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'Drag Queen' Event Set for Lexington Park Library



A drag queen at one of Drag Queen Story Hour's prior national events.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County library system is receiving national attention due to a program "Drag Queen Story Hour" set for June 23 at the Lexington Park branch in which men dressed as women, in ostentatious garb, will read to children as young as three years old, according to a notice advertising the event.

Though the event will be held at the library, Michael Blackwell, director of the library system, has said that the group known as Southern Maryland Area Secular Humanists (SMASH) is sponsoring the event using its non-profit status.

Blackwell said the library system is only providing the room for its rules and standards for leaving its meeting rooms open for public use.

Groups can register to use the rooms on-line, Blackwell said, and there is no charge for their use by non-profit groups.

The event is being sponsored by SMASH along with PFLAG of Leonardtown.

On social media posts, SMASH has said that at least 100 children have been signed up to take part in the program.

Blackwell said since someone posted his phone number on-line he has received calls regarding the event from all across the country.

"I've been receiving calls from California to Connecticut both in opposition and support of the event," Blackwell said. "We're not partnering with the event."

"They're following all our policies and procedures."

Two years ago the library system and its board of trustees came under intense criticism and scrutiny for hosting a sex education class by a Washington D.C. area instructor, Bianca Palmisano.

Palmisano was well known for her advocacy for lesbian, gay and bisexual practices and for reviews of sex toys on-line.

The event was initially cancelled due to community backlash regarding such material, but she was later invited to hold the class at the behest of SMASH, who under the library rules could sponsor the event due to their non-profit status.

Local opponents are already rais-

ing concerns that the event is a method of indoctrinating young children and sexualizing them before they are mature enough.

SMASH and PFLAG have billed the event as one promoting acceptance and tolerance.

"Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores," the social media post reads. "DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models."

"In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish, where dress up is real."

Samantha McGuire, representative for SMASH, said the upcoming event will be open to the public, where as the event of two years ago was private.

The group is asking for attendees to RSVP and are expecting most to be brought by their parents, she said.

"Most signups have been parents signing up their children," McGuire said. "But it is open to the public... anybody can walk into that room." She explained that Drag Queen Story Hour is a nationwide organization that organizes "queens" to read to young children and libraries.

In most programs there is one "queen" who reads three to four "age appropriate" stories, McGuire said.

According to the DQSH website the books often entail aspects of "gender diversity and difference."

The group is not releasing the name of the "queen" to forestall any harassment, she said.

"They get viciously attacked by trolls," said McGuire, who added that "queens" are processed through a background check before being allowed to read to children.

The event also has a make-up tutorial class for dressing in drag for teenagers and "tweens" after the story time.

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Overdose Deaths Tracking Downward

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's chief health officer and head of the St. Mary's County Health Department, said Tuesday that opioid overdose deaths so far this year are trending downward from spikes in fatalities from the prior two years.

The latest figures she showed the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Tuesday meeting noted there were nine opioid related deaths so far this year as of the end of April.

If these fatalities were a reliable projection, she said, then opioid deaths should be down for the entire year.

"We are seeing a slight decrease," Brewster said. "But everyone of these fatalities is too many."

In 2017 the number of opioid deaths more than doubled to 33, the next year was little better with 31 deaths.

Brewster said the health department's work with other county agencies including law enforcement and the community at large to deter people from drug use could be showing success.

That includes a program that collects needles used to inject opioids in exchange for new ones; though the program has been controversial in other jurisdictions it has proven effective in states such as Indiana in curbing the spread of infectious diseases.

The program here has collected 24,000 sharps so far, Brewster said, though she noted that not all were necessarily used for intravenous drug use.

"Those are sharps that are off the street," Brewster said.

The county still lacks round-the-clock



St. Mary's County Chief Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster.

drug crisis intervention capability, she said, because of a dearth of safe stations to counsel and treat addicts.

Aside from opioids Brewster cautioned commissioners about the rise of vaping and e-cigarettes, particularly among young people.

She said such devices could deliver in one dosage the equivalent amount of nicotine found in 20 cigarettes.

She said use of such devices by young people put them at higher risk for addiction to nicotine.

She noted young people were also using sweatshirts cleverly crafted to have electronic smoking devices secreted in the hood's drawstrings.

"They're sucking on these things and driving the nicotine into their bodies," Brewster warned.

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Town Council Approves Storage Facility

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After tabling the vote on Marrick Properties' proposal last month to build a storage facility at the Clark's Rest community in Leonardtown, the town council voted to approve the project after a lengthy discussion.

It was a close vote; the measure passed by a 2-to-1 decision.

Council members Tyler Alt and Jay Mattingly voted to approve the project, while Council woman Mary Slade voted against it.

Council members Hayden Hammett and Christy Hollander were not in attendance.

Rick Bailey, head of Marrick Properties, came back to the council with several more changes to the design of 97,337 square foot building with and RV and boat storage area fronting Route 5 north of the downtown.

The building's height was further decreased from 43 to 41 feet, he said, with lighting that was "night sky friendly."

"They will project down, not up," Bailey said.

ley said.

Bailey said the facility would generate an estimated seven vehicle trips per hour.

"At the Shop at Breton Bay you're seeing seven to eight cars a minute," said Mayor Dan Burris.

None of the council members said this was the ideal project for the retail component at Clark's Rest; even the developer had tried to bring in other businesses but failed.

"Am I sold on this plan? Not really," said Mattingly. "But it does meet our zoning requirements."

"It's not our first choice, either," said Bailey.

Slade said she had dealings in the past with Cube Smart, the vendor who would take over the facility, and was not favorably impressed.

"I had a unit with Cube Smart and everything was destroyed by rodents," Slade said. "They said it wasn't their problem."

She was concerned that the facility could not only attract rodents but homeless people as well who were looking for



A revised artist's rendering of the approved storage facility near Clark's Rest.

a climate-controlled place to stay.

Resident Doug Isleib, said the project "isn't really in consonance with the vision" of the town's master plan.

