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In Search Of The Lost City of St. Mary’s
School Security Upgrades May Be Coming This Summer

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After three incidents involving guns or the threat of guns in schools in as many months, school officials are seriously considering security upgrades, possibly some sort of metal detection, for all public schools.

They said the improvements should be completed by the end of the summer break.

“That’s the intent,” said Board of Education Chair Karin Bailey. “That was the message we sent to [County Administrator] Dr. [Rebecca] Bridget and [Commissioner President] Randy Guy at our April 12 meeting.”

At this meeting, Bailey said, the attendees, including Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, formed a list of possible security upgrades for consideration for extra county funding.

Metal detectors or magnetometers were among the possibilities under the most serious consideration, Bailey said.

Bailey admitted “it would be a daunting task” to have students pass through metal detectors of some sort each school day without serious delays.

But, she said, the ideas for improving school security thus far from the high-level meetings “are very comforting to a parent.”

Bailey has children who attend St. Mary’s public schools.

“All the options were extremely well thought out,” Bailey said.

The school board chair said a joint meeting set for early June with county commissioners would focus on which school security measures were feasible.

In February law officers working off of student and parent tips were able to shut down what they allege was a plot to commit a mass shooting at Leonardtown High School in the wake of the Parkland, Fla. massacre, in March Great Mills High School student, Jaelynn Willey, was gunned down by another student just as classes were about to begin and just this month an 8-year-old was caught bringing a loaded semi-automatic handgun to class at Park Hall Elementary School.

County Commissioner Todd Morgan said spending some of the county’s $30 million fund balance was justifiable to improve school security measures.

“I’m obviously very concerned about how an 8-year-old got a gun into school,” Morgan said.

Police reports indicate the gun was left unsecured in the home where both parents were members of the military.

“We’ll be willing to use fund balance to make schools more secure,” Morgan continued, adding he had yet to see a plan for what measures would be implemented.

The key, he said, was to install such measures and leave the learning environment as undisturbed as possible.

“No one wants to build schools like a prison,” said Morgan.

Cameron said the Park Hall incident raised tensions even more in the community, but there was hope in that the issue was brought to the attention of school officials quickly.

It was a young female student who saw the gun, he said.

“That little girl beat feet to the nearest official,” Cameron said. “It [the gun] was shown to her.

“Immediately the school reacted.”

Still, parents had to exercise extreme caution with their firearms, said Cameron, especially with regards to children.

“But Park Hall, I was really upset about that,” Cameron said. “After everything that had happened for a family to leave a gun out… It is illegal in Maryland to leave a gun unsecured when children are in close proximity; state law mandates that trigger locks be provided with every gun sold here.

Morgan agreed with Cameron that parents must be more involved in child discipline.

“The parents have to bear some responsibility for this,” Morgan said, noting the commissioners receive complaints about lax discipline in schools weekly. “They have to start stepping up on this.

“We get complaints… that kids are running the schools.”

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**Ordinance Change Offers Impact Fee Relief**

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County have approved for public hearing an amendment to the county’s impact fee ordinance that should give relief to property owners who are seeking to renovate or replace certain properties that previously did not have to pay the fee.

The issue has become timely since the impact fee ordinance of 2017 came into effect; this ordinance did away with the previous exemption under the 2000 impact fee ordinance “for the replacement of legally existing, habitable dwelling units.”

The 2017 ordinance only gave an exemption for replacement dwellings where the impact fee had already been paid. The proposed amendment exempts buildings from impact fees for dwellings to be replaced, renovated, altered or expanded where the fee has already been paid; it also exempts buildings or added rooms to be replaced, renovated, altered or expanded where the fee has already been paid.

Lastly, buildings lost to fire, accident or natural disaster within the last three years are likewise exempt from the impact fee requirements.

The public hearing is set for May 15 at the Chesapeake Building in Leonardtown before the county commissioners; the meeting has been set for the afternoon.

Commissioner President James “Randy” Guy said the proposed ordinance made sense.

“Impact fees are meant for new families moving into new homes,” Guy said at Tuesday’s business meeting. “That’s what impact fees are really for.”

In March the commissioners voted 4-to-1 to approve a significant and steady increase to the impact fees for new construction projects; impact fees ensure that there are adequate public facilities such as police, fire, schools and roads to support new development and population increases.

The impact fees will rise from about $6,000 to $10,000 over the next five years; the current impact fees for dwelling units up to 2,400 square feet and above is $5,500.

Dwellings up to 1,199 square feet will incur a fee of $9,401 by 2023 and those 2,400 square feet and above will pay $10,446.

The fees will be phased in starting this summer and will range from $6,071 to $6,489 for all ranges of size of dwelling units.

**Veterans Clinic Coming to Lexington Park**

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

While the contract for the new main community outpatient clinic (CBOC) for veterans in Charlotte Hall has yet to be awarded, a satellite clinic will soon be coming to Great Mills Road.

The presence of the CBOCs mean that local veterans will not have to travel to either Baltimore or Washington D.C. for medical care.

The new clinic will take over the third floor of the newly built East Run Medical Center, owned by Cherry Cove Development, which also hosts a branch of MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital.

“It’ll be really nice when it’s done,” said Commissioner Todd Morgan, who announced the contract award at the April 19 meeting of the Tri-County Council.

“It’s very convenient to the base and to the active and retired military,” Morgan continued. “That’s the key.”

Morgan said the third floor would have to be remodeled to accept the new CBOC’s operations but to have the contract finally awarded was a real achievement.

“I’m just happy…we can start doing something.”

Calvert County Commissioner President Evan Slaughenhoupt Jr., who also heads the Tri-County Council’s Regional Veteran’s Advisory Committee, said the group was “pleased” that the new clinic would be coming to Southern Maryland.

But, he said, complications with the contract negotiations between the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) and the potential developer have continually delayed the project.

The main issue, Slaughenhoupt has said in previous interviews, centered around the too-high cost of rent asked for by the builder, as-yet unnamed, of the project.

The current CBOC at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall has operated for the past 20 years but has mostly been inadequate to the task as it is only surplus space at the facility.

The issue has reached congressional levels, as U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer has publicly chided the VA for not moving quickly enough to get the main CBOC replacement moving.

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Are you going to miss the Tiki Bars annual spring opening?

- **Yes** 40%
- **No** 30%
- **Less** 30%
Juvenile Drug Court Ending This Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county rehabilitative court that seeks to ween youth off of drugs before their offenses become too great will see its end this year, the senior administrative coordinator for the program told The County Times.

“We’re one of the last few in the state,” said Pete Cucinotta, at the Circuit Court in Leonardtown. “It’s a trend that’s been happening.”

Cucinotta said the number of juveniles entering the program had declined because the traditional major offenses of alcohol and marijuana use were being handled within the juvenile justice system more.

Those cases were no longer making their way to Circuit Court, Cucinotta said, because they were now being handled as civil citations.

“More things are being handled by the Department of Juvenile Services,” he said. “We’re going to stop seeing the numbers we were seeing before.”

Cucinotta said the jurist in charge of the program, Judge Michael J. Stamm, decided back in February to finish out the program at the end of this year.

“That’s so those still in the program can complete it,” Cucinotta said. “It was a great program.

“Are fewer adolescents using? No. They’re just not making it to us.”

The juvenile drug court began in 2004, Cucinotta said, and in the intervening 14 years there were 232 young people who came into the program.

The graduation rate for successful completion was 54 percent, he said.

Young people enrolled in the program had to submit to a 12-month long observation, which included being tested for drugs or alcohol at least twice a week, according to Cucinotta.

Those in the program who committed minor infractions were not automatically rejected if the program staff believed they still had hopes of successful completion.

“They weren’t necessarily perfect but they did everything to complete the program,” Cucinotta said.

Only those who committed violent crimes or sex offenses were summarily removed from the program, he said.

Also, young people had to either remain in school and receive their high school diploma or general equivalency, to successfully complete the program.

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Grasses are the Bay’s Comeback Kid

This past September, underwater grasses began to appear off shore from the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science’s Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in southern Maryland. The marine research campus has occupied this peninsula in Solomons, where the Patuxent River flows to meet the Chesapeake Bay, since 1925. The grasses haven’t been seen here since 1972. Their comeback after 45 years signals a major positive shift in the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

“We’re very glad to report the largest resurgence of aquatic grasses due to management actions ever recorded, right here in Chesapeake Bay,” said co-author Bill Dennison, Vice President for Science Applications at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

According to a new study, the resurgence of grasses here—and similar recent comebacks seen throughout out the estuary in recent years—are the direct result of decades of efforts to reduce nutrient pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. An analysis of more than 30 years of data shows that sustained management actions over the past two decades have reduced nutrient pollution in the Chesapeake by 23% since 1984 and have led to a resurgence of ecologically and economically important aquatic grasses. Underwater grasses, also known as submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), have regained 17,000 hectares to achieve the highest cover in almost half a century.

