic Church Avenue, MD and whom preceded her in death on November 14, 2003. Kitty is survived by her children Jeannie Smith of Hollywood, MD, Julie Quade of Chaptico, MD, Randy Hill of Abell, MD, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Siblings Johnny Wathen of Ridge, MD, Mike Wathen of Maddox, MD, and Charles "Happy" Wathen of Mechanicsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her sister Rita Trossbach.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1961. Kitty was a Bookkeeper and Bank Teller for First National Bank of St. Mary's for 40 years retiring in 2003. Catherine "Kitty" Hill was a member of the 7th. District Fire Department Auxiliary for 16 years. She served on many committees. Serving as Treasurer right up until she became ill. She was known for her "Homemade" pound cakes, and homemade crab cakes. She loved to crochet blankets, and loved to read. Kitty was always lending a helping hand throughout the community, Kitty loved family gatherings with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She'll be missed by everyone she knew.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Holy Angles Catholic Church Avenue, MD with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Hill, Brandon Quade, Derek Quade, Greg Smith, Bobby Thompson, and Tom Trossbach. Honorary Pallbearers will be Tiffany Darmstead and Baylee Hill.

Contributions may be made to the 7th. Dist. Fire Department Auxiliary P.O. Box 206 Avenue, MD 20609 and 7th. Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

Natsue Mikesell



Natsue Mikesell, 73, "Summer" of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Iwakuni, Japan passed away surrounded by her family on February 23, 2020. She was born on June 26, 1946 in Saza-Cho Kitamatsa Urangun Nagasaki-Ken, Japan. She was the daughter of the late Shime

Nishihara and Tokijiro Kubara. Summer was the loving wife of George Mikesell whom she married on October 29, 1976 in New Bern, NC. Summer is survived by her sons Jason Mikesell of California, MD, Mathew Mikesell of Callaway, MD, and 3 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her siblings Hatsue Higamura, Tokushige Kubara, Mitsuko Kubara, Totako Akagi, Soroku Kubara, and Toshiko Smallridge. She moved to St. Mary's County, MD on December 15, 1996 and was a military spouse. Summer enjoyed fishing, gardening, crocheting, and arts and crafts.



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In Remembrance

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Patuxent Baptist Church in Great Mills, MD where a Funeral Service will follow at 7:00 PM with Pastor Rick Connor officiating. Interment will be held on March 3, 2020 at 10:15 AM in Maryland Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, MD.

Charles "Chuck" Walter Cobbs



Charles "Chuck" Walter Cobbs, 70, of Port St. Lucie, FL passed away on January 29, 2020. Born on October 13, 1950 in Bethesda, MD he was the loving son of the late Mary Agnes Bradburn Cobbs and Walter Herbert Cobbs. Chuck is survived by his wife Vicki Jo Cobbs of St. Port Lucie, FL, son

Thomas B. Cobbs as well as his two sons who live in Sioux City, IA Jamie Cobbs and Joshua Cobbs (Tina). Along with 6 grandchildren Ethan Cobbs, Noah Cobbs, Sydney Cobbs, Tamen Cobbs, Body Cobbs, Samantha Cobbs, and 3 great grandchildren T.J. Cobbs, Leon Cobbs, and Aroza Cobbs. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Charles Bernard Bradburn, and Madeline Russell Bradburn, son Timothy Cobbs and his great granddaughter Arabella Cobbs.

Chuck served 21 years in the United States Army and retired Sargent First Class. He worked for 15 years at the Harry Lundenberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point, MD.

Marian Delois Holley



Marian Delois Holley, 79, of Mechanicsville, MD, known as "Moochie" to her family and close friends, departed this life on February 5, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. She was born on February 15, 1940, in St. Mary's County, to the late Harry J. Martin, Sr., and Mary Virginia Martin.

She had a quiet spirit who loved to support anyone in need. She was a giver and helped many charities throughout her life. Her greatest passion was watching television, especially soap operas - the Young and the Restless, Bold and the Beautiful and game shows. The second in line was country music (CMT), and she could name singers that her family didn't even know. Although she watched a lot of television, she always made time to pray the rosary, once and sometimes twice a day.

Marian is preceded in death by her husband, Robert O. Holley, Jr.; sisters, Virginia Mae Frances and Dorothy M. Martin.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children, Janice Keys, Joseph (Joe) Holley, and Michelle Briscoe; sons-in-law, G. Vincent Keys and Terrance Briscoe; brother, Harry Martin, Jr.; sisters, Mary Lee (John), Doris Martin, Jean Martin; grandchildren, Vanessa Holley, David Holley (fiancé Shanique), Olivia Briscoe, Jazmyne Briscoe and great granddaughter, Skylar Holley, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends and acquaintances.

Condolences may be sent to www.briscoetonicfuneralhome.com

Joseph Andrew Hebb, Sr.

Joseph Andrew Hebb, Sr., 83 of Great Mills, MD (formerly of Compton, MD), received his wings into the Pearly Gates of Paradise on Friday, February 7, 2020, after a lengthy illness. Joseph was born on August 27, 1936, to the late Mary Florine Turner Hebb Robinson and James



Ignatius Hebb, Sr. Joseph was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County, MD and was educated in the St. Mary's County School system. On April 22, 1957, he married the love of his life, Mary Catherine Holly at St. Francis Xavier Church in Compton, MD. From that union eleven children were born (two sets of twin boys did not survive).