But Bryan Hamlett said there were worse structures, such as the old Penny's Bar, immediately across from Clark's Rest, to look at in town.

"I'm not overly opposed to this," Hamlett said.

In other news the town council approved the fiscal 2020 operating bud-

get Monday with a property tax rate of .1266 per \$100 of assessed value, lower than the constant yield rate; water and sewer rates remained the same but trash pickup charges will increase between 17 and 35 percent, while recycling fees will increase 23 to 43 percent.

The total town operating budget is \$1.6 million.

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Town Businesses Vandalized

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Approximately six businesses were vandalized in downtown Leonardtown Sunday night, town officials said, likely with some sort of projectile weapon.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said the businesses included A&M Glass, Social Coffeehouse, On Our Own and Fenwick Street Used Books and Music as well as Ye Olde Town Café and the Carpenter Office Building across the street from the St. Mary's County Circuit Court House.

The damage done to the businesses seemed to be to the storefront windows, with several of them having holes

smashed in them, McKay said.

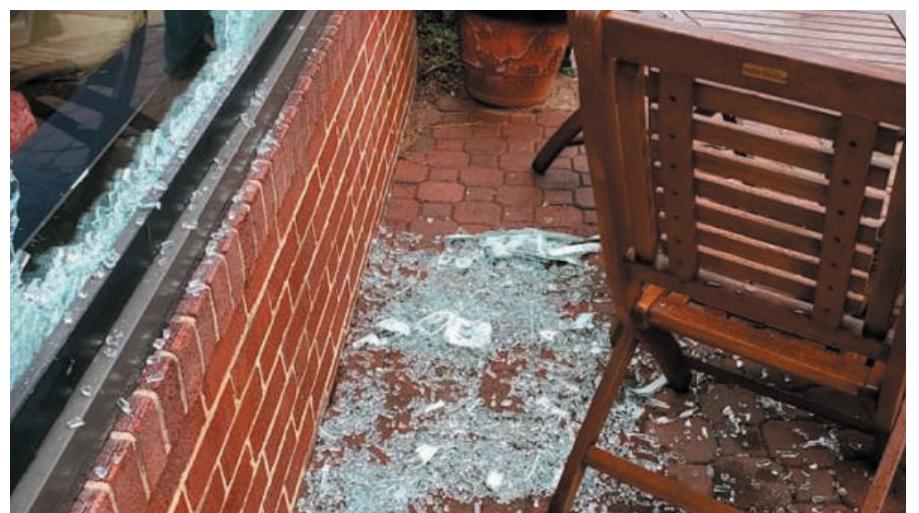
"They [police] found some marbles," McKay said. "It may have been something like a slingshot."

Police are seeking the help of the community in identifying the suspects in the case; part of the suspect vehicle was found on surveillance footage during the vandalism spree.

County Commissioner Eric Colvin said the spree was doubly disappointing because those targeted were small businesses.

"There's no place for this in our community," Colvin said Tuesday.

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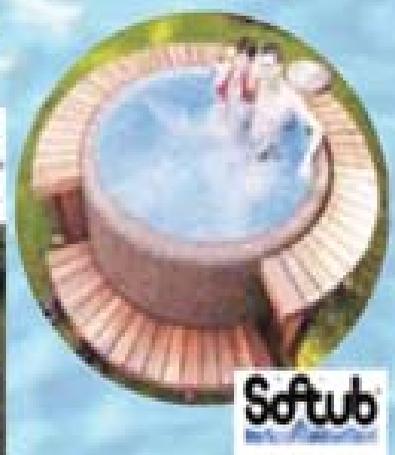


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Hollywood Square Concept Site Plan Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's planning commission has approved the initial plan to build a new commercial site on Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood.

The new project, known as Hollywood Square, is a 3,825-square foot, fast food and restaurant carry out space, according to the staff report from the Department of Land Use and Growth Management.

The developer of the project, Fountain Group LLC, plans three separate shops on the property which is immediately behind the Bruster's Ice Cream store and across from the Moose Lodge.

The shops would be divided into a fast food restaurant, a carry-out shop and a coffee shop.

All three would be contained on a site just two-thirds of an acre in size as a town center

mixed use.

The developer also proposes 42 parking spaces for the site and an additional 14 be added for Bruster's store.

"It can't be a big project," said Howard Thompson, chair of the planning commission. "It's a small lot."

Some members on the planning commission were concerned about pedestrians crossing the street to get to the new site, mostly from illegally parking their cars along the side of the road.

Thompson said the developer agreed to improve the sidewalk on their side of Mervell Dean Road extending all the way to Bruster's to make it safer for pedestrians to access the new project.

The new project will be serviced by water and sewer already running to the Hollywood Town Center.

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Elmer Brown to be Honored this Juneteenth

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

This weekend's Juneteenth celebration, which remembers the nationwide end to slavery back in 1865 following the Civil War, will honor Elmer J. Brown Sr., one of the leading members of the local African American community.

Brown founded UCAC, or the Unified Committee for African American Contributions, which seeks to catalog and teach the contributions Afro-Americans have made to the history of St. Mary's County.

Brown's legacy, not only as a community leader but as a county civil servant and entrepreneur earlier in his life, has been memorialized at the Elmer Brown Freedom Park in Tulagi Place in Lexington Park.

"He's the one who started it [the local Juneteenth celebration]," said his son Mike Brown, who is now the presi-

dent of UCAC. "This year we're celebrating what my father meant to the UCAC."

"He will be a hard act to follow."

After living and working for a time in Washington, D.C., Elmer moved his family back to St. Mary's County in 1968. In 1982, he accepted a full-time position as St. Mary's County's Public Housing Manager and helped establish Tubman Douglas Estates, a single-family housing development in Great Mills.

Brown also helped institute the Sail-To-Life Program in conjunction with St. Mary's College of Maryland to help children learn water safety and sailing.