“What emerged from that analysis is that this nutrient diet is starting to pay real dividends in the resurgence of grasses around the bay,” said Dennison. “We’ve been calling these grasses our coastal canaries, the things that are most sensitive to water quality degradation, and the things we have to watch as long term indicators of these water quality situations.”

Aquatic grasses are known as a sentinel species, an indicator of broader ecological function or an early warning of ecological impairment. They are important ecologically, providing habitat for baby crabs and other creatures while protecting shorelines and stabilizing sediments so that erosion is minimized. They are also important economically since they are home for commercial species such as blue crab, silver perch, and striped bass.

Since 1950, the population of the Chesapeake Bay has doubled, leading to changes in land use and adding to the substantial nutrient and sediment runoff from both urban and agricultural lands.

Increasing nutrient inputs fueled algal growth in the water that prevented light from reaching the bay grasses, which grow along the Bay’s bottom. These conditions also favored the growth of algae that grow on the leaves of the bay grasses themselves, further shading them from light. Tens of thousands of hectares of SAV were lost, the largest decline documented in more than 400 years.

Since 1950, the population of the Chesapeake Bay has doubled, leading to changes in land use and the virtual disappearance of underwater grasses, as seen here off Solomons Island in southern Maryland.

Researchers from 10 institutions across the country analyzed 30 years of data to predict the impacts of people living near the Bay on submerged aquatic vegetation, an ecologically and economically viable habitat. The study used aerial surveys from 1984 to 2015, monitoring data, historical information on land use and fertilizer application and watershed model estimates for the loads of nutrients and sediments from land runoff and point source such as wastewater treatment plants.

The study confirmed that nutrients play a dominant role in reducing SAV cover. Long-term nutrient trends show that water column nitrogen concentrations have declined on average by 23%, and phosphorus concentrations by 8% since 1984, the biggest reductions occurring in the mid 1990s. Declining nutrient levels coincided with a 316%, or fourfold, increase in SAV cover during the same period, from 7,878 hectares in 1984 to 24,874 hectares in 2015 from aerial surveys.

“The Chesapeake Bay has turned the corner. In fact, it’s one of the large ecosystems in the world that has probably made the most progress,” said President Peter Goodwin of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. “This comeback of underwater grasses reaffirms that government and stakeholders can come together to set goals and implement management actions to make an impact on a large and complex coastal ecosystem. These are sensitive indicators of the health of Chesapeake Bay, and it is important that these successful management strategies are continued.”

Concern for the overall health and economy of the Bay led to unparalleled cooperation among federal, state, local and scientific agencies whose joint efforts identified nutrient pollution and subsequent loss of SAV as the two most critical issues facing Chesapeake Bay. These agencies instituted measures to reduce nutrient inputs as well as long-term monitoring programs to gauge their effectiveness, established the Chesapeake Bay as one of the few places on Earth where comprehensive long-term data exist to link impacts and ecological restoration at broad scales.

The study, “Long-term nutrient reductions lead to the unprecedented recovery of a temperate coastal region” was published in the March 5 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and co-authored by Bill Dennison and Jeremy Testa at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and researchers from the Bigelow Laboratory for Environmental Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Environmental Protection Agency Chesapeake Bay Program, U.S. Geological Survey, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Press Release From UMEES
**Partner in Tiki Bar Suing For Ownership**

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Patrick Donovan, long-time partner of the late Terry Donovan in the Solomon’s Island Tiki Bar, has filed for an injunction in Calvert County Circuit Court claiming he still retains a majority of the stock in the bar.

In his law suit filed last week, Donovan, a California resident, claims that John W. Martin IV, “is allegedly the primary stockholder of PT Tiki Inc.”

Martin’s name was added to the liquor license for the Tiki Bar last year by the Calvert Court Board of License Commissioners; he was listed as the manager there.

At that meeting it was noted Martin had a 10 percent stake in the bar.

The bar is apparently up for sale; when Donovan learned of this he filed the injunction.

According to court filings Donovan and Clarke founded PT Tiki, Inc. in 2005, to do business as a bar in Solomon’s Island.

At that time, Donovan claimed he had 400 shares in the company, which made him the primary stakeholder.

Court filings contend that Donovan and Clarke had many business partnerships.

In December of 2012 Donovan sold stock to Clarke from several different business interests but on that list there was no mention of any stock in the Tiki Bar being sold, court papers claim.

Around the same time, according to court filings, Clarke and Donovan consulted an accountant who advised Donovan he should not sell his Tiki Bar stock to Clarke, since Clarke’s criminal history would “negatively affect the company’s ability to possess a liquor license.”

In March of last year, Donovan claimed to have received a letter from a lawyer, V. Charles Donnelly, stating Clarke wanted to exercise an option to buy the stock in the Tiki Bar.

Contained in the message was an “instrument” to purchase the stock, court papers stated, but Donovan “did not execute this instrument, nor did he respond to Donnelly’s letter.”

Editor Dick Myers contributed to this report.

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Leonardtown Town Council Voters Guide

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I believe the greatest challenge facing Leonardtown currently is the rate of development within the town. While I do support the continued growth and expansion of the town, I would like to ensure that we have smart and manageable growth going into our future. I would like to have more community involvement and outreach with any future projects to ensure they are vital and necessary for the good of the town and the people.

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To match business growth, Leonardtown has seen a lot of residential and business growth over the last decade which is an encouraging sign for our community. I would like to see more new and unique businesses coming into town while keeping a balance between the business and residential areas.

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The single greatest issue facing the Town is the ability to support local businesses. Many restaurants and businesses have recently opened and closed. These were good businesses but just needed some help getting new people in the doors. I feel that this could be alleviated by having more activities to draw people into Town, such as a weekly/monthly farmers markets. This would help spur patronage of these wonderful businesses and keep their doors open.

What is the single greatest challenge/issue facing Leonardtown? How would you solve it?

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Should the town consider increasing property taxes or any other fees?

I would not support the increase of property taxes or other fees for Leonardtown residents. I would even be open to reducing property taxes to businesses in order to retain and attract new businesses to the town.

Do you support residential development to match business growth?

I believe that residential and business growth is valuable to Leonardtown. However, my goal would be to ensure the town’s current infrastructure can sustain the growth. Also, I would want to utilize current commercial real estate for businesses before approving further development.

Currently there is no need to raise property taxes in town. Over the past four years the property taxes were not raised because our tax base grew along with the town’s operating costs.

Yes I do support residential development to match business growth. Leonardtown has seen a lot of residential and business growth over the last decade which is an encouraging sign for our community. I would like to see more new and unique businesses coming into town while keeping a balance between the business and residential areas.

In order for business growth to be supported there must be people to patronize these businesses. Many of these people are from other areas who are traveling around and looking for a place to get their needs met. I believe that residential and business growth are vital and necessary for the good of the community.

Taxes and fees are based on the capital and operating needs identified each fiscal year which are prioritized and included in the budget. If the proposed budget requires any increases and these projects are in fact a high priority for that fiscal year then yes, I would support an increase. It is all a balancing act to have revenue, or the taxes and fees, match the proposed budget and that is the Council’s responsibility to use the citizen’s tax money responsibly and to keep rates as low as possible.

Yes, I support residential development to match business growth as long as our utilities, water and sewer are capable of and can support that growth. This would depend on the Equivalent Dwelling Unit’s that are available through the planning process.

So to answer your question, I am not in support of raising any taxes or fees at this time. I would like to see the current property tax rate stay at $.1266 per $100 of assessed value. If the town does not raise any taxes or fees, it would help to keep the town more focused on projects that are necessary and vital to the good of the community.

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Leonardtown needs a draw, a reason for people to come to visit us. As more people come into Leonardtown, they will shop in our shops, eat in our restaurants, and help the business community grow. I would like to see a walking trail, dog park, or tourist attraction where people living outside the town would like to visit on a regular basis.

Leonardtown should not increase property taxes and needs to figure out a way to generate some income of its own. The free festivals and events are great for town awareness. However, they are expensive for the town to operate and tend to be inconvenient for the residents. Other communities charge parking fees for non residents at these events, perhaps this is something to consider.

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**CHRISTOPHER A. JEYS  34**  
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The greatest challenge facing Leonardtown is drawing young professionals to the area as both residents and visitors. Too often this age group is unable to find affordable housing, appropriate career opportunities, or even things to do in this area. I believe with my many years of experience in the tourism industry, as well as in Economic Development working with both the County and Leonardtown, I can help the Town become an attractive location for potential young professional residents and tourists.

Leonardtown should increase the property tax rate, although future needs (as the Town continues to grow and more public services are needed) may undoubtedly require this to occur. If it is ever a necessity for the rate to increase, I believe it should only be raised based on the need and gradually so it is not a burden on Town citizens.

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**ANDREW M. PONTI  30**  
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Leonardtown needs a reason for people to visit and I would like to see a walking trail, dog park, or tourist attraction where people living outside the town would like to visit on a regular basis. The polls will open at the town offices located at 22670 Washington Street in Leonardtown. The polls will open at the town offices at noon and remain open until 7 p.m.