He became an avid entrepreneur at a young age and continued to pursue his dream as becoming a millionaire. He continued to follow his passion of becoming a business owner and was the operator and owner of Stardust Lounge in Charlotte Hall, MD and operator of Park Avenue Bar, Leonardtown, MD and White Pine Club in Chaptico, MD. He carried on many roles such as softball team president and coach of the "Compton Girls" who consisted of his loving children, sisters and nieces. He was the president of his "CB Club", carrying the title of "Love Man". He loved his CB Club which consisted of family members and friends. He led a convoy to Eastern Shore, MD (aka St. Michael's) to visit his late Aunt Ella Mae Turner Wilson; cousin-in-law, Wilbur Martin and late cousin, Mary Rose. He talked about that party weekend for days, showing off with Cadillacs, Oldsmobiles and beepers. He also considered himself "Mr. Lawyer", who knew the legal system and counseled many about legal issues.

Joseph and his wife, Mary extended their love and support to many who needed a helping hand, a place to stay or eat. He spread his infectious smile and laughter wherever he went; always throwing his hand up and waving to folks as he drove around town. He loved to dance and party, listening to his favorites (Clarence Carter, Bobby Womack, Marvin Sease and Roy C. He loved watching the Baltimore Orioles games and western shows with his wife, and we couldn't bother him while he was eating hard crabs and watermelon. He also enjoyed hanging out playing poker and socializing with his good buddies, Jimmy Mills, Bootsie Briscoe, David Herbert, George Stewart, Louis Thomas, Sylvester Phillips, Gerard Butler and his other buddies who are walking around in paradise now (Roy Wilson, Philip Mugg, Chester Swales, Bootsie Fenwick, Bobby Bush, Jim Boy Morgan, Clark Beaner, Joseph Johnson and Ms. Mary Spears). Joseph was well known and loved by many in St. Mary's County, as well as in the DMV area.

In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his son, Joseph A. Hebb, Jr.; granddaughter, Angel A. Holley; great grandson, Masiah M. Murray; sisters, Mary Florene Mason (Jeremiah), Mary Viola Jones (Richard), Delores Thomas (Bernard); brothers, James Ignatius Hebb, Jr. (Catherine), Thomas Leroy Hebb (Margaret), Horace Bernard Robinson; his mother-in-law, Rose Helen Young Holly Martin; his father-in-law, Ollie Martin; sisters-in-law, Mary Louise Holly, Madeline Holly and Margaret Ann Holly; brother-in-law, Francis Neal; step-brother, Charles Aloysious Robinson, Sr.; step-sister, Mary Ella Lucas; aunt, Ella Mae Turner Wilson; special nieces, Lucy Barnes Matthews, Paula Hebb, Maria Mason and Carolyn Mason; special nephews, Jeremiah Mason, Richard Mason, Thomas Leroy Mason, Joseph William Mason and Francis Barnes.

Joseph leaves to cherish his legacy to his loving, devoted wife of 62 years, Mary Catherine (Holly) Hebb; his loving, devoted children, Mary C. Hebb Thomas, of California, MD, Joyce V. Gordon (Carl), of Lexington Park, MD, Cheryl J. Gross (Lorenzo), of Great Mills, MD, Rita G. Hebb (Joe), of Waldorf, MD, Kenneth W. Hebb (Karen), of Great Mills, MD, Jonathan T. Hebb (Ebony), of Rosedale, MD; his loving brother, Francis X. Hebb, of Brooklyn, NY; his loving sisters, Agnes Hortense Barnes (Emmett, deceased), of Leonardtown, MD, Mary Rosetta Gough, of Compton, MD, Linda Dyson (Preston), of Drayden, MD and Ella Louise Robinson, of Washington, DC; his loving sister-in-law,

Alice Neal, of Charlotte Hall, MD; his loving brothers-in-law, Dr. Robert L. Martin (Joan), of Waldorf, MD, and William (Billy) Martin, of Charlotte Hall, MD. Joseph was also a loving grandfather to his 12 grandchildren, Tisha M. Hebb, Myiesha Hebb, Shania Trice (Vito), Tashorey Gross (Jerry), Brandie Greene (Kenny), Glenn Somerville (Lashawn), Laquasha Hayden, Rashard Hayden, Ieshia Hebb, Maliah Hebb, Imani Moore and India Brown. He also leaves cherished memories to 22 loving great grandchildren, three loving great-great grandchildren and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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Robert "Tuddy" Lang Somerville

Robert "Tuddy" Lang Somerville, age 77, departed this life peacefully on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at his home in Park Hall, Maryland, surrounded by his family. Robert was born on August 3, 1942 in Park Hall, Maryland to David Lang and Mary Daisy Somerville. Robert was passionately known by the nickname Tuddy, given by his grandmother who had difficulties pronouncing his name. That name remained with him for the rest of his life. Tuddy attended St. Peter Claver's Cardinal Gibbons School in Ridge, St. Mary's County, Maryland; an institute opened as a high school and adult education center for African-American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

Robert will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 56 years, Austine (Dyson) Somerville, whom he married on August 17, 1963; and his children, Sonya, Gloria, Roberta, and Robert Jr. Tuddy and Austine enjoyed creating lifelong memories with their children, family and friends.

Robert accomplished a legacy as an entrepreneur with only an eighth grade education that supported his family. He was determined to provide for his family, even at times, working four jobs. Tuddy was a strong willed man who would not let anyone or anything stand in his way to accomplish his goals. He always found a way to get it done.

Tuddy was a dedicated employee at St. Mary's County



Public School System, (SMCPS) for 40-years. He retired in 2005 as Assistant Building Services Manager. Following retirement, he sought out his passion with an entrepreneurial spirit and launched several minority-owned small businesses that he owned and operated. He was owner of Somerville Janitorial Services, Somerville & Son Towing, Somerville Transportation and Somerville Trucking and was honored to provide services to the local community.