The Juneteenth celebration, which will take place at John G. Lancaster Park, Saturday on Willows Road, and includes food, games, entertainment and multicultural shows as well as Civil War history and the contributions made to that conflict by Afri-



Elmer Brown

can American soldiers.

The event will also have members from the county health department and Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital offering health information to attendees.

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-000399
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

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Debra J. Burch,
Clerk of Court for
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June 13, 2019

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF WINTER LEIGH CRETIS TAPPONNIER
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO EZRA LEE TAPPONNIER

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-000464
Notice (Minor) (DOM REL 65)

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FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO LYENA ALEXEEVNA YAKOVLEVA

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

June 13, 2019

Chamber Recognizes Founding Members



Viki Volk-Russell receives the Public Service Award from outgoing Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Tracy Harris.



David Dent, owner of WJ Dent & Sons Grocery Store and Chief's Bar receives the Businessperson of the Year Award from outgoing Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Tracy Harris.



George Guy and his son Glenn of Guy Distributing were one of the 23 Founders Award recipients.

By Dick Myers
Editor

The St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce was founded in April of 1974 with 23 charter members. Those founders were honored at the chamber's annual dinner meeting June 11 at Leonardtown firehouse.

Many of the founders are still active in the chamber and many were on hand to receive the Founders Award. Those 23 charter members are: B&B Maintenance of Maryland, Inc.; Burch Oil Co., Inc.; Burroughs, Moreland & Mudd, CPA, P.A.; Chaney Enterprises; Combs Drury Reeves Insurance Agency; Dean Lumber & Supply Co. Inc.; Enterprise/Tester Newspaper; Franzen Realtors, Inc.; G&H Jewelers; Guy Distributing Company, Inc.; Kenny's Flowers; Kessler Body & Equipment, LLC; Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A.; McKay's Food & Pharmacy; Patuxent Pump & Well, Inc; Raley, Watts & O'Neill Ins. & Financial Services; St. Mary's County Public Schools; SMECO; Southern Maryland Oil; Suburban Propane; The Tackle Box; Towne Florist; and Taylor Gas Company, Inc.

Chamber Executive Director Richard Fleming said the chamber in that first-

year experienced rapid growth with 125 members by year's end. Today the chamber is 456 members strong and "remains financially sound," according to outgoing president Dr. Tracy Harris of the College of Southern Maryland.

At its annual dinner the chamber bestowed two prestigious awards for Public Service and the Businessperson of the Year.

This year's awardee for Public Service is Viki Volk-Russell, president and chief executive officer of the Community Development Corporation. She was cited for her championing of the county's largest community, Lexington Park. In her remarks she noted that the community was the county's economic engine.

Receiving the Businessperson of the Year Award was David Dent of W.J. Dent and Sons and Chief's in Tall Timbers, a third-generation general store, bar and restaurant started by Dent's father. He said, "It is very humbling to have the support of the community."

After the awards were handed out, Harris handed the gavel over to Dan Dawson of KBRwyle, who will be the chamber's president for the next year.

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Dog Attack on Child Under Investigation

On Friday, June 7, 2019 at approximately 7 p.m., Troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack responded to the 48000 block of Leeward Circle, Lexington Park, Maryland for a reported animal bite. Preliminary investigation revealed a 5-year-old child was playing inside the residence, when the 5-year-old child was attacked by the family Rottweiler. During the attack, a second family Shar Pei Mix began to attack the child. The dogs continued to attack the child until members of the community were able to enter into the home and remove the child from the dogs' grasp. The child sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was flown by Maryland State Police helicopter Trooper 7 to Children's Hospital in Washington DC. Animal Control responded and took possession of the dogs. The case remains under investigation.

Maryland State Police Press Release

Contract Employee Charged with Bringing Contraband into the Detention Center

In May of 2019, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division began an investigation into allegations a contract Aramark employee, who worked in the kitchen at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center, was bringing contraband into the facility. The investigation determined Tammy Lee Hill, age 44 of Mechanicsville, was bringing numerous prescription pills into the facility as well as Suboxone and cigarettes and providing them to inmates.

On June 11, 2019, Hill was served a criminal summons and charged with six counts of Possess Contraband-Place of Confinement.

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

Lexington Park Man Arrested for Assault

On June 10, 2019, at approximately 4:20 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 2500 block of Chestnut Way in Lexington Park, for the reported assault and report of a possible shooting. Numerous attempts were made to contact the residents inside the home with negative results. Deputies established a perimeter and members of the Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Team made entry into the residence.

Investigation determined **Justin Lane Johnson, age 32** of Lexington Park, had assaulted the victim, causing injury to the victim. No firearms were involved in the incident and no shooting occurred. Johnson was placed under arrest and charged with Assault Second Degree.

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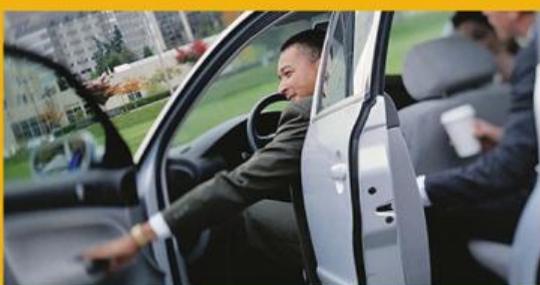
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Jessica and Wesley Ober, former Calvert County residents now living in Virginia still come back to the county Crab Festival each year.



Mike Gallo, front, and Robert Newton of Copsey's Seafood prepare crabs for the St. Mary's County Crab Festival

First Friday Features Hard Crabs

June 7th was the annual crab-themed community event featuring crab art-work, crab craft activities, steamed crabs, crab dip, crab bowls, crab books, crab everything throughout town! HydraFX rocked The Square with a high energy blast of songs from both the past and present. The evening also included opening receptions for new shows at the art galleries, open studio workshops, book signings by local authors, live music at select venues, and one-night only First Friday specials. Pictured here is young artist Pearl designing a beautiful shell necklace with "Artful Playhouse", photo courtesy of Meg McDowell.