-Guy Leonard
IN THE MATTER OF SHERRY LYNN CALVERT
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO SHERRY LYNN COOMBS

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-18-213
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which she seeks to change her name from Sherry Lynn Calvert to Sherry Lynn Coombs. The petitioner is seeking a name change because:

Would like to go back to maiden name after 9 years of being divorced.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 4th day of June, 2018. 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.

Tracy L. Cantrell,
Acting Clerk of Court for
St. Mary’s County Maryland

April 26, 2018
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  - 2/$14.00

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  - Assorted Varieties
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  - $13.88

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  - Breton Bay Shoals or Breton Bay Breeze
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  - 750 ML
  - 2/$12.00

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  - Assorted Varieties
  - 750 ML
  - 2/$20.00

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  - 750 ML
  - $10.88

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  - 750 ML
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  - 12PK Cans
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  - 6PK Bottles
  - $9.48

- **ANGRY ORCHARD ROSE**
  - 6PK Bottles
  - $9.28

**Prices Effective Friday, April 27 Thru Thursday, May 17, 2018**
Three Arrested in Narcotics Raid

Detectives with the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office Vice/Narcotics Division, identified Reginald “Ricky” A. Price, age 52 of Clements, as a distributor of controlled dangerous substances, (CDS). Search and seizure warrants were obtained for his residence and a neighboring residence on Horseshoe Road in Clements, MD. The search warrants were executed on April 19, 2018, with the assistance of the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services Team, St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office K-9, Vice/Narcotics Support Team Deputies, and the Charles County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services Team.

As a result of the search warrants, a large quantity of suspected heroin, (approximate street value of $8,500), suspected cocaine, (approximate street value of $29,180), suspected crack cocaine, (approximate street value of $2,160), suspected Suboxone, (approximate street value of $2,160), suspected marijuana, (approximate street value of $5,275), US currency, and other items indicative of drug distribution were recovered. Fifteen (15) dogs were located and removed from the property with the assistance of St. Mary’s County Animal Control Officers.

After execution of the search warrants, the following three individuals were charged:

Reginald “Ricky” Alan Price, was arrested and charged with two counts of CDS possession not marijuana (heroin and cocaine) and two counts of possession with intent to distribute (heroin and cocaine).

Melvin Jerome Price, age 55 of Clements, was arrested and charged with CDS possession not marijuana (cocaine) and CDS possession paraphernalia.

Megan Lee Maxwell, age 37 of Clements, was arrested and charged with CDS possession not marijuana (Suboxone).

Additional charges are pending review with State’s Attorney Richard D. Fritz.

No Charges Yet In Lexington Park Slaying

Detectives say they know who shot and killed Britain Jeremy Gill, 29, last week at a residence in Lexington Park, but no charges have been filed in that homicide.

Capt. Edward Willenburg, commander of the Criminal Investigations Division of the sheriff’s office, said the shooting resulted from a confrontation between the resident of the Liberty Street apartment and Gill.

It has been alleged that the week prior Gill and the shooter had been involved in another altercation.

When police arrived on the scene and found Gill, he was suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest and was later pronounced dead at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital.

“There was no evidence to suggest [the deceased] was armed at the time of the shooting,” Willenburg told The County Times.

Willenburg said police are not releasing the name of the alleged shooter in the case because he has yet to be charged.

“The question is whether the use of the weapon was justifiable,” Willenburg said. “It’s being reviewed by the state’s attorney’s office.”

Gill was slain April 18.

By Guy Leonard

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Regional Library Announces Board of Directors

Newly elected 2018 board of trustee members for the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, from left to right: James Hanley (St. Mary’s); Beth Roth (St. Mary’s); Delores Brown (Calvert); Martha Grahame (Calvert); Carolyn McHugh (Calvert); Marge Roden (Charles); Janice Walthour (St. Mary’s); and Sharan Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Maryland Regional Library.

The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association welcomed a new member to its board of trustees during the annual corporation meeting on April 10. Delores Brown joined six other board members who are elected annually to serve a three-year term. The other six who were elected are returning members, including the newly elected board officers: James Hanley, President; Marge Roden, Vice President; and Martha Grahame, Treasurer. Two additional board member positions are vacant at this time.

The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association is a regional resource center for the public libraries in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s counties; providing library services for the staff and customers of public libraries throughout Southern Maryland. The board of trustees is composed of three members from each of the three Southern Maryland counties.

The regional library was formed in 1959 to enhance the services provided by the county libraries. It is part of a state-wide resource network of three regional resource centers, working in collaboration with the State Library Resource Center, to provide efficient, economical and coordinated library services that the county library systems cannot adequately provide themselves.

For more information about the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, visit smrla.org or call 301-884-0436.

Press Release from SMRLA

Have Fun with the Alphabet at Little Explorers

On Wednesday, April 18, L is for Little Explorers! Join the Little Explorers as we talk about the alphabet and all the sounds letters make. We will then try to find objects that start with all those sounds at the T-t-t-Town Center! The program will meet at 10:00 a.m. by the Shop at Farthings Ordinary.

Little Explorers discover the world at Historic St. Mary’s City through storytelling, crafts, songs, and outdoor exploration. Preschoolers, ages 3-5, and an accompanying parent are invited to gather at Historic St. Mary’s City for an hour of adventure, fun, and learning twice monthly on Wednesdays in the spring and fall. Each Little Explorers gathering features a different theme.

The program runs from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Admission is $4 per child for non-members ($3 for Friends) and accompanying adults visit free. The fee includes full-day admission to the museum. Bring a picnic and spend the day!

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**Scenes from Earth Day in Leonardtown**

Earth Day founder and organizer Valerie Deptula of Good Earth natural food store in Leonardtown.
Teaching Leadership to Our Youth

The 2018 St. Mary’s County 4-H Club Officers came together to receive and learn how to lead their 4-H Clubs into the future. The 4-H program helps to teach life skills, such as Leadership and Citizenship, to youth ages 8-18. Pictured above left top row: Grace Muir, Madison Mersch, Stephen Gatton, Allison Mersch, Shelby Hall, Kasey Gatton, Ashlin Dean, Tara McKenna, Kayla Clarke, Will Patton, Ashleigh Brckett, Kyle Russell, Sophie Anderson, Lauren Hewitt, Bridgett Cory, Shaylyn Bjerke, Hannah Jarboe, Alex Waters, Joshua Owen, Hannah Wathen, Paige Hicks. Sitting from Left: Aiden Lowe, Mary Muir, Sarah Fore, Lindsay Brckett, Even Bowles, Joe Beale, Emily Gale. Instructors were Susan Vallandingham, Wes Cory, Christine Allred, and Missy Russell. For more information, contact the 4-H Office at 301-475-4479 or cmallred@umd.edu. University of Maryland Extension is an Equal Opportunity/Access Program.

Democratic
Gubernatorial Forum
at St. Mary’s College

St. Mary’s College of Maryland will host a Democratic Gubernatorial Forum on Thursday, May 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary’s Hall on the College’s campus. The public is also welcome to a reception with the candidates taking place prior to the forum at 5:30 p.m.

Two Democratic candidates for governor – Maryland State Senator Rich Madaleno, and former policy director for First Lady Michelle Obama and the only women candidate in the race Krish Vignarajah, will meet attendees and discuss their political goals if elected governor.

Marylanders head to the polls in June to narrow the field for the race for governor. The public is welcome to attend this debate, led by moderator and St. Mary’s College Professor of Political Science Susan Grogan, to learn more about the candidates running for governor. A straw poll will take place prior and following the debate. The event is sponsored by the St. Mary’s College political science department, the College Young Democrats Club, the College Young Republicans Club, the St. Mary’s County Chapter of the NAACP, and the St. Mary’s County Democratic Club.

St. Mary’s College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary’s College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary’s River in Southern Maryland.

Michael Bruckler, St. Mary's College Marketing and Strategic Communications Director
St. Mary's County Arts Council
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Join us on First Friday for our very first Art Share Series session! Our very special guest Michael Glaser, poet Laureate of Maryland, will be presenting from 5:30-6:30 PM to debut this new monthly event. Our Gallery & Gift Shop will also be open featuring the current exhibit “The Colors of Spring” by the Color & Light Society.
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Susan Simpson will be signing choirs off her new book, The Promise on Friday, May 4, from 5:00-7:00 PM.

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North End Gallery features new work from three artists in an exhibition called “Precious.” Parran Collery produces colorful tiles using vibrant glazes. Sarah Houde uses gold and mother of pearl lusters to create precious ceramic ware for everyday use. Kennedi Milan crafts beautiful jewelry using precious materials. Be sure to stop by to see this show; these three women have created a show teeming with energy. All are invited for snacks and libations.

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For Miller, 40 Years of Hands On History

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

When Henry Miller first came to St. Mary’s City in 1972 it was as an excavator of archaeological digs just starting to uncover the first capital of Maryland in the Mother Country.

All that was standing was the replica of the second State House over looking the St. Mary’s River.