Tuddy's interest and hobbies were endless. After retirement some of Tuddy's favorite times were being out and about meeting with family and friends at Golden Corral. He believed in having a productive day and fulfilling life. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, and helping out family and friends. In his pastime, you could find him listening to live bands, hosting and attending cabarets, playing oldies but goodies music, going to concerts, and hand-dancing with his wife. He loved music so much, that he became the manager of a local band, called The Black Clouds...even won an award at St. Mary's Coun

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ty Fair. Anyone who knew Tuddy knew he loved buying and driving beautiful cars, especially corvettes.

Tuddy loved his children, grandchildren and siblings unconditionally. Most importantly, he loved sharing his life experiences and advice with them. He would always bring a smile to everyone's face with his motto, "I don't like you anyway". While he loved to sarcastically joke, you could truly count on him at any time. Tuddy was always there to lend a helping hand.

He was predeceased by his parents, David Lang and Mary Daisy Somerville; three sisters, Theresa Somerville, Helen Marie Sewell and Mary Rebecca Shade; four brothers, Edward, John L., James, and Bernard Somerville.

Tuddy is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Austine; sons, Robert Somerville, Jr (Adrienne), of Hughesville, MD., Michael Nelson, of California, MD, Robert Goldring, of Calvert County, MD; daughters, Sonya Frederick, of Lexington Park, MD, Gloria Somerville, of Waldorf, MD, Roberta Thompson (William), of Valley Lee, MD, Latasha Nelson, of California, MD, and Michelle Goldring of Calvert County, MD; five grandchildren, Chakeia Lawrence, Dargenae and Diante Somerville, Erin Jackson, and Trevon Thompson; two sisters, Lillian Shade, of California, MD, and Florence Holt, of Park Hall, MD; two brothers-in-law, Avon Dyson and Bruce Dyson (Martha), and four sisters-in-law, Eloise Dyson (Frank), Jackie Dyson, Marlee Francis (Fabian), and Delores Bailey (Norman).

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Veronica Michele Shingles

Veronica Michele Shingles, 54 of Waldorf, MD, was born on November 25, 1965 in Leonardtown, MD to Sarah "Tina" Knott and the late James Dent. Michele or Chele, as she was affectionately known, peacefully departed this life to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, January 31, 2020 surrounded by her loving family and friends.



Michele was educated in the St. Mary's County Public School System. After graduating from Leonardtown High School in 1983, Michele began working for the Federal Government where she held numerous positions at varying levels until the time of her passing.

Michele was raised in good ole St. Mary's County. She later decided to reside in Charles County, but make no mistake she would always return home to be with her family and to attend church services at Bible Temple, where she was an active member and came to lead many souls there with her to worship the Lord. She truly loved her church family.

Michele was a warm, friendly and caring individual who loved people, especially her nephews and younger cousins. She was always joking and full of laughter. Michele's favorite past times were enjoying time spent at the casinos, shopping, playing cards, partaking in good conversation and above all else, she truly enjoyed spending time with her beautiful granddaughters and great nephew, Zaire; they were the highlight of her life.

In addition to her father, Michele was preceded in death by her step-father, William J. Knott, Sr; brothers, William J. Knott, Jr., Brian "Kenny" Knott, Hector and Derick Dent and grandfather, Joseph Baker.

Michele leaves to cherish her memories, her mother; sons, Gregory, Gerell and Gamal Shingles; two granddaughters, Kealani and Zhane; two brothers, Carl Knott, Sr. and Antonio "Toney" Knott; two sisters, Sharon Howard and Melanie Butler; grandmother, Agnes Baker; god daughter, Carmen Rivera, and numerous loving aunts and uncles and a host of other relatives and friends.

Michele will be greatly missed!

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and

All Persons That Have or Claim to Have any Interest in Property in the Seventh Election
District Tax Account# 07-030223,

Lot 24, Block 54, Plat1/91 Longview Beach
Case No.: C18CV20-000044

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

Lot 24, Block 54, of Longview Beach Club, according to plat thereof recorded among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland in Plat Book CBG 1, Folio 91.

The said property is assessed to Jesse L. McNeal, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Waylond Harmon. The amount necessary for redemption of the property is \$301.14, together with interest thereon at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of payment to the date of redemption and the reimbursement of Plaintiff's costs

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 7th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that notice is to be given by the POSTING on the subject property in accordance with Maryland Rule 14-503; and it is further,

ORDERED, that a response must be filed by the 7th day of April, 2020; and it is further,

ORDERED, that failure to file a response within the time allowed may result in a judgement foreclosing the right of redemption of the subject property

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
St Mary's County, Maryland



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IN THE CIRCUIT FOR ST MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point, LLC Plaintiff. V. Paul Hood Jr., et al. Defendants.
Case No. C -18-CV-19-000101

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for Carroll County to the Plaintiff:

Account Number: 01-025848, Three Notch Rd, Lot 11 Block A, Section 1 Park Pines assessed to Hood Paul D Jr.

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have been paid. It is therefore on this 4th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St Mary's County.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St Mary's County once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 4th of April, 2020 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or therefore a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting title in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
St Mary's County, Maryland.