A special note of appreciation to our Platinum Level Sponsors (Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, and Leonardtown Chevrolet Buick GMC) whose generous support makes these free concerts and activities possible. Also a big thank you to the Town of Leonardtown, Leonardtown Business Association members, and our team of dedicated volunteers on the First Friday committee.

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Submitted by the Leonardtown Business Association

Beach Water Monitoring Season Underway Swimmers Encouraged to Check Advisories

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Environmental Health Division of the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) monitors the water quality of public beaches in St. Mary's County. Current water conditions for beaches monitored by SMCHD can be found at www.smchd.org or by calling our Healthy Beach Hotline: 301-475-4330, ext. SWIM (7946).

Swimming in natural waters is never risk free. Beachgoers should stay informed of water quality advisories and practice healthy beach habits for a

safe and healthy beach experience this summer. Information on conditions for beaches monitored across the state is available through the Maryland Healthy Beaches app for mobile devices, available for download via the App Store and Google Play.

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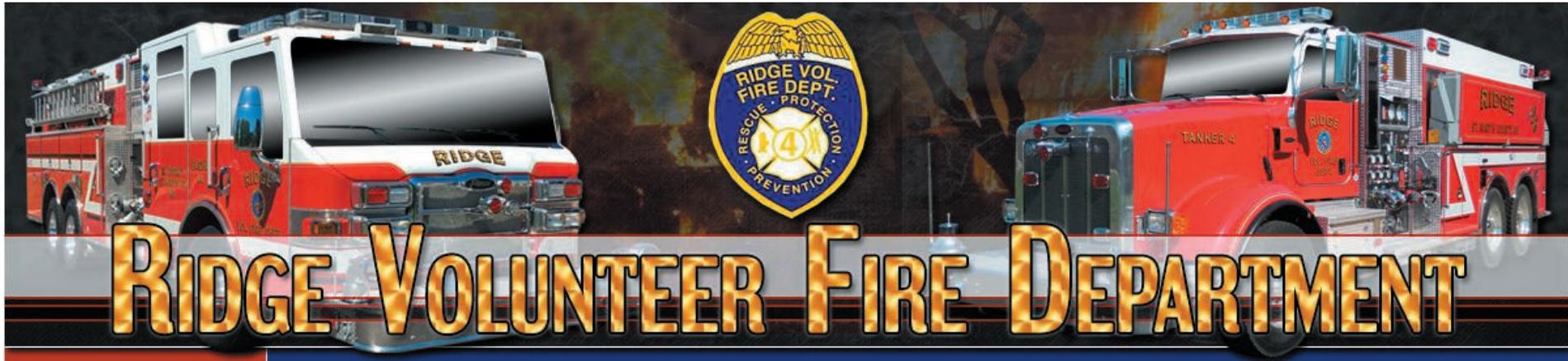
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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Ridge Volunteers Fighting Veh



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Down in the southernmost part of St. Mary's County they don't have many calls for service for the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department compared to other fire companies, but they have just as much of a problem keeping young volunteers as the rest.

Of the 80 to 90 members on their rolls, only about 40 to 50 are active members who run calls for emergencies, said Chief Ray Mercure.

"It's hard to get guys out," he said.

And their primary calls for service is rescue from a

crashed motor vehicle not extinguishing house fires, said Mercure, according to current trends.

"About 75 percent of them are serious MVAs [motor vehicle accidents] in the past year or so," Mercure said. "I'm a firm believer that it's due to cell phones and people not paying attention to what they're doing as the main problems."

Living in such a rural area as Ridge where traffic might not be a considered a problem, is probably the reason so many accidents occur, Mercure said.

But with traffic coming to and from Point Lookout State Park, which is often crowded on weekends and holidays, and commuters traveling everyday to Webster Field, an annex of the high tech work being done at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, there are more and more motorists on narrow country roads, Mercure said.

"People just get complacent and before they know it they're in an accident," Mercure told The County Times.

The volunteers are actively involved in fire prevention education as well, the chief at Co. 4 said, teaching not just adults but especially children the importance of stopping dangerous fires before they can start.

They talk to children in elementary schools and even in local daycares about fire safety, he said.

"We have a trailer with equipment that we use to teach fire prevention," said Mercure.

Even with all the community support they have, including for keeping one of only two fire department carnivals operating in St. Mary's, recruiting new personnel remains a challenge.

"It's tough to get people to make the time, everybody has to work during the day," Mercure said. "In the past local businesses and even the contractors on Webster Field would let people answer calls.

"They don't do that anymore."

Also the training requirements can be an impediment to getting new recruits, Mercure said.

The state-mandated training for becoming a basic firefighter is about 125 hours, but to become certified as an EMT [emergency medical technician] beyond simple first aid takes much longer, said Mercure.

"We don't require everyone to have that," he said.

But perhaps the prime reason Company 4 has challenges keeping new members to bolster the older ones is their desire to run more fire calls.

Mercure said the average call volume for Company 4 is only about 230 to 250 calls a year.

"We do have some young guys," Mercure said. "But a lot of them want to go out and see stuff.

"We just don't have the call volume."

The relatively small group of active members answering calls range in age from their 30s to their 70s, Mercure said.

Ridge Volunteer Fire Department got its start in 1948 according to the company's official history.

"The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, located in the Mother County of Maryland, was established in 1948. A undocumented meeting was held in mid-1948 in Buck Ridgell's Garage in Scotland. It is uncertain as to all the people that were in [attendance]. It is believed that at least Buck Ridgell, Mae Morgan, Harry Hoke, Ralph Messick, Wilfred Owens and Howard Cooper were in attendance. It was unanimous that there was a need for a fire department in the First District. The first major decision was the location. Ridge and St. Ingoes were the two locations that were discussed. There is no written documentation of this meeting," their website reads.