It was nothing like the emerging city tourists and school field trips come to each spring and summer season.

The history of where the city had generally been located was settled, but what it looked like in detail was anybody’s guess.

“The exploration of St. Mary’s City was just beginning,” Miller, 68, said. “The ideas about what it looked like were very murky.

“There were no maps, there were no good descriptions.”

Miller is now the Maryland Heritage Scholar at Historic St. Mary’s City. He also heads the museum’s research division.

So Miller and teams of other budding archaeologists set about painstakingly digging and sifting local soil for artifacts and clues about which buildings stood where, slowly building an accurate vision of the city as the founders of Maryland made it.

Despite all the work done in the last 41 years by Miller, and hundreds of other archaeologists and researchers there, the founding capital of the Old Line State is still shrouded in mystery.

Miller said there are hundreds of buildings – their former sites – that have yet to be investigated.

“It’s truly a lost city from the earliest colonial America,” Miller said.

St. Mary’s City was founded in 1634 when the first colonists from England, under the auspices of the noble Calvert family, whence came the Lords of Baltimore, a Catholic family, received a land grant from King Charles I of England.

It was a place of religious tolerance, where many denominations of the Christian faith were allowed to practice what they deemed right in their consciences.

But by 1645, the revolution in England of Oliver Cromwell which toppled the monarchy had spread to Maryland; Protestant forces attacked and took over the colony, overthowing the loyalists for a time before the Calvert family regained control in 1647.

It was a stark and brutal picture far different from the peaceful settings of the replica settlement that stands today.

Aside from the sporadic sectarian violence, death was very common with disease rampant despite better diets in the New World compared with England.

“They dealt with a huge death rate,” Miller said of the colonists. “This was a risky proposition to live in this colony.”

Most people died before they reached the age of 45, he said.

But the colonists continued to persevere and built a city that was intricately thought out.

“Historians assumed this was a scattered village that came up hodge-podge over the years,” Miller said. “What we discovered was that it was an elaborately planned urban space.”

The final design of the city’s main area resembled the outstretched wings of a butterfly with the state house and jail on one side and a Jesuit school of humanities and church on the other.

It symbolized a 60-year experiment in tolerance and religious freedom.

“It was a real capital with symbolism and number,” Miller said, noting that certain buildings were exactly one-half mile from each other.

But archaeologists, including Miller, working there have unearthed not just buildings, but bodies.

In 1992 St. Mary’s City gained international attention with the discovery of three lead coffins that were eventually found to hold members of the founding Calvert family; the coffins were at the site where the newly rebuilt chapel now stands.

They contained the bodies of Phillip Calvert, his wife Anne Wolsley and an infant.

Miller said the types of pollen found in the coffins indicated when they died and were buried.

“We led the scientific investigation of them,” Miller said. “We finally determined they contained the remains of the First Family of Maryland.”

That discovery of 26 years ago is still yielding archaeological and historical dividends today, said Miller.

Specialists from the Smithsonian are using hair samples from the coffins to determine the diet of the deceased and what medical treatments they may have endured.

In 2016 a Harvard University researcher was able to use genetic material from the infant’s coffin to determine it was a boy, or more importantly at that time, a male heir to the Calvert legacy.

“We can put together a human story no one ever knew,” Miller said.

Miller’s colleague, Silas Hurry, chief curator of the museum and historical collection at St. Mary’s City, said the approach to archaeology there has changed over time.

“There’s still great amounts to know,” Hurry said. “But our strategy now focuses on leaving most of it in the ground.

“We want to preserve as much as possible for future generations to study.”

The focus now is to retrieve only the necessary amount of artifacts from a dig for analysis, Hurry said.

“We used to dig almost everything else up.”

Future generations of archaeologists will have a new take on history and leaving artifacts for them will give them something to work with.

“There are graduate students who are asking totally different questions,” Hurry said.

Both veteran researchers still want to make new discoveries at St. Mary’s City. Miller wants to reconstruct the home of Leonard Calvert, who led the colonists to Maryland.

It was the first government house in Maryland and it was where the first act of religious toleration was signed into law before the building of the brick and mortar State House in 1676.

“There are so many stories in this building,” Miller said.

Hurry wants to find the site of the first fort built by colonists when they landed in 1634 as well as the home of Margaret Brent, the woman who eventually had responsibility for the direction of the colony.

“There’s so much more to learn about her day-to-day existence,” Hurry said.

It was the day-to-day existence of common people, those about whom no documentation exists, that was the hardest to find, said, Hurry.

This was a somewhat untold story of St. Mary’s City, to be told by the items they left behind.

“The only way you can learn about them is through archaeology,” Hurry said.

For Miller, whose original home is Arkansas, St. Mary’s City has become his focus.

“We know where the city is now and we can effectively interpret it,” Miller said. “We had to do decades of work to get that map together.”

He’s had offers of work elsewhere, he said, but he wants to stay here.

“How many archaeologists get to work to find a lost city?” said Miller. “It’s all there.

“It’s just buried waiting for us to rediscover it.”

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**Tuition Going Up at St. Mary’s College**

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees for St. Mary’s College of Maryland voted Apr. 20 to increase tuition two percent for state resident undergraduate students.

Out-of-state undergraduate tuition rates and those for graduate students will also increase by two percent, except for District of Columbia residents and those seeking a master’s degree in teaching, according to college documents.

The college leadership had considered raising tuition rates four percent, institutional documents show, but additional funding in Gov. Larry Hogan’s fiscal 2019 budget in the amount of $320,000 to the school’s general fund allowed the increase to be cut in half.

In fact, the additional money in the governor’s budget requires the college to cap the increases for Maryland resident students’ tuition at two percent.

Fees for college amenities such as technology access, athletics and recreation, health center services, guest lectures and other facilities usage are also going up 2.74 percent; room and board are increasing an average of three percent over fiscal 2018 rates, college documents stated.

The college calculated the total cost for a first-year resident student as $28,008, or 2.55 percent over the previous year.

Tuition and fees for non-resident students are much higher at $43,770 or 2.3 percent higher than before.

College figures show that the school’s tuition and fees have steadily increased in the last five years but at a rate slower than the University of Maryland at College Park but overall costs at St. Mary’s still outpace the tuition levels at Frostburg, Salisbury, Towson and UMBC.

As the college raises its costs to students it still struggles with trying to increase its yearly enrollment of new freshmen into campus life.

The full-time student head count for 2017 was 1,516 students, with 28 involved in some kind of graduate program.

The desired undergraduate goal for the college is an enrollment of 1,822 full-time students, with 36 enrolled in a graduate degree program.

The college’s statistics show that enrollment has dropped in the past three years.

In 2015 enrollment reached 1,683 full-time students followed by a drop to 1,587 such students in 2016.

Enrollment continued its decline last school year.

**SMECO Honors Outstanding Math, Science, STEM Teachers**

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) worked with the school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s to select and honor 20 educators with Outstanding Teacher awards for their leadership in the fields of mathematics, science, technology, and engineering.

Receiving awards this year were nine math teachers, six science teachers, and five STEM (science, math, engineering, and technology) teachers from schools in the three counties. The teachers were chosen for their outstanding performance in the areas of creativity, rapport with students, enthusiasm for teaching, professionalism, and innovative teaching methods. Each teacher received a plaque and a cash award at a dinner held in their honor. Over the past 27 years, SMECO has recognized more than 370 local math and science teachers.

“Outstanding school systems and devoted teachers are vital to improving the quality of life in our community. And SMECO is committed to supporting education in Southern Maryland. Well-educated students are vital for the continued success of businesses like SMECO, because they bring valuable skills to the workplace,” stated Austin J. Slater, Jr., SMECO president and CEO, when he welcomed the award winners.

He added, “Our gifted honorees understand that their jobs are about more than teaching mathematics, science, and technology. It’s about thinking creatively and making classroom experiences exciting for students. They teach skills that are important not only to employers and the economy, but also important to our future.”

Presenting the keynote address was Lawrence M. Clark, an associate professor of mathematics education at the University of Maryland Center for Mathematics Education. Clark said that good teachers in the STEM disciplines have three qualities: a commitment to collaboration with colleagues inside and outside their schools; a commitment to sustaining and nurturing their fascination with the world, viewing the world through a STEM lens; and the ability to see the scientist or mathematician in every child they teach.

A former middle-school mathematics teacher, Clark described how demands and expectations have changed for teachers in STEM. He encouraged them to try to understand their communities and environments outside of school and to search for ways to incorporate the realities of students’ worlds into their classrooms.

“The world of STEM teaching is complex and changing rapidly as technological innovations emerge and discoveries are made about the world around us,” Clark said. “The award winners tonight should be very proud of themselves for taking on such a challenging yet rewarding profession.”

SMECO’s Outstanding Mathematics, Science, and STEM Teachers of the Year are listed below.