IN THE CIRCUIT FOR ST MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point, LLC Plaintiff. V. Lynne Cerway, et al. Defendants.
Case No. C -18-CV-19-000098

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for Carroll County to the Plaintiff:

Account Number: 01-005073, "Unassigned, Lot 6, Section 1 Block A, Bean's Landing

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have been paid. It is therefore on this 4th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St Mary's County.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St Mary's County once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 4th of April, 2020 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or therefore a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting title in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
St Mary's County, Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT FOR ST MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point, LLC Plaintiff. V. Paul Hood Jr., et al. Defendants.
Case No. C -18-CV-19-000100

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for Carroll County to the Plaintiff:

Account Number: 01-025635, Matthews Dr. lot 9 Block B, Section 1, Park Pines assed to Hood Paul D Jr.

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have been paid. It is therefore on this 4th day of February, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St Mary's County.

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St Mary's County once a week for 3 consecutive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 4th of April, 2020 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or therefore a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting title in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
St Mary's County, Maryland

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES PATRICK SULLIVAN FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO JAMES PATRICK HARRIS

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-20-132
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from James Patrick Sullivan to James Patrick Harris. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I would like for me and my sons to share the same name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 3/28/2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit and served upon the Petitioner in accordance with Maryland Rule 1-321. Failure to file an objection or affidavit within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought.

Debra J. Burch,
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

February 26, 2020

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The Town of Leonardtown is accepting applications for the position of Operator/ Operator Trainee. This position involves operations and maintenance work in the Town's Water and Wastewater facilities as well as the Public Works Department. A valid Maryland driver's license and flexibility to work some evenings, weekends and holidays are required. WWTP Operator 5A License preferred. Salary depending on experience. Excellent benefits.

Mail resume and salary requirements to:

Beth Sandberg
Commissioners of Leonardtown
PO Box 1751
Leonardtown, MD 20650
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Seahawks Edge Mt. St. Mary in Non-Conference Play

The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (2-1) continued their 2020 season on Sunday (Feb. 23) afternoon by hosting the Mt. St. Mary Knights (1-1). The Seahawks beat the Knights by a score of 8-6 for their second victory of the season.

St. Mary's College - 8, Mt. St. Mary's College - 6

How It Happened

The Knights started out the game strong, securing three runs by the end of the second inning off of a pair of wild pitches and a base knock. The Seahawks however were able to push five runs across the plate in the third inning. [Derek Taitano](#) pushed a run across the plate off a walk, [Tyler Taitano](#) was hit by a pitch, and [Joey Bryner](#) lined a base hit that pushed across two runs. Both teams recorded one run each in the fourth as [Jay Hammett](#) smacked an RBI single to center field, plating [Jake Wood](#).

Next, the Seahawks were able to score two more in the fifth inning off of a double by [Dillon Waters](#).

The Knights were able to score two more runs in the last two innings but it was not enough to overcome the Seahawk lead. D. Waters pitched the final two innings for the Seahawks and earned the save to secure the Seahawk victory.

Inside the Box Score

D. Taitano led the Seahawks from the plate going two for three and also recorded one RBI and two runs scored. D. Waters and Bryner both recorded two RBI's while Hammett, [Tyler Taitano](#), [Brady Waters](#) were also able to record RBI's. On the base paths, Wood and [Tyson Johnson](#) recorded steals making this Wood's third steal and Johnson's first.

[Jake Sandridge](#) started the game on the mound, throwing five innings and recording the win. In addition, he only allowed one run. [Nick Testoni](#) and [Sam Roeder](#) both pitched one inning and D. Waters pitched two innings. D. Waters also recorded two strikeouts and the Seahawks' pitching staff allowed just six earned runs.



Written by St. Mary's College Athletic Communications Intern, Jeremy Mattanah

Photo by Bill Wood

Men's Basketball Upsets Salisbury in Tournament

The fifth seeded St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team (9-17, 3-7 CAC) traveled to the fourth seeded Salisbury University Sea Gulls (10-16, 4-6 CAC) on Saturday (Feb. 22) afternoon in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. The Seahawks upset the Sea Gulls by a final score of 79-74. In the process, Head Coach [Chris Harney '97](#) recorded his 250th victory in his 15th year at helm for the Seahawks.

St. Mary's College - 79, Salisbury - 74

How It Happened

Salisbury came out of the gates hot and grabbed a five-point lead at the 17:05 mark of the half for their largest advantage of the game. The Seahawks committed seven turnovers in the opening half, but limited the Sea Gulls to scoring only two points off of their errors. Conversely, the Seahawks were able to take advantage of tallying four points off of Salisbury's turnovers.

The Seahawks notched nine-straight points with 2:04 remaining in the first half to capture a 33-25 lead. [Dee Barnes](#), [Gary Grant](#), and [Jack Foley](#) recorded scores during the run. Salisbury tallied the final three points of the half and the Seahawks headed

into the locker rooms leading 33-28.

In a highly competitive second half, the Seahawks grabbed a six point lead at the 19:14 mark of action. The lead was their largest of the second half. The Sea Gulls battled back and used a six-point run to go ahead by four points with 11:08 remaining.

With under four minutes remaining, the Seahawks used a clutch nine-point scoring run to take a six point lead. [Barnes](#) began the run with a layup in the paint and [Grant](#) highlighted the scoring streak with seven points. Next, Salisbury cut the lead to two with 26 seconds remaining and resorted to fouling. [Reggie Rouse](#) and [Miles Gillette](#) hit their free throws to seal the victory, advancing the Seahawks the CAC Tournament Semifinals.

Inside the Box Score

The Seahawks used a balanced attack to defeat the Sea Gulls which featured three scorers who tallied 20 points or more. [Grant](#) led the Seahawks with 21 points, and [Barnes](#) and [Gillette](#) followed with 20 each, respectively. [Grant](#) also collected a team-high 10 rebounds to record a double-double.

Press Release from SMCM.