"The first documented meeting of the department is for December 21, 1948 held at Stone's Garage in St. Ingoes. To the best of our knowledge those in attendance were Wilfred Owens, Howard Cooper, Boots Stone, Lloyd

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Bean, Harry Hoke, Earl Gatton, and Mae Morgan. It was at this meeting that the department as an organization was established. Elections were held with Wilfred Owens elected the first president and Howard Cooper elected the first chief. Mr. Owens was a local businessman and Mr. Cooper was a firefighter at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The location for the Department was still an issue. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ridge.”

Their partnership with the fire company on board Webster Field, Naval District of Washington’s Engine No. 141, has been a significant help in augmenting their response during the daytime hours, Mercure said.

Aside from assistance from Webster Field, there are just four or five members able to respond from the Ridge firehouse during the day.

“We’re getting out during the day but we’re minimally staffed,” Mercure said.

And, like many other fire and rescue companies around the county, they are exposed to the opioid crisis.

They are encountering overdoses in cars, homes and even on the beaches that are so popular in places like Ridge, Mercure said.

“We’ve come in contact with a lot more of it,” Mercure said. “We’ve had them pretty much everywhere.”

The company’s annual carnival provides a fun respite for volunteers and the community alike; there was a period for about 10 years when they stopped operating it due to insurance problems but they were able to solve that issue, said firefighter Mike Ridgell.

This will be Ridgell’s 24th year handling the operations of the carnival.

The festivities will be held over two separate weekends Aug. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Aug. 8, 9, 10 and 11, said Ridgell.

The exact shape of the carnival is still in question this year, Ridgell said, as the company has not decided on the vendor for the many rides and amusements.

But the carnival will go on, he said.

“As far as I know we are,” Ridgell said. “It’s for the community.

“When I was a kid you looked forward to it.” The carnival in Ridge differs somewhat from its sister attraction in Hollywood, he said, since the Hollywood carnival draws from its own community and many others surrounding it.

The Ridge carnival tends to draw from Ridge and just southern Lexington Park, he said.

“Our community supports our carnival,” Ridgell said. “It’s our biggest fundraiser.”

The carnival isn’t just a time for fun, though there

is plenty of that to be had; it’s also a time for the community members to catch up with each other outside of their busy schedules.

It’s also for young people, he said.

“They wanted us to do this to help keep kids out of trouble,” Ridgell said. “It’s a time of year that everyone’s all together.”

The amount of work needed to set up the carnival each year is significant and takes not just volunteers from the fire company but from the community at large to make it successful.

“We have more than 100 volunteers who help us with the food and games and the rides, all that stuff,” Ridgell said.

Mercure said the continued life of the carnival is often a subject of debate within the company amongst the members.

“Some people want it, some people don’t,” said Mercure.

But for the near future, the carnival will continue to be a part of the county lifestyle.

“I don’t foresee it going anywhere for a while,” Ridgell said.

Editors Note: This is the third of a monthly series of articles about the county’s emergency responders.

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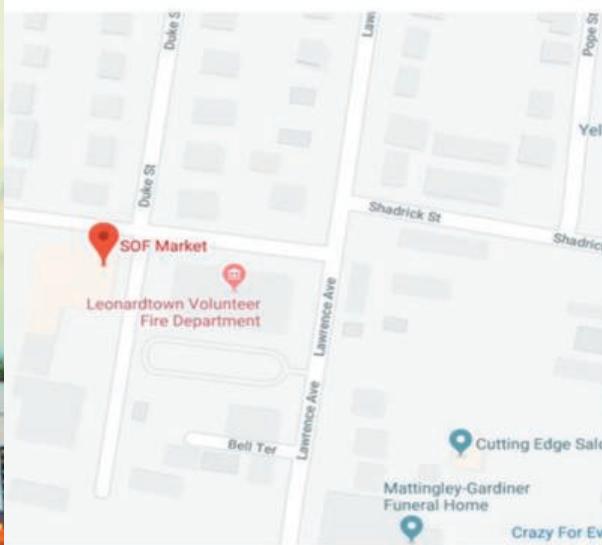


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Navy's Presidential Helicopter Program Approved for Production of Six Aircraft



WASHINGTON (Sept. 22, 2018) Marine Helicopter Squadron (HMX) 1 conducts test flights of the new VH-92A helicopter over the South Lawn of the White House. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

The Navy's Presidential helicopter program awarded a \$542 million contract to Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company, June 10, 2019 to build six VH-92A aircraft, spares and support equipment.

"The team has efficiently leveraged a proven platform with cutting edge government mission systems for rapid

agile development of the next helicopters to fly Presidential missions," said the Honorable James F. Geurts, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition. "Optimizing commercial practices, the VH-92A will provide safe, reliable and timely transportation with mission-critical communications

that will support the security of our Nation. I am proud of the combined government and contractor team who has worked so hard to transition this program into initial production and did so at over \$1 billion less than the program's cost baseline."

"The Presidential lift mission is a no-fail mission for the Marine Corps," said Lt. Gen Steven Rudder, the deputy commandant for Marine Corps aviation. "We deliver helicopter and MV-22 transportation across the globe to support the requirements of the Presidency. The authorization to move forward with procurement of the VH-92A will allow the Marine Corps to deliver the next generation of Presidential Helicopter support."

The VH-92A aircraft will increase performance and payload over the current Presidential helicopters, VH-3D and VH-60N, that have been serving over 40 years. The VH-92A will provide enhanced crew coordination systems and communications capabilities, plus improve availability and maintainability.

"The authorization to exercise the program's first Low-Rate Initial Production lot is a testament to the hard work and dedication from the team to deliver this important asset on budget and within the planned acquisition timeline" said Col. Eric Ropella, PMA-274 presidential helicopter program manager. "This award is an example of acquisition done right."

Government testing will continue to validate system performance and prepare for Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) planned for mid 2020 and Initial Operational Capability (IOC) in late 2020.

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Student Athletes Provide School Supply Kits



Student athletes help package supply kits for needy schools including Lexington Park Elementary School.

Four hundred of the best and the brightest student-athletes from across the state came together at Howard High School on Saturday, June 8 for the tenth annual MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference.