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- Kim Bracey, Mount Harmony Elementary School
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- Michael Forrest, Matthew Henson Middle School
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- St. Mary’s County
- Alesha Boyd, Dynard Elementary School
- Tara Everly, St. Mary’s Ryken High School
- Amanda Kellam, Greenview Knolls Elementary School
- Taren Long, Chesapeake Public Charter School
- Tabitha Ringer, Margaret Brent Middle School
- Kara Sostre, Evergreen Elementary School

**Karin Stewart, Calvert Middle School**

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**Press Release from SMECO**
Clarence J. M. Davis

Clarence J. M. Davis, 94, a resident at Spring Village of Wildwood Assisted Living in California, MD, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2018. Before moving to Spring Village in 2015, he lived in Charlotte Hall, MD, for 33 years, as well as Longview, TX, and Oakville, MD. Born October 31, 1923 in Hoxie, Arkansas, he was the son of Oliver Lee Davis and Mae Anderson Davis.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in early 1941, and following basic training and electronics school, he received his first assignment: radioman aboard the repair electronics school, he received his first assignment: radioman aboard the repair technician for the next 14 years. Actively involved in all aspects of the local school system, he was appointed to the St. Mary’s County Board of Education in 1972 and served one 4-year term.

In retirement, Clarence was an avid golfer who typically played 2-4 times a week all year long, always walking the course. He was also very involved in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, serving as Maryland State Chairman, chapter president, flag bearer, and guest speaker - participating in many patriotic ceremonies throughout the region. He was the last surviving member of the Maryland chapter.

Clarence is predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Sara McGlochin Davis, as well as his parents and sister, Lela Marie Shaver. He is survived by his son, David Michael Davis (Kathleen) of Leonardtown, MD; his grandson, Eric Michael Davis (Anita) and 3 great-granddaughters: Jayna, Camryn, and Brea Davis of Stillwater, MN.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of St. Mary’s, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or the Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011.

Barbara Anne Wathen

Barbara Anne Wathen, 75, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on April 20, 2018 at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital, Leonardtown, MD surrounded by loved ones.

Born October 4, 1942. She was the daughter of the late Johnson B. Wood and Catherine Minnette Russell. Barbara devoted her life to caring for others. She was employed over 30 dedicated years at the Charlotte Hall Veteran’s Home as a Certified Medical Assistant. When she wasn’t at work, she was home taking care of her children and their friends. She loved being around people and taking care of them. She also fostered many children as her own children grew up. She enjoyed BINGO, and played horses and on a pool league with Cape St. Mary’s. She enjoyed collecting lightshouses. Her family was her greatest love, and she enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them, especially her grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by her children; Joseph Wayne Wathen of Mechanicsville, MD, David Allen Wathen of Avenue, MD, JoAnne Wathen of Mechanicsville, MD, Nancy Lee Wathen of Rock Hall, MD, Lisa Marie Wathen of Montmorency, PA, Michael Anthony Wathen of Edgewater, MD and George Anthony Suite of Baltimore, MD; her brothers, Charles Joseph Wood of Avenue, MD and Richard Edward Wood of Mechanicsville, MD; her grandchildren, frey Allen Wathen and Ashley Nicole Barber, both of Mechanicsville, MD; and her great grandchildren: Tyler Michael Wathen, Ayden Matthew Wathen and Kayden Patrick Fenwick. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her sister, Joseph Edwin Wathen, Jr.; and her siblings: Margaret “Doots” Tarleton, Catherine “Kitty” Clarke, Francis “Clinker” Wood and Johnson “Snooks” Wood.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Reverend Andrew Royal on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 29119 Point Lookout Road, Morganza, MD 20660. Internment will follow at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Suite 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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

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

Capt. James Reid Seaman, Jr.

CAPT. James Reid Seaman, Jr., USN (Ret.), 61, of Hollywood, MD passed away on April 20, 2018 at his home surrounded by the loving and incessant chatter of his wife and daughters.

He was born in St. Augustine to Barbara Taylor Jailet of Palatka, FL and the late James Reid Seaman.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering and later earned his Master of Science in Aerospace Systems from the University of Tennessee making him literally a rocket scientist. He proudly served in the United States Navy for over 25 years as both a fleet aviator and a test pilot. During his service he flew over 60 aircraft, including the A-6 and F-14. Highly accomplished, Jim earned many decorations during his service. Jim was a modest man but according to his daughters he was the greatest pilot they ever saw. Upon retirement, he began his second career at Booz, Allen, and Hamilton.

Jim was humble, kind, and loving. He was a wonderful father, not just to his daughters but to many of their friends. He had a commanding presence and was loved by his colleagues and the men and women who served under him. Jim was unafraid to think outside the box and had no qualms.
He left home to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps, in which he fought in the Vietnam War. Once he returned home he attended the University of Maryland at College Park. While attending college he worked at a nearby dealership. He was so successful as a salesman, he ended up buying a Pontiac dealership in St. Mary's County and moving there.

When Don wasn’t busy working, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Once he retired, he enjoyed painting, birdwatching, and traveling with his wife and grandchildren. He was part of the American Legion Post 255 and a member of Life Community Church of God.

He is survived by his wife Maribel and seven children: Don Megby, Jr. of Florida, Peter Chui of Florida, Sally Adams (Kevin) of Hollywood, Maryland, Matthew Megby of Baltimore, Maryland, Linda Loving of Leonardtown, Maryland, Lizzeth Megby of Florida and Karla Haizlip (Jeremy) of Florida. He is also survived by his siblings: Joe Megby of Virginia, Kathie Harris of South Carolina and Jeanie Murff of Texas, eight grandchildren and a great granddaughter. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Amy Babb.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Life Community Church of God, P.O. Box 670, California, MD 20619.

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

Karen “Amy” Wood

K a r e n  “ A m y ” W o o d , 5 6 , o f M e c h a n i c i n e v i l l e , M D passed away on April 18, 2018 in Calvert, MD. Born on June 6, 1961 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Shirley Wood and William Wood. Amy was the loving wife of the late Hoy “Bruce” Wood whom she married on September 12, 1987 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Mechanicsville, MD, and who preceded her in death on March 6, 2015.

Amy is survived by her siblings: Mike Wood, Jeff Wood and Brenda Dale all of Mechanicsville, MD. She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary’s County, MD and graduated from St. Mary’s Academy in 1979. In addition, she graduated from Salisbury University in 1983 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Math and French.

Amy was a Computer programmer analyst for PRB, Naval Research Laboratory, SAIC for 30 years retiring in December, 2013.

Amy enjoyed playing a variety of sports-volleyball, bowling, snow skiing, and especially softball. She was a player in the women’s softball league for several years. Amy and enjoyed the yearly canoe trips with her husband and friends over the years. She was a huge Baltimore Orioles fan, attending many games at Camden Yards. She was an animal lover and had several special cats and dogs that were dear to her heart.

Amy also enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephew as they grew up, and cherished the family gatherings at holidays and special occasions.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary’s P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Sharon Virginia Dyer

Sharon Virginia Dyer, 71, of Hollywood, MD formerly from Atlanta, GA passed away on April 22, 2018 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 22, 1947 in Atlanta, GA, she was the daughter of the late Shirley V. Lynch and Vance E. Lynch, Jr. Sharon was the loving wife of Rufus Neville Dyer, whom she married on May 11, 1966 in Patuxent Naval Air Station P axis River, MD. Sharon is survived by her sons; Randall Dyer (Sherri) of Elkridge, MD and Adam Dyer (Michelle) of Fort Worth, TX, and 4 grandchildren. She graduated from North Fulton, HI in 1965.

Sharon served in the United States Navy from September of 1965 to September of 1966. While serving in the Navy, she earned the National Defense Service Medal and was stationed at NAS Pax River, MD. She moved from Atlanta, GA to St. Mary’s County, MD in December of 1965. Sharon was Program Manager for NAVAIR Pax-ent River, MD for 28 years, retiring in April of 2014.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. Where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop William McClean officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD.

 Pallbearers will be; Randall Dyer, Adam Dyer, Mike Derby, Ronnie Derby, Mike Ryan, and John Wills. Honorary Pallbearer will be F.B. (Bill) Derby. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary’s P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.
Collie’s Career Night Leads Seahawk Women’s Lacrosse Past Wesley

Junior attacker Ali Collie (Glen Arm, Md./Dulaney) put up career numbers Wednesday night as the St. Mary’s College of Maryland women’s lacrosse team returned to the Capital Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks (8-8, 4-3 CAC) tallied an 18-5 road win over Wesley College (6-8, 1-6 CAC) as Collie tallied career-highs of 10 points, seven assists, and six ground balls.

**How it Happened**
St. Mary’s opened up a 6-0 lead at 21:43 as five different Seahawks found the back of the net. Collie notched two goals and two assists in the 6-0 run. The host Wolverines got on the scoreboard at 19:30 as Paige Brehm finished a pass from Brianna Bacon. Collie then assisted three of the goals in a 4-0 Seahawk run, giving St. Mary’s a 10-1 advantage at 12:36. Wesley responded with a 3-1 run to cut the deficit to 11-4 at 7:48 as Brehm scored all three goals. Collie then assisted three of the goals in a 4-0 Seahawk run, giving St. Mary’s a 10-1 advantage at 12:36. Wesley responded with a 3-1 run to cut the deficit to 11-4 at 7:48 as Brehm scored all three goals. Collie then assisted three of the goals in a 4-0 Seahawk run, giving St. Mary’s a 10-1 advantage at 12:36. Wesley responded with a 3-1 run to cut the deficit to 11-4 at 7:48 as Brehm scored all three goals.