Men's Lacrosse Earns Road Victory

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's lacrosse team (2-1) traveled to Elizabethtown College to take on the Blue Jays (1-1) on Saturday (Feb. 22) afternoon. The Seahawks earned a 12-10 victory over the Blue Jays in non-conference play.

St. Mary's College - 12, Elizabethtown - 10

How It Happened

Elizabethtown struck early and grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first seven seconds of play. St. Mary's College responded when [Dominic Venanzi](#) ripped a shot into the back of the cage off a man-up opportunity. The Seahawks captured the lead minutes later with an unassisted score from [Jude Brown](#). The scoring frenzy continued in the first stanza until the Blue Jays held a 4-3 advantage. Trailing by one, the Seahawks netted three of the final four goals tallied in the opening stanza and took a 6-5 lead into the second quarter. [Ben Claffee](#), [Erich Wuesthoff](#), and [Jack Brocato](#) found the back of the net to end the quarter.

The Blue Jays notched the first two scores in the second stanza to retake the lead, 7-6. After 11 minutes of play in the second quarter, the Seahawks tallied their first goal and followed it up with two more to gain a 9-7 lead. [Venanzi](#), [Brown](#), and [Brocato](#) beat the opposing goalkeeper for scores during the run. With short time remaining, the Blue Jays cut the Seahawk lead to one with 26 seconds left in the half.

The second half of action featured a defensive battle as both squads could only manage to score five times total. [Abe Hubbard](#) tallied his first goal of the game to start the second quarter, but the Blue Jays answered with back-to-back goals to tie the game up at 10-10.

The St. Mary's College defense rose to the occasion in the final quarter of play and held the Blue Jays scoreless. On the opposite end of the field, the Seahawk offense did enough by scoring two goals to earn the gritty road victory. [Brocato](#) and [Claffee](#) scored in the fourth to seal the Seahawk victory.

Inside the Box Score

[Brown](#) led the Seahawks with six total points, netting two goals and dishing out four assists. [Brocato](#) (3g, 1a) and [Claffee](#) (2g, 2a) followed with four points each. [Luke McWright](#) hustled for a team-best five ground balls. Defensively, [Anthony Sparacino](#) and [Alex Pfaff](#) led the Seahawks with two caused turnovers each. In goal, [Kyrle Preis](#) earned his second victory of the season and collected 11 saves.

[Nick Cost](#) led the Blue Jays with four points on the afternoon.

Up Next for the Seahawks

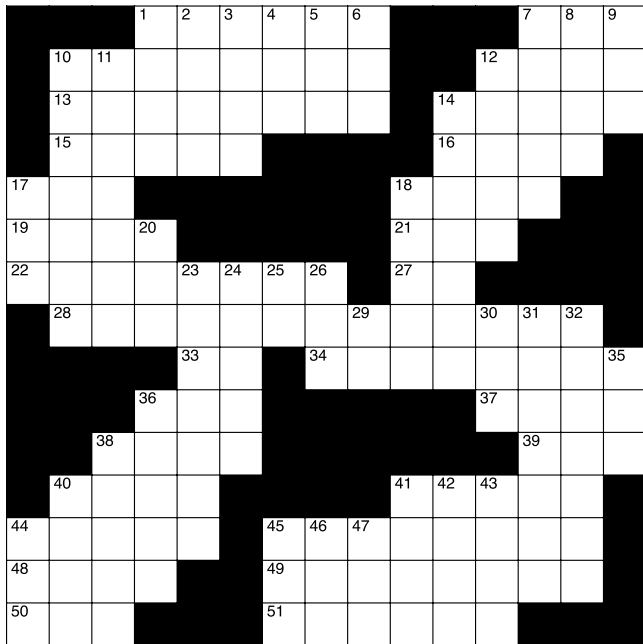
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Press Release from SMCM.



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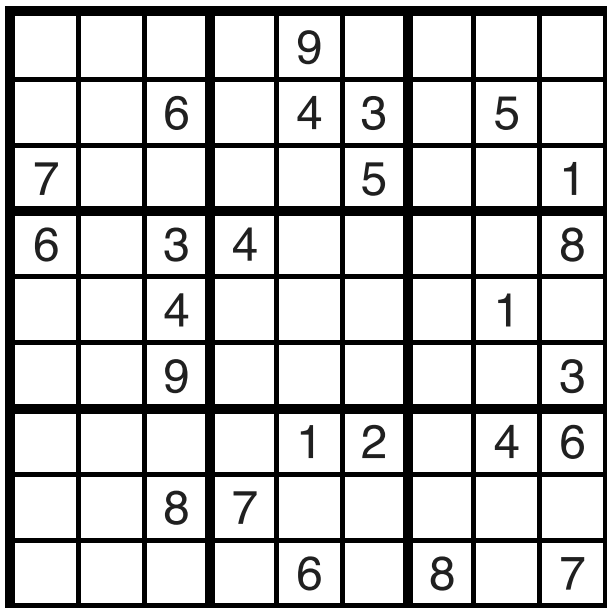
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stain one's hands
- 7. Subdivision
- 10. A passage to be performed slow
- 12. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Medians
- 14. Member of the giraffe family
- 15. Makes official
- 16. Choose in an election
- 17. Hill or rocky peak
- 18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
- 19. Crest of a hill
- 21. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
- 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 28. Hollywood tough guy
- 33. Chinese drums
- 34. Merits
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Increases motor speed
- 38. Mentally fit
- 39. BBQ favorite
- 40. Wings
- 41. Female parents
- 44. Marks left from wounds
- 45. Soften by soaking in