During the conference, local student-athletes packaged 1,000 school supply kits which will be distributed to nine different elementary schools in need across the state, including Lexington Park Elementary School. Thirteen Allstate agents also participated in collecting and donating school supplies from their communities.

"The Allstate Foundation is very proud to support this phenomenal effort involving MPSSAA and our Maryland student-athletes," said Shaundra Turner Jones, Allstate Sr. Corporate Relations Manager. "We believe a lifelong commitment to positively impacting the community begins at a young age and we hope the athletes will return to their schools inspired to lead and empower other students to take on similar projects

to better their communities."

"Lexington Park Elementary students and families are so grateful to the MPSSAA Student-Athletes and the Allstate Foundation for including us in their school supply kit drive," said Rebecca Schou, principal of Lexington Park. "These kits will make it possible for many students to begin the school year with all the supplies they need to be successful. The leadership skills and acts kindness these student-athletes are demonstrating by doing this is an example for us all! The students of Panda Nation will never forget your generosity! Thank you!"

The MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference has been supported by The Allstate Foundation since its inception in 2010. Last week, the Allstate Foundation also awarded 14 deserving student-athletes with \$14,000 in MPSSAA Minds in Motion scholarships.

Press Release

10 Reasons Why You Should Use a Travel Agent

As a travel professional, I am often asked why should use a Travel Agent? It is no wonder that the consumer is confused because of the overwhelming number of sources for travel information on the internet that has turned into a huge search engine optimization and paid-for listings. Perhaps, the increased access to online travel and vacation information has made the role of a Travel Agent more important than ever.

USA Today reported that "travel agents are more than just agents; they are advocates for the traveler." It only makes sense to use a trained professional to plan your vacation, honeymoon or wedding. They are just like any other professional service you may need. You would not attempt to "do it yourself" if you needed a lawyer, accountant or electrician. Unlike other professional services, a travel professional is your personal planner and their personalized services are **FREE** to you because the supplier pays them commission.

10 Reasons Why You Should Use a Travel Agent

#1 Knowledge – Travel agents are experts because they are continually engaged in new training as they attend webinars & conferences, gain certifications on a regular basis. Much of their travel is for educational purposes and not pleasure as you might think.

#2 Best Prices & Offers – They have access to dozens of booking engines that are exclusive to travel agents and they know where to find the best prices, latest offers, additional credits and upgrades.

#4 They know first – They know first about a new resort, cruise ship, tour or an itinerary.

#5 Save Money & Time – Not only do they save you money in most cases, but they save you time! The average trip will take you at least 5 hours to plan. Instead of spending hours searching the internet for options and the best deals, they are the experts and that is what they do.

#6 Your FREE Personal Shopper/Planner – You do not pay them by the hour or a percentage of the trip because the supplier pays their commission. The travel agents personal service that you receive is **FREE** to you. Most agencies charge a very small booking fee for the entire trip. Paradise Travel Team has a \$19.95 booking fee and that is all you pay for the many hours that the agent

will spend planning and managing your dream vacation. Always ask the travel profession what they charge because some fees may vary be agent.

#7 The Extras – A travel agent will plan every detail including transfers, flights, excursions and they also offer travel insurance to protect your vacation investment.

#8 Personalized Service – You have access to your travel agent via direct line, email, and text. If you cannot get in touch with them immediately by telephone, they will return your call and you always talk to the same person. You will not be frustrated by calling a "1-800" number and speaking to a total stranger.

#9 Problem Solvers on your Side – Problems can arise on your vacation. If you plan your vacation on your own and you have any issues, you are left to take care of them. If you work with a travel professional and your flight is late, you miss the ship, or any other emergency arises, your travel agent knows who to call and what to do to solve these problems. This is a part of their services to you so travel agents are a powerful advocate on your side. Should you need to file an insurance claim for any part of your vacation, they will initiate that process.

#10 A Long-Term Travel Partnership – When you work with your travel agent, over time, you will develop a true partnership. As you develop a trusted relationship with them you will find that they are able to know your preferences and target the right vacation or cruise for you without even having a conversation. Honestly, a phone call, text or email to them could result in your next vacation - already planned.

How to find a good Travel Agent?

Begin your search is by asking your friends, neighbors or coworkers who they would recommend. Perhaps the best way is by using Google Business Search in your local area and consider agents who only have a 5-Star google rating. Read the reviews to see what their clients say about their experience and relationships with them. Most travel agents work from a home office and 99% of their business is done over the internet, phone or text messages. There is no need for you to spend time going to their storefront or office.

By Jeneva Lucianetti
Certified Sandals Wedding Specialist
Owner & Vacation Specialist at
Paradise Travel Team

A View From The BLEACHERS The "S" Word

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

This came to me in a daze.

During a long afternoon with fellow Maryland residents at a mobbed Loveville MVA last week, my mind drifted. I needed water. Food. Space. Fresh air with normal oxygen to carbon dioxide ratios. An open highway and loud rock 'n roll. Where was the USS Enterprise? Scotty...come in Scotty...beam me up. Battling Klingons I can handle; this I cannot.

There was no escape. I was shackled to this experience like everyone else. Have mercy on us, MVA. Fortunately, the patrons were patient and the staff did its best. Human volume was the enemy. The equivalent of four lanes of traffic were cramming down a single-lane road. Freedom would come eventually for all; for me it would arrive only after securing the primary objective - my daughter's learner's permit.

After accepting the reality of the situation, my mind sought a diversion and wandered to this week's "View". "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," it occurred to me that this wouldn't just be any "View"...it would be the 300th edition (truly humbling). "Have to do something special," I thought, while holding piles of personal information substantiating my daughter as a human, an American and a Marylander and the all-important MVA ticket with our call number.

F4 was my MVA-issued Wonka golden ticket to the vehicular promise land. I clutched it as a Bingo-hall-worthy amount of other letters and numbers were broadcast over the intercom. Then it hit me: This is confluence of socialism and capitalism. Must write about the great debate. Why not? Away we go. Let's whip this into a sports-and-politics-and-economics-infused frenzy.