Wesley was held scoreless for the final 31 minutes of the game while the Seahawks would close out the game on a 5-0 run. St. Mary’s boasted a 15-5 margin at halftime.

**Inside the Box Score**
In addition to her career numbers, Collie paced the Seahawks with four goals.

Sophomore midfielder Kate Bartholomew (Galena, Md./Kent County) also finished with four goals and added an assist for a career-best five points while sophomore defender Dani MacDonald (Westminster, Md./Winters Mill) came up with a career-best five draw controls as St. Mary’s dominated at center with an 17-8 edge in draws.

Junior Emma Brown (Warwick, N.Y./Warwick Valley) and first-year Aimee Uibel (Lumberton, N.J./Rancocas Valley Regional) split equal time in goal. Brown scooped up three ground balls, made two stops, and allowed five goals while Uibel had just one save in her half. Brehm finished with four goals and five draw controls while Shelby Schirmacher turned away 14 Seahawk shots and picked up a game-best eight loose balls.

**Game Stats**
Shots: St. Mary’s 46, Wesley 13
Ground Balls: St. Mary’s 26, Wesley 22

**Draw Controls:** St. Mary’s 17, Wesley 8

**Free-Position Shots:** St. Mary’s 3-8, Wesley 2-5

** Saves:** St. Mary’s 3, Wesley 14

**Caused Turnovers:** St. Mary’s 22, Wesley 12

**Turnovers:** St. Mary’s 14, Wesley 29

By Nairem Moran
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Hollywood VRS Announces Annual Bluegrass Festival

The Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad will present its annual Bluegrass Festival on Saturday May 12, 2018 at the St. Mary’s County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 11 am and the show starts at Noon. Weather permitting, the event will be held outside. All proceeds from the day’s event will go toward the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad Building Fund.

“Honoring tradition through innovation”, that’s Audie Blaylock’s motto. His mellow, wailing tenor and lightning-fast guitar picking have made him one of the names to watch in the world of traditional bluegrass. There’s something in a name; and Redline, the name of Audie Blaylock’s hot-shot band, could not be more fitting. Blaylock’s vision for his sound involves an occasional glance in the rear view mirror, but with a heavy foot planted firmly on the accelerator, his music has a way of driving hard into the future.

Audie Blaylock’s musical journey is a familiar one in bluegrass music, having grown up in an Appalachian musical family, his musical education started early and led to him sharing the stage with some of bluegrass’ finest and most respected artists, including first generation bluegrass character and giant, Jimmy Martin, as well as Red Allen, Harley Allen, Lynn Morris, Michael Cleveland, and Rhonda Vincent.

Yet a true artist is never content in the passenger’s seat, and this is where Blaylock’s path diverges from the familiar, well-beaten path on this old mountain side. Blaylock wrapped his fingers around the steering wheel a dozen or so years ago, charting his own course and earning IBMA nominations and awards including Instrumental Group of the Year, Guitar Player of the Year, Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, and a Grammy nomination.

Since beginning Redline, Blaylock has recorded five band records, traveled to three continents, nearly two dozen countries, and shows no sign of applying the brakes. The quintessential journeyman, he continues to write, compile, gather, and arrange music as only he can. With 20/20 vision, he continues to honor his musical past through innovation and the never ending quest to arrange the pieces of his musical puzzle: a unique voice and vision in an increasingly homogenized industry. One thing is for sure, when Audie Blaylock climbs behind the wheel, you better hold on: you’re going someplace good, and you’ll get there in a hurry.

Also, back by popular demand will be the Patuxent Partners from Rockville, MD. With a name relevant to the Southern Maryland, founding member, Tom Mindte has spent a lot of time in Southern Maryland and has made many friends and fans in the area. With the Patuxent Partners, the high lonesome sound never goes out of style. When they hit the stage, you can feel the power and authenticity. Rather it is a wealth of traditional songs or a country tear-jerker classic, their expressive and powerful performance is pure and true to the roots of the music.

Each year the Hollywood Bluegrass Festival also has many local Bluegrass groups who perform throughout the day. This year enjoy the likes of festival organizer, Jay Armsworthy and his band, Eastern Tradition, Recycled Bluegrass, 15 Strings, Bubby Abell & Spoon Creek, and California Ramblers. Troy Jones will be doing the sound for the festival.

The event will be held outside but if inclement weather is forecasted, the event will be held inside. There will be food & drink available for purchase and it’s BYOB. There will be 50/50 raffles and many vendors selling a variety of crafts and merchandise. Tickets are available in advance for $20.00 per person by mail or online. To purchase using a credit card, go to: https://hvrs.brownpapertickets.com/. By mail, send a check or money order made payable to: Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: P.O. Box 741, California, MD. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate for $25.00 per person and under 12 are free with a paying adult. The festival gates will open at 11:00 am and the event runs from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The St. Mary’s County Fairgrounds is located at 42455 Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown, MD. For more information, go to www.hvrs.org or call 301-737-3004.

Press Release from Hollywood VRS

Now open for the season!

Seasonal Outlet Center
Mckay’s Plaza, Charlotte Hall

Lawn & Patio Furniture
at outlet discount pricing!

301-884-8682 | 301-274-0615
Monday: 10 am – 6 pm, Tuesday: Closed,
Wednesday thru Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm, Sunday: Closed
UPCOMING & ONGOING

PIRATES: FACT VS. FICTION
Registration is open at HSMMC for this day camp/workshop designed for children 11 - 14 years old to learn the myths and legends of piracy in the 1600’s and 1700’s. The program will be held on June 16 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. $30/child ($25/Friends members). Space is limited. Registration required, closes June 9. For more information or registration, contact Sharyl at 240-895-4980 or email info@HSMCdigshistory.org.

ST. MARY’S COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wicomico Shores Golf Course. June 8th. Entry fee $80 includes Lunch and prize entries valued over $1,000. For additional information contact Ryan at abovepar@golftournaments@gmail.com

2018 SUMMER ACTIVITIES
St. Mary’s County Public Schools (SMCPS) registration period for 2018 Summer Activities is open until Tuesday, May 15, 2018. For information regarding these programs and/or to register for an event, please visit: www.smcps.org/strategic-planning/summer-activities.

PRE KINDERGARTEN/HEAD START APPLICATION
St. Mary’s County Public Schools application for Prekindergarten/Head Start to determine eligibility for school year 2018-2019 is open until Friday, May 25, 2018, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Questions about the program and registration may be directed to Dr. Kelly Hall, Executive Director of Supplemental School Programs at 301-475-5511, ext. 32136.

Thursday, April 26

WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT?
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
For children ages 3 to 5 years old and their caregivers. $5. CMM members are free. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

GILLS CLUB
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

5:30 – 7:00 PM
Free program for girls ages 7-12 interested in learning about sharks. Gills Club is a STEM-focused program from the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy. Preregistration is required. Register at www.bit.ly/GillsClubRegistration.

Friday, April 27

YARD SALE
Trinity Church, 47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary’s City
7:00 AM - Noon
Housewares, clothing, electronics (in working condition), something for everyone! Contact parishadmin@olg.com or call 301-862-4597 for more information.

PARK PLACE TOASTMASTERS
Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park, 21641 Great Mills Road
12:00 - 1:00 PM
A place to develop and grow—both personally and professionally. A community of learners, and in Toastmasters meetings, learn by doing.

AL PETTEWAY
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
7:00 PM
The Maritime Performance Series and Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance present Grammy and Indie Award-winning guitarist Al Petteway in concert. $15 in advance and $20 at the door and available at www.smtmd.org. Doors open at 6:00. with beer and wine for sale.

NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD-EM BOUNTY TOURNAMENT
American Legion Post 255, 8:00 PM
$41 Buy In (30.00 Prize Pool/5.00 Bounty). Register by 7:45, receive an extra $500 chip. Must be 18 years old to play. Phone registration or questions please call Janice Wood, 301-904-1661.

Saturday, April 28

ROCKFISH FISHING TOURNAMENT
Fitzie’s Marina
6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Benefit the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary. Adult and Youth categories/prizes.

COMMUNITY GARBAGE SALE
Broad Creek Drive, Hollywood
7:00 AM - Noon
Location: next to St. John’s Rd. /Three Notch Rd. intersection. Cruise the neighborhood and check out all of the great items that residents are selling. Items include workout equipment, baby items, kitchens supplies and more!!!

YARD SALE
Trinity Church, 47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary’s City
7:00 AM - Noon
Housewares, clothing, electronics (in working condition), something for everyone! Contact parishadmin@olg.com or call 301-862-4597 for more information.