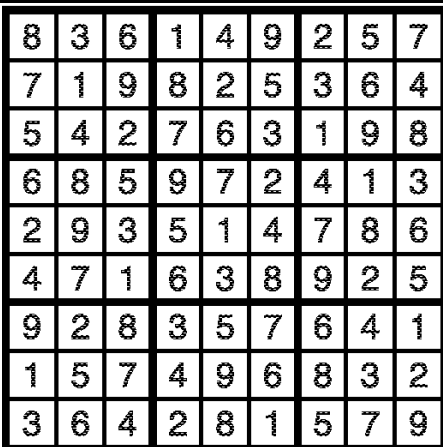
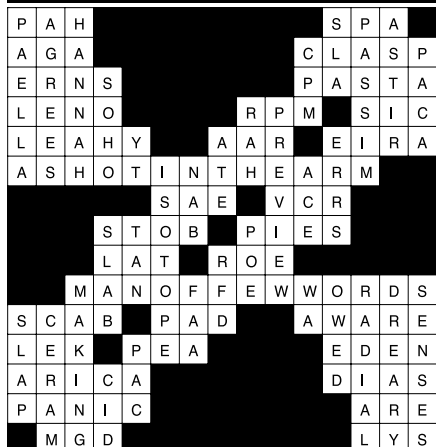
- liquid
 - 48. They resist authority (slang)
 - 49. Formats
 - 50. Many subconsciousnesses
 - 51. Vogues
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mental object
 - 2. Blackbird
 - 3. Undergarments
 - 4. Old cloth
 - 5. One from Utah
 - 6. Greek goddess of the

- dawn
- 7. Become less intense
- 8. Developed to readiness
- 9. Defunct phone company
- 10. About Freemason
- 11. Taking everything into account
- 12. Famed Czech engineer
- 14. Impress into silence
- 17. Boxing term
- 18. Marketplaces
- 20. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Locomotives
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Football position (abbr.)
- 26. Heavyhearted
- 29. Denotes particular region
- 30. Famed NHLer
- 31. Ingested too much
- 32. Formulates
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Broad, shallow craters
- 38. Thick cuts
- 40. Breezed through
- 41. Breakfast is one
- 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 43. Periodicals (slang)
- 44. Indian title of respect
- 45. More (Spanish)
- 46. Creation
- 47. A loud utterance



Level: Intermediate

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"A time for inspiration"

Are we being set-up? I think we are being set-up by Mother nature for a huge fall. She has been nice and easy-going this entire winter- if you can call it that. I, personally, do not have a problem with a mild winter. What worries me is that all the newly budded trees and just emerging flowers will have be caught off guard with a freeze event which could stunt their growth. It has happened before. I saw yesterday, with a little trepidation, that there was one little Forsythia leaf, bright yellow and bravely trying to light up its dreary surroundings. I thought, "No not yet, stay hidden, something bad could still happen!" One year this same thing happened, we had a mild winter and then right towards the end, WHAMO, ice and snow led to stunted or dead buds.

Right now, however, I am enjoying having the office window open and listening to all the birds singing and squirrels chitting. My next worry on the list is that the warm weather might start the ants on their yearly trek indoors for their spring digs. Note to self: call ex-husband about early pest control. The good thing about the warm weather is that maybe that mouse that is skittering around the kitchen will want to head back outside. In the middle of the night, every night, I hear something getting moved around. One time, many years ago, I found out where all of our dog tidbit's dog food was disappearing to when I decided to clean out the awkward cabinet next to our stove. It is one that has a side area that goes the length of the counter to the back wall, but only has one door, two feet away into it. I don't even remember what all is in its dark recesses. But anyway, the time I did decide to pull everything out and scrub and inventory all items. I found a small roasting pan, most likely used by my husband's first wife that was nearly completely filled with dry dog food. Yuck, triple yuck. Question answered, and there was one less roasting pan to worry about. Another note to self: check in that dark, long, scary cabinet... at some point.

On to brighter thoughts, we closed out the season of Epiphany Tuesday night with a fantastic pancake supper with all the extras cooked by the men of Christ Church, Chaptico. It was some good eatin' I must say. Thank you all for the wonderful breakfast dinner. Lent has started, another chance to re-start those now forgotten resolutions from January, give-up something which will have a meaningful impact on your life, or as I like to do begin something that will have a meaningful future impact on your life. Our priest, Father Chris Jubinski has again instituted some wonderful interactive Lenten activities for us to choose from or to participate in all. I really like the home study guide that you can download from our website: www.cckqp.net called The Way of Love in Lent 2020 provided in a daily calendar format all the way to Good Friday, April 11th. Each day has a word to contemplate with a question or exercise to act upon, and a scripture verse notated. For instance, today's word is: Bless, and the question is: What challenges are you facing today? The corresponding Book, Chapter, and verse is" Job 11:18. That is a lot to contemplate for me anyway. But this is an easy way to work your way through Lent if you happen to have an interest in that.

I have decided to go by what I am calling my 2nd Bible for Lent, a book titled Daily Painting by Carol Marine, and actually paint or do something creative each day of Lent to help get my enthusiasm for life and all the creative things it offers back. I have been in a total creative slump, with so many projects waiting to get finished. I think this will be good for my soul and for the depressed mood that has been lingering over me. So far, so good, I actually started on Monday and have two pretty, nearly complete small paintings done, and can't wait to get started on the third later today. Hoping that you are able to find something to inspire you or to create during these weeks of introspection.

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

Community Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 27 2020

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A program for children ages 3 to 5 years and their caregivers. This month's theme is "Animals in Motion". Fee is \$5, CMM members are free.