With under 18 months to the 2020 presidential election and a crowded field of Democrats, one that resembles the 2016 list of Republican candidates, vying to tangle with (presumably) Donald Trump, the political season is, for good or ill, upon us. Among the rhetoric slung from both sides, a popular early right-winged initiative is to label all Democrats "socialists," an increasingly inflammatory and misunderstood term. No word yet if the FCC, a government entity (oh, the irony), is going to add "socialist" to its infamous "Seven-dirty-word" list.

Fact: The left isn't arguing for

complete state economic control (this would be counter to American entrepreneurship). Fact: The right isn't seeking to dissolve all government economic presence (unrestrained capitalism lacks conscience). More facts: We are all socialists and capitalists. Americans of all political persuasions correctly celebrate and benefit from capitalism and a free market economy while a host of federal, state and local government (socialist) programs simultaneously provide essential services (including an ability to address wealth concentration). Socialism and capitalism are on an economic continuum (both are needed) and are separate from our precious democratic political system - and the representative government it promises - that is a universally supported pillar of our shared American identity.

As with most things in life, the world of sports mirrors society's co-existence of socialism and capitalism. From a socialist perspective, public parks provide soccer fields, tennis courts and baseball diamonds. Recreation and Parks and public schools offer youth access to a variety of sports. Further, at the federal level, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments required federally funded institutions to provide all students, regardless of sex, equal access to athletic opportunities and athletic scholarships proportional to participation rates.

From a capitalist's perspective, there are few freer "markets" than high-level, competitive athletics. Performance rules in this realm. Execute or the bench will become well-acquainted with the curvature of your derriere. Race, religion and economic status are transcended; performance is paramount. Moreover, regardless of level, competition extracts the best out of individuals and teams. It is all a beautiful thing.

As for my trip to the MVA, F4 was eventually called and, like many of my fellow Marylanders, I exited with the primary objective accomplished and enabled, by this state-run, "socialist" entity, to go forth and contribute in some small way to Maryland's and America's free market. To call that a beautiful thing too would be overstated, but the effective collaboration of government and private citizen suggested a broader context worthy of a column and personal contemplation.

Send comments to
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Sailing Finishes Seventh at Coed National Championships

McCarthy and Boucher Pick Up Postseason Honors



Liam McCarthy '19 & Kaisey McCallion '19 | Photo Credit: Rob Migliaccio

St. Mary's College of Maryland sailing competed in the Gill College Sailing Coed National Championships on Thursday (May 30) and Friday (May 31) at the Sail Newport Sailing Center at Fort Adams. The Seahawks finished seventh in the 18 team field. In addition, Liam McCarthy and Leo Boucher were named Honorable Mention All-American skippers. McCarthy also picked up a major award, being named the Hobbs Sportsman of the Year, which recognizes a sailor whose spirit and attitude is notable both on and off the water.

A wind delay on Friday morning kept sailors onshore until enough filled in to have a 12:10 p.m. harbor start. Winds filled in from the southeast and stayed light to moderate in the afternoon. The last races of the day brought some stronger pressure and hiking conditions. There were big oscillating shifts across

the racecourse challenging the sailors to stay in phase and sail fast.

Racing concluded just before 5:30 p.m. meeting the deadline to not start a race after 5 p.m. The competitors completed six races in each division for a regatta total of 16 races in both divisions in FJs and Z420s on windward-leeward courses.

St. Mary's College accumulated 266 points for seventh place, thanks to a sixth place finish in the A division from McCarthy and Kaisey McCallion. Boucher, Ashley Wagner, Lewis Cooper, and Lydia McPherson-Shambarger finished third in the B division. For full results, click here.

This concludes the 2018-19 season for the St. Mary's College of Maryland sailing team.

Press release from SMCM

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Historic St. Mary's City Hosts Annual BeerFest



Historic St. Mary's City on June 22, from 12 pm to 6 pm, will be hosting the 9th annual BeerFest! The outdoor festival has a full day planned, including special tours of the Van Sweringen's Inn exhibit, beer making demonstrations, a children's activity tent, and learning opportunities with museum staff.

Live music will be playing throughout the day on the lawn of the State House, with heavy-hitting local bands: noon will feature The Bootleggers; 2 pm has the sounds of HydraFX; and 4 pm rocks on with Outside the Wire.

BeerFest offers the opportunity to taste the products of regional microbreweries, shop among select craft vendors, or grab a bite to eat from local food vendors. All proceeds from this event go towards the Education and Research departments of Historic St. Mary's City.

Tickets are available to purchase on the BeerFest event page, StMarysCity-BeerFest.org, or through Eventbrite.

com Historic St. Mary's City BeerFest. Tickets for tasters are \$25.00 and include four sampling tickets and a commemorative glass. Tickets for designated drivers (and youth 15-20 years of age) are \$10, and youth age 14 and under are free.

Parking is recommended near the State House at 47418 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, Maryland. For information regarding the event, please email PorziaP@digsHistory.org, or call 240-895-4960.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about the museum, contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@HSMC-digsHistory.org.

Press Release from HSMC

INVESTMENT VEHICLES FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

We've discussed the importance of asset allocation to your success as an investor. Harry Markowitz won a Nobel prize for inventing modern portfolio theory in 1954 based on the concept that if you allocate your assets across a broad enough spectrum of equity, fixed-income and other types of investments, and one of your investments declines in value, the others are likely to take up the slack and keep your investment returns on an even keel.

Pundits refer to asset allocation as the "Rule of 92" meaning 92% of your success as an investor is directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not.

Ok, now we know that allocation is the way to go. But, one big problem with asset allocation is, how does an ordinary investor select the proper allocation of stocks versus bonds? The big mutual fund companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, BlackRock and others think they have it all figured out. They do the allocation for you.