WALK IN THE PARK
St. Francis Xavier Church/Newtowne Neck State Park, 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd., Leonardtown
7:00 AM registration; 9:00 AM event starts. Rain or Shine. Non-competitive 5k or shorter walk/run open to all ages and abilities. Tours of historic St. Francis Xavier Church will be available. Proceeds benefit the Newtowne Manor House Preservation Fund. Age 13 and over - $20. Age 12 and under—FREE. Register online at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.

POC: Sara Matisick 301-247-7416

STEM-ING 2018
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
NAWCAD S&Es partner with The Patuxent Partnership (TPP) and St. Mary’s College of Maryland to produce “STEM-ING” (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—Inspiring the Next Generation). A one-day event designed for middle school girls in the tri-county region to gain exposure to STEM fields and associated careers. Visit www.stem-ng.org for more information and the student registration link.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Forest Center, 24005 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown
9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
The Car Show helps defray the costs of participation in the SkillsUSA national competition. Your contributions help ensure deserving St. Mary’s County High School students are able to compete.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
For information or registration, contact Mary Thompson at 301-475-0242, x28220 or at mktompson@smcps.org.

OPEN HOUSE
St. John’s Episcopal Church, 47477 Trinity Church Road, Leonardtown
7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
21600 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park
6:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Prospect the classic cars on display! Proceeds benefit the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary. Adult and Youth categories/prizes.

HOME AND GARDEN AUCTION
26689 Laurel Grove Road, Mechanicsville
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Support local farmers, growers and producers. This public auction will consist of locally-raised flower bedding plants, combo planters,
hanging baskets, vegetable plants, new lawn/garden items and more. For more information go to: www.FarrellAuctionService.com.

40TH CELTIC FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GATHERING
Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, 10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
A celebration of the common celtic heritages goes on rain or shine until 6:00 when the after party, or Ceilidh, continues with music and dance until 10.

The event includes: sports, dance, genealogy, crafts, living history, information throughout “Clan Row,” as well as shopping and food opportunities. Plenty of music on three stages and two Massed Bands featuring bag pipes and drums. even a Brass Band.

Admission is $25 at the gate or online at www.cssm.org/TicketLeap. Children under the age of 13 are free. Information: www.cssm.org.

AFTERNOON TEA
Bryantown School, 13735 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Enjoy Sunday brunch and melbournes. Hair Salon for Dolls. Tea and lunch included. Event is open to all ages. $25/adults and $15/children 12 and under. Call 301-932-6883 to purchase tickets. Contact Ashley White with any questions awhite@compassmarketinginc.com.

FOSSIL CLUB MEETING AND LECTURE
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
1:00 – 2:30 PM
Meeting in the Third Floor Lounge. Following the meeting is a public lecture by Dr. Stephen Godfrey at 2:30 p.m. in the Harms Gallery. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

BUILD A TOY BOAT
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Make a toy boat in the Maritime History Hall with sessions starting on the half hour. $2 donation per boat requested with museum admission. For ages 5 and up. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

PING IN CONCERT
Historic St. Mary’s City, Brick Chapel, 18751 Hogaboom Lane
3:00 - 4:00 PM
St. Mary’s College of Maryland Music Department’s vocal ensemble, PING, perform a short program of a cappella musical selections, under the direction of Professor Larry Vote. Free. Park at the Visitor Center. 240-895-4990 info@HSMCdigitalestoria.org, www.HSMCdigsitory.org.

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL AUCTION
Monsignor Harris Center, Hollywood
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Nautical is the theme! Dress to celebrate our Southern Maryland maritime heritage. Enjoy an evening of music, delicious Maryland-style food, and competitive bidding that sponsors the early education of the children at St. John’s School. $35/person or $60/couple.

We welcome your interest, participation, and questions. sjauction2@gmail.com.

BINGO EVERY SATURDAY
Mother Catherine Academy, 38833 Chapatico Rd., Mechanicsville
6:30 - 10:30 PM

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Leonardtown Square
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
The Square is blocked off 6:00 until 6:00 and Sunday 10:00 until 6:00 when the after party, or Ceilidh, continues with music and dance until 10.

JAZZ BRUNCH
The Rex Restaurant & Bar, 22695 Washington St., Leonardtown
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Enjoy Sunday brunch and melbournes. Hair Salon for Dolls. Tea and lunch included. Event is open to all ages. $25/adults and $15/children 12 and under. Call 301-932-6883 to purchase tickets. Contact Ashley White with any questions awhite@compassmarketinginc.com.

SPRING TEA WITH MY DOLL AND ME
Mother Catherine Academy, 38833 Chapatico Rd., Mechanicsville
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Tea, Sandwiches & Desserts served. Hair Salon for Dolls. Custom Doll Clothing. Photo booth for Doll and Me. Balloon grab bag. Door Prizes and much more! $25 each or a table of 8/$160. Questions? e-mail Denise Skotek at dmskotek@live.com or call the school about tickets and reservations. Space is limited 301-884-3165.

ELKS TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENT
St Mary’s County Elks, 45779 Fire Department Lane
Lexington Park
3:00 – 8:00 PM
No Limit Texas Holdem Poker Tournament. $120 Buy in (includes $20 Bounty) = 15,000 chips. Please enter through the side of the building. Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828 Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

ELKS HOLDEM COUNTY/TOURNAMENT
St Mary’s County Elks, 45779 Fire Department Lane
Lexington Park
7:00 PM
No Limit Texas Holdem Poker Tournament. $25 Buy in = 4,000 chips. Please enter through the side of the building. Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828 Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

LITTLE EXPLORERS: WHAT’S GROWING?
Hollywood, MD Call 301.373.5848 PO BOX 98
Spray Tobacco Plantation, 47621 Old Cove Rd.
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Designed for pre-school age children 3-5 years old and an accompanying adult. $4 per child ($3 Friends members); one accompanying adult free. Full-day admission included. Meet at the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation. More info: 240-895-4990, info@HSMCdigshistory.org. www.HSMCdigsitory.org

LYRSA FUNDRAISER
Ledo Pizza Restaurant, Leonardtown
4:00 - 8:00 PM
Enjoy dinner (dine in or carry out) at Ledo Pizza in Leonardtown to support the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA). Please tell your cashier/server and write on your receipt that you are there to support the LVRSA so we can get credit for your purchase.

We’re Hiring
Licensed and Registered Pharmacy Technician for our Charlotte Hall location.

The schedule will be the 3:00 to 9:00 shift Monday through Friday plus every other weekend, Saturday 9:00 until 6:00 and Sunday 10:00 until 4:00.

Competitive pay and benefits.
Great customer service skills are required.

PO BOX 98
Hollywood, MD
Call 301.373.5848
National Aquarium—Baltimore & Harbor Boat Cruise
Join us on a self-guided tour of the National Aquarium on Thursday, May 17. Enjoy the many wonderful exhibits at the Aquarium as you travel through an Australian river gorge, explore a tropical rain forest, descend through an Atlantic coral reef or interact with animal experts. Following the visit to the Aquarium, we’ll walk the harbor promenade (about a 15-20 min. walk) to board the boat for a 45 minute cruise of the Baltimore Harbor and hear the history of the waterfront, its role today as a working port and see some of the historic sites by water. Please pack your lunch, snacks and water in a small bag. Salad, sandwiches and pizza are available for purchase in the Aquarium. The boat has a climate-controlled lower deck and an open-air top deck. Bus departs from the Northern Senior Activity Center at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m. Your $75 payment includes motor coach transportation, bus driver tip, aquarium admission and boat ride tour. Bring your own lunch.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
The community is invited to join Commissioners of St. Mary’s County, the Department of Aging & Human Services, and the Triad/SALT Council to thank this year’s Law Enforcement Officers for the Year and remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to their community.

Staying Safe Online
Lexington Park Library will hold a Staying Safe Online class on Tuesday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn how to stay safe online by creating strong passwords, avoiding common Internet scams, and evaluating websites for reliability and security. Registration recommended.

Introduction to Genealogy 101
Charlotte Hall Library will hold an Introduction to Genealogy 101 class on Monday, May 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Learn the best methods of gathering, researching, organizing and evaluating information on your ancestors using websites, censuses and databases. Basic computer skills & email account required. Ages 16+. Registration required.

Fake News: How to Spot It
Leonardtown Library will hold Fake News: How to Spot It on Wednesday, May 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topic of fake news is as old as the news industry itself—misinformation, hoaxes, propaganda, and satire have long been in existence. This program will help you determine the kinds of fake news that exist and provide tools and resources for how to evaluate news for its reliability and truth and become a savvy judge of news yourself. Presented by the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Maryland State Library Resource Center.