PWR!Moves

Southern Community Center; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PWR!Moves is a dynamic exercise program created for people living with Parkinson's disease and helps seniors, and people with neurological disorders and physical disabilities including stroke and MS. Classes are fun and engaging with challenging activities that change with each class and include endurance, flexibility, strength, and balance. To register, call Emily Sullivan at 410-535-1600, ext. 8205 or the Maryland Relay for the Hearing and Speech Impaired at (800) 735-2258 or online at webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html.

Friday, Feb. 28, 2020

Chef's Choice Fish Dinner

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Informal dinner being held in the lower level dining room. Cost is \$12 including side, salad and beverage. Any questions may be directed to 410-257-9878. Public Welcome. Please visit <http://www.MD-Post206.Org> for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

Zumba Gold-Toning with Bonnie

Northeast Community Center; 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Join us on Saturday mornings for

one hour of Zumba Gold-Toning with Bonnie. This is a low-impact, easy to modify, Latin-inspired, dance/fitness program—all in a party atmosphere. No previous experience is necessary. I guarantee you will love it. This class is offered through the Calvert County Parks & Rec. Register online or call 410-535-1600 x8200.

Living Well through Lent Kick Off

Middleham and St. Peters Parish; 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

This is an informational gathering in the large conference room for those that would like to know how to use this invaluable tool. During your personal journey through Lent, you can pair up with a friend or join the Living Compass "Living Through Lent" Facebook group. If you need a hard copy printed please let us know, by either calling the main office 410-326-4948 or email communications@middlehamandstpeters.org. This is open to all interested you do not need to be a member of Middleham and St. Peter's Parish.

"Breaking Legs" Auditions

Southern Branch Library; Noon - 2 p.m.

New Direction Community Theater announces auditions for the Tom Dulack's "Mafia meets the theatre" comedy "Breaking Legs." Auditions will be cold readings from the script. There are parts for one woman (mid-late 20s) and four men (mid 30s and older). Production dates are Friday and Saturday, June 5-6 and 12-13. For more information, contact director Rick Thompson at 410-535-2144.

Motown Night

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

What's your favorite tune? The Sons of the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 will host a night with music by DJ Stephen Varney beginning at 7.30 until 11:30 P.M.. The cost of \$10 includes draft beer and sodas. Tickets available at the door. Public warmly welcomed. For information call 410-257-9878 or visit <http://www.MD-Post206.Org>

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

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2020

1st Annual Health and Wellness Fair

NBVF; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Twin Beach Opioid Awareness Group will be hosting their First Annual Health and Wellness Fair at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. There will be door prizes, exhibits, vendors, and more! Please visit <http://www.chesapeakebeachmd.gov/about/files/health-fair-0> for more information.

Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2020

PWR!Moves

Mt. Hope Community Center; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PWR!Moves is a dynamic exercise program created for people living with Parkinson's disease and helps seniors, and people with neurological disorders and physical disabilities including stroke and MS. Classes are fun and engaging with challenging activities that change with each class and include endurance, flexibility, strength, and balance. To register call Emily Sullivan at 410-535-1600, ext. 8205 or the Maryland Relay for the Hearing and Speech Impaired at (800) 735-2258 or online at webtrac.co.cal.md.us/wbwc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html.

Steak Night at the Legion

American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206; 5:30 p.m. - 7p.m.

Particular about your Steak? At the American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 you order it directly from the Grill-Master and you get what you order. The \$17.00 price tag includes sides, salad, beverage, and roll. Public welcome. For information, call 410-257-9878 or visit www.MD-post206.org.

Wednesday Mar. 4, 2020

Join Us for Dinner!

Peace Lutheran Church; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join us for dinner! Peace Lutheran Church invites all to come and participate as it once again offers dinner church on Wednesdays during Lent (March 4—April 1, 2020). This family-friendly event provides child care and themed foods, which vary weekly: Meatloaf & mac and cheese; enchiladas; chili; soup & sandwiches/salad; pizza.

Gather with old friends, make new friends, come and see, we look forward to having you.

"Breaking Legs" Auditions

Southern Branch Library; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

New Direction Community Theater announces auditions for the Tom Dulack's "Mafia meets the theatre" comedy "Breaking Legs." Auditions will be cold readings from the script. There are parts for one woman (mid-late 20s) and four men (mid 30s and older). Production dates are Friday and Saturday, June 5-6 and 12-13. For more information, contact director Rick Thompson at 410-535-2144.

Upcoming

Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, March 14; 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Team reservations are now being accepted to participate in CTA's 32nd Annual SkillsUSA Bowl-A-Thon to be held at Lord Calvert Bowl in Huntingtown. Corporate sponsors are also needed. Contact Robin Wells at CTA at (443) 550-9942 for details. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded throughout the event!

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Strength Training Schedule Adjustment at Loffler Senior Activity Center

The Thursday morning strength training class that is held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center at 8:40 a.m. will be discontinued at the end of February 2020. The Tuesday morning Strength Training classes will continue as scheduled. For any questions regarding this schedule change call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Skit Group at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Center Stage Seniors is a group that performs skits for some of the Thursday luncheons at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. This group meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Center to practice. They are making plans for the March 26 luncheon and have openings for different parts. If this is something that interests you, stop by this coming Thursday and check it out! For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

R&B Line Dance

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

Brain.e.ology

This class is Tuesdays, March 3-March 31, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Losing memory or cognitive ability is a tremendous fear but there is growing evidence that cognitive ability can be maintained or even improved to the end of life! Brain-e-ology is designed to dispel the limiting myths of memory loss and aging, give participants a better understanding of how their brain works and the tools to incorporate brain fitness activities into their daily lives, and create open minds. More than 90 percent of participants report that they feel they have more control over future memory loss after taking this program! There is no fee for this program. Class size is limited so register early. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Ceramics with Marti

The Garvey Senior Activity Center is now offering a ceramics class. 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 on Wednesday, March 4, at 10 a.m. Easter themed pieces will be available for painting. 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.

Body Imbalance

The Northern Senior Activity Center will have a Body Imbal-

ance workshop on Tuesday, March 10, from 1-2:30 p.m. Learn how to bring your body back into balance to relieve tension, increase mobility, and reduce potential injury. Fitness instructor, Judi Lyons, will lead you on a 90-minute journey to improve your body balance. The cost is \$15 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for this class in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Health Watch: Wise Up on Meds

Nearly half of the U.S. population takes at least one prescription drug, while more than one-third of adults 45 or older are on three or more prescriptions. AARP has developed a "program in a box" designed to help you effectively manage prescriptions, reduce complications and achieve maximal health benefits. Volunteer Health Watch Coordinator Mary Tennyson will offer this presentation at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on March 11 at 10 a.m. To sign up call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk.

Video at the Loffler Senior Activity Center

The National Geographic special Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on March 11 at 10 a.m. This amazing film was four years in the making and invites you to run with the pack for a wolf's-eye-view. Witness the unfolding saga of hardships and affection, losses and triumphs, and the controversy surrounding the decision to reintroduce wolves back into the heart of the West.

To sign up call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk. 55 minutes. Free. Seating is limited.

Women's Self Defense

Empower yourself with knowledge at our Women's Self Defense demo. The Northern Senior Activity Center will host Marshal Artist, Dave Scheible on Thursday, March 12, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. as he demonstrates escape moves and teaches avoidance tactics to use in case of a predatory situation. The cost is \$10 and is due at sign up. To sign up and pay in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Chair Massage

Licensed massage therapists will be available on Thursday, March 15, from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center as part of the Week of Wellness. Chair massages will be offered: 15 minutes for \$15. This is an excellent way to finish an exercise class or to enjoy our CSM Wellness Clinic event. Appointments are recommended to accommodate your ideal time, but walk-in services will also be provided at a first-come, first-serve basis. To schedule your appointment and pay in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.



Women in Architecture

Lexington Park Library will hold a talk on the "Women in Architecture" exhibit currently on display on Sunday, March 1 from 2 – 3 p.m. Jillian Storms from the Women in Architecture committee of AIA Baltimore will discuss the current Lexington Park Library Art Gallery installation, "Early Women of Architecture in Maryland." Two of the featured women, Rose Greely and Gertrude Sawyer, completed projects in St. Mary's County, including the restoration of Tudor Hall into St. Mary's first library in Leonardtown. Hear about these women pioneers for Women's History Month!

Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the St. Mary's County Library are happy to announce the HUGE Spring Booksale will be held on Friday, March 27 (Friends Members Only), Saturday, March 28 and Sunday March 29 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Over 100,000 books in excellent condition for amazing prices. Books are sorted into Fiction, Non Fiction, Children's, Young Adult, and Rare and Unusual. Cash, checks, and major credit cards will be accepted all three days. Friday, March 27 is open to Friends Members Only. You can join in advance on



www.stmalib.org/about-us/friends-of-the-st-marys-county-library/ or join at the door on Friday. Saturday and Sunday are open to the public. Sunday will feature half-price books. If you are interested in volunteering, please email stmaps@stmalib.org. No smoking on the Fairgrounds property. Only designated service animals are allowed.

Spend an Hour with a Job Coach

Leonardtown Library will hold 'Spend an Hour with a Job Coach' on Monday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Southern Maryland JobSource job coaches will be available to meet with job seekers. If you would like assistance with writing your resume, conducting a job search, polishing your interview skills, or career change advice, call the Leonardtown

library at 301-475-2846, ext. 2 to schedule your seat in the morning session or the afternoon session. The morning session will begin at 9:30 a.m. The afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. Appointments will be available on the hour from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is encouraged.

Lifestyles VITA Tax Prep

Lexington Park Library will hold Lifestyles VITA Tax Prep on Tuesday, March 10 from 9:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. LifeStyles of Maryland Inc. will help you file your 2019 federal and state income taxes at no cost. Only available to qualified individuals with an annual income of less than \$56 000. Appointments available from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Call the Lexington Park Library at 301-863-8188 to schedule an appointment. Registration opens December 30th.

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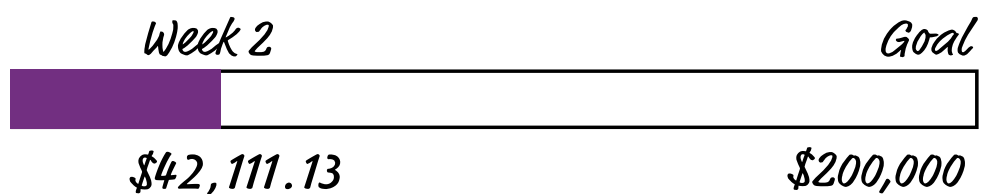
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The Mission has started a campaign to raise money for the down payment to purchase the building they have been located in for the past eight years. The landlord has given The Mission notice that they will not be renewing their lease, which ends in April, and has placed the property on the market.

A Christian outreach, The Mission is located on 21015 Great Mills Road (former location of the Midway Lounge Bar). The Mission is 100% funded with local private funds. Generous individuals, businesses, and a handful of churches make The Mission's 365 day-a-year outreach possible.

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