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop
Lexington Park Library will hold Resume and Cover Letter Workshop on Thursday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of a professional resume and cover letter. This workshop is designed for resume development by using tools and helpful links to create a resume that best reflects the participants’ skills and experience. We will review formats, content, grammar, etc. Here you will learn why a resume is an essential marketing tool. Presented by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. For more information, please contact Tonia Williams at 301-58-8712 or tonia.williams@maryland.gov.
Purpose of STS Bus Service

To the Editor:

The STS Bus is not to be used for carrying workers to the Pax NAS, and it is not to be used to reduce the traffic on Route 235 either, as was reported in the County Times April 12, 2018, page 6, article “Shuttle Service Returning to Base.”

The STS Bus is specifically funded as a service for the Disabled and Elderly citizens of St Mary’s County, and it is not to be misused as a public Bus service - except as capacity allows. This reality is specifically written in the Maryland Code, Transportation Article 2-103.3, as it declares this:

(4) A county administering a transportation service that receives funds under this section:

(v) May permit persons other than the elderly and handicapped to use or benefit from its transportation service to the extent capacity is available.

The idea is that the elderly and the handicapped (wording revised as “Disabled” by the ADA 35.108) are to have the priority over the general public so to prevent the old discrimination - so that the general public would no longer be able to infringe or deny the same Bus service to the Disabled or to Senior citizens.

The St Mary’s County yearly budget shows that the STS Bus is funded by State and Federal funds over 1.8 million dollars per year, in addition to County funds over 1.5 million, and again the Maryland Code, Transportation Article 2-103.3, is specific in this regard as it declares this:

(j) Federal funds provided to the State for use in connection with the provision of transportation service to the elderly and handicapped may not be diverted to other uses by the State.

As such when the County Times reports that the “Chief of County Public Works”, John Deatrick, tells the gathering of County Commissioners along with the Navy officials that they can use the STS Bus to carry Pax employees and to reduce traffic on 235, then that means the Director Deatrick is suggesting that the funding for the transportation service for the Elderly and the Disabled can be illegally diverted for inappropriate use.

In times past a Bus was intended to serve the general public but that created the discrimination against the Elderly and the Disabled who could not keep up with the general public, as such new Legislation as in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) changed the priority so that operations like the County STS Bus is to specifically serve the Elderly and the Disabled and then it is the general public who are to do the adjusting and the accommodating which thereby stops the discrimination.

St Mary’s County wanting to ease traffic problems is a long time problem, but it is not to be addressed by taking away the services which are funded and designated to serve the more vulnerable citizens who must rely on the STS Bus for their transportation needs, because the Elderly and the Disabled cannot as well participate in our society without the undiverted use of their STS Bus service.

James P. Cusick Sr.
Hollywood, MD
**THE RULE OF 72**

Financial planning involves strategy. Basically, you need to plan how to get to where you want to go and how long it will take you to get there. If this involves retirement planning, the amount you need to save to meet your goals is closely tied to the rate of return on your investments. To estimate quickly the number of years it takes to double a sum of capital given an annual interest rate, or to estimate the annual interest rate it takes to double a sum of money over a given number of years, simply divide 72 by the number of years you have until you need to use the money you have set aside.

For example, if you want to save $1000 in 12 years, you need to divide 72 by 12 which equals 6%. If you can get an interest rate of 6% on your savings, it will take 12 years to double your savings to $2000. Then, divide 72 by the number of years you have until you need to use the money you have set aside and you get very close to the interest rate you need to have in order to double your savings in the time you have.

Using the Rule of 72 will help you figure out what you need and for how long. Compound interest will be the way you get there. These simple concepts provide the basics of financial planning. The Rule of 72 for work you by starting saving now. At a growth rate of 8% per annum, you would double your money in 9 years (8 X 9 equals 72), quadruplicate your money in 18 years and have 16 times your money in 36 years. No wonder financial planners advise 20-year olds to start a savings plan.

Join us at Striegel & Baddour, 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach, on Wednesday May 16th at 11am, for free question and answer session on estate planning. Andrea Baddour and I look forward to seeing you. Just call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space.

*By Lyn Striegel*

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**“My Garden Dreams”**

I guess, like everyone, I have been overlooking my yard to see what I can update, add or remove. This afternoon, unless it is pouring down rain, I am going to try an organic spray on my 60 or so feet of daylilies. Last year, they bloomed for exactly two days and one morning I came out to find every flower gone. My husband thought it was rabbits, which we do have a lot of, but I thought they were flowers too high off the ground for the bunnies to get. He thinks it is probably deer than. I told him I have never seen deer anywhere near our yard. Of course the next day I see two deer looking hungrily towards our yard, though I don’t think our house is a very.stubborn hound Mindy would let them anywhere near the plants.

The next project is to do something with a rotted stump out near the road. Every time I think I am going to potted vary doors and window on it more pieces fall off. I imagine soon it will be a pile of mulch. I have to plant black-eyed Susan’s there, but they never seem to come up. A new seed packet is on the counter, so it is time to “try, try again”. I suppose I will have to put some sort of edging in the ground in a circle around the stump, because everyone tells me that black-eyed Susan’s can take over an area. I love them so that would be fine.

Another area I need to work on, and fast, is a long rectangular area next to the short side of our house (the driveway side). I say fast because the Lillies of the valley are rapidly spreading down this 3ft by 30 foot planting space. What I envision for this area and what my husband envisions are two different things. I see scads of black-eyed Susan’s and lavender and rosemary surrounding an old narrow farm table with an old shabby-chic frame and flower pots on top. My husband would see a pile of broken furniture that needs to go to the dump. How do we see beauty so differently? AND, how do I get him to see the beauty. It took some time for him to love the white, distressed shabby chic look I love so much. What really turned him around was when the grandkids started coming. Toy cars and crayons don’t really hurt shabby-chic. The more distressed the better. I think if I start adding in little things one by one, maybe he will like it. Or maybe I should do it all at once. I keep a magazine photo in my workshop which shows how I want this area around the chimney to look. I’ve only had the photo for 10 years. It was wonderful to see all my azaleas starting to bloom...or what is left of them. A few have been devoured by the lawn mower over the years. The largest section of azaleas is rarely seen because they are behind the pool. Also, the stand of bamboo is gradually growing in the middle of them. I understand it is hard to stop bamboo once it is started. I need to start thinking of some crafts that use bamboo really soon. Please send any ideas to me as quick as you can.

I would really like to start another vegetable garden like the one I had many years ago. I was hit in the head with a 60mph softball and the next day I went out and started a 10’ x 12’ raised bed garden. We, and the moles, voles, rabbits, and cats all enjoyed it immensely. It wasn’t until my youngest son Ryan, found a nest of baby copperheads that my vegetable garden dream stopped abruptly. I am thinking that is upper back deck might work for a mini veggie garden, only the stray cats will be in it then.

Well, I am heading outside now to spray my daylilies, plant some lupine, black-eyed Susan’s, and place huge boulders around anything that a lawnmower or rather the crazy person driving it may mistake for plain old grass. Oh, and I might need some help moving an old narrow farm table and some old flower pots and frames...

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby Please send you comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on facebook
WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to work.

MGNETEI

CLUES ACROSS
1. Genus of beetles
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Fiddler crabs
11. Remove weapons from
13. Express delight
14. Energy
15. Roman general
16. Returned material
17. Mortgage group (abbr.)
18. Parts
20. Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven
21. Type of cloth
22. Frankness
25. Causes disgust or hatred
30. A member of the British order of honor
31. Folk singer Di Franco
32. One’s looks
33. Provokes
38. Partner of flow
41. Very fast airplane
42. Large primates
43. Easy to perceive
44. Flammable jelly
45. Meet with one’s agreement
47. Bird’s jaw
49. Ballplayer accessory
50. Sword
55. Swiss river
56. Comedienne Gasteyer
57. Beat icon Ginsberg
59. Clinches a victory
60. Split lentils
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Book of the Bible (abbr.)
63. Electronic warfare-support measures
64. Fibrous plant material

CLUES DOWN
1. Annoy
2. Two-toed sloth
3. Precipitation
4. Barbary sheep
5. Balkan country
7. __ Doherty, actress
8. Arm bones
9. Women’s undergarment
10. Genus of dabbling ducks
12. Time zone
14. Newts
19. Sound unit
23. Dab
24. Puzzlement
25. Defensive nuclear weapon
26. Actress Ling
27. Natural solid material
28. Burmese ethnic group
29. Puts within
34. Belonging to us
35. They ___
36. One of twelve sons of Jacob
37. Grab a seat
40. Fruits
41. French改正
42. Large primates
44. Flammable jelly
45. Less common
46. Supplements with difficulty
47. Chinese automotive company
48. Every one of two or more things
51. Swiss river
52. Speak incessantly
53. Italian island
54. Fighters against authority
58. Egg of a louse

Floral Word Find
Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BEAUTY
BUD
GARDEN
FLOWERS
PLANTS
SOIL
WEEDS

STEM
TEND

G P W H X C E F W D O Y
M R C L Y W S F Q B X H
E C O T U R J E T X P A
T M N W E G A R D E N B
S Y I W T N K I T H H E
Z L O O Y H D A V T J A
S L R L R O L B J M O U
F D I Y F S Z R H U B T
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