TARGET DATE FUNDS:

Target date funds contain a mixture of stocks, bonds and cash. They have a future date in the title you can select to correspond to your retirement date. As you get older, the asset allocation within the fund changes and gets more conservative over time. The fund manager will put fewer assets into stocks which are inherently risky as you get closer to retirement. You do not have to take any action. The fund manager does that for you. You simply pick the date when you think you will retire. For example, suppose you will turn sixty-five in 2020. You pick the 2020 Retirement Fund. You can buy the fund at any age and with a minimum investment, but the target date is what matters.

The big boost for target date funds came in 2006 when pension laws changed so that employers could choose investments for employees who had not designated investments for their 401(k) plans. Target date mutual funds became the most popular investments for employers to offer and to use as a default if employees failed to designate anything else. Fidelity launched its target date funds in 1996; Vanguard in 2003 and T. Rowe Price in 2002—together, those three fund companies control about 75% of the market. Fees for the allocation are included the cost of the funds themselves.

LIFECYCLE MUTUAL FUNDS

Lifecycle funds include cash, stock and bonds and may include both U.S. and foreign securities. The percentage of funds in each asset class is determined by the fund manager who attempts to earn the highest return possible by switching portfolio weightings in each type of asset class by market conditions. Lifecycle funds generally include three or four "portfolios" with varying percentages of funds in each asset class. The portfolios are designed to fit investors of various ages or risk tolerance levels.

ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Active management involves the use of a portfolio manager who works directly with you on your investments. This clearly is the most custom tailored to your wishes. Your portfolio may include everything from securities to real estate. The manager in this case reviews all of your assets and your personal goals with you and selects those types of investments that will give you the most return for a risk that meets your expectations. The upside of professional management is that your strategy is tailored for you. The fees involved will be a percentage of the assets and, as your assets grow, the fees will grow. This means at the very least that the portfolio manager has a vested interest in seeing your portfolios grow.

Whether you choose target date, lifecycle or active management, the principal is the same. Your success as an investor and an investor preparing for retirement will be directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not. As usual, I advise you to investigate before you invest. Take a look at all of the options available to you first, then decide. No one will protect you like yourself.

Join me for a free seminar on this and other topics on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

By Lyn Striegel

“ The County Times is one of the best methods for advertising my events - it is also the best source for me to catch up on all the local news and events, especially those related to our County's rural heritage. ”

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

In Remembrance

Alma Rae Murphy



Alma Rae Murphy, 81, of St. Inigoes, MD, passed away on June 6, 2019 at her home with her loving family by her side.

Alma was born on April 30, 1938 in MD to the late Walter Councilman and Elizabeth (Blanche) Councilman.

Alma worked as a Secretary before marrying Michael Murphy in Arlington, VA in 1968. Family and faith were of utmost importance to Alma and she was a loving and committed mother to her children whom she raised in a caring home. Alma enjoyed being outdoors where she would often spend time gardening or admiring the birds and other wildlife of St. Mary's County.

Alma is survived by her children, Angus Murphy, of St. Inigoes, MD, Michael Murphy (Eileen), of NC, Patrick Murphy, of MD, Alma Long, of MD, and Cherrie Gearhart (Mike); siblings, John Councilman, of FL, Laurreta Koopmann, of CO, and Ellen Brobson, of MD; and five grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband.

Family will receive friends on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with prayers at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kings Christian Academy, 20738 Point Lookout Road, Callaway, MD 20620.

Condolences may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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

Michael Alan Cook

Michael Alan Cook, 66, of Hollywood, MD passed away June 06, 2019 after a long battle with kidney disease.

He was born September 25, 1952 in Riverside, California to the late Isa Nielson Smith of Denmark and Marcelino Cook of the Philippines.

Mike spent the majority of his youth travelling as his father was in the Air



Force. After graduating from high school, Mike attended community college for his lifelong passion of photography. In October of 1971, Mike then enlisted in the Air Force where he spent 2 years in Vietnam as a Military Police Officer. In 1977, Mike began his Civil Service career as a Federal Police Officer in Ft. Belvoir, VA and reached the rank of Captain. Michael retired in 2008 after 31 years of federal service.

Mike enjoyed photography, restoring hot rods, woodworking, and spending time with family.

Mike is survived by his wife, Joanne Redman Cook of Hollywood, MD. In addition to his loving wife, Mike is also survived by his sons Robert Fini Cook and Alan Paul Cook, both of Frederick, MD; step-sons Dale Allen Redman and Samuel Charles Wescott, both of Hollywood, MD; sisters Cathryn Cook-Magruder of San Diego, CA and Debra Small of Redwood City, CA; and several aunts and uncles, and nieces and nephews in Maryland, California, and Denmark.

In addition to his mother and father, Mike is preceded in death by his mother in law Cora Frances Norris Redman of Lusby MD, and step-son Kyle Lee Akers Redman of Hollywood, MD.

Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to Hospice of St. Mary's County.

Condolences may be made at www.Mattingley-GardinerFuneralHome.com

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

Catherine Elizabeth Crim

Catherine Elizabeth Crim, "Katie", 97, of California, MD passed away at her home on June 6, 2019.

She was born on February 11, 1922 in Hollywood, MD and was the daughter of the late Annie Burroughs and John Burroughs.

Katie is survived by a special friend Mark Sullivan. She is also survived by her children Dorothy Duckett (James) of Leonardtown, MD, James Gatton



(Gail) of Florida, John Gatton (Peewee) of Glen Burnie, MD, daughter in law Jackie Crim of California, MD, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Katie was preceded in death by her son Richard Crim, daughter-in-law Jean Gatton and siblings Richard Burroughs, Francis Burroughs, Billy Burroughs, Herbert Burroughs, and Mary Williams.

Katie enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and loving her grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 10, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD, where a Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM with Bishop William McClean officiating.

Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Tristan Nickerson, Tyler Hammett, Corey Crim, Jeffrey Bell, Robert (Bobby) Fross and James (Jimmy) Gatton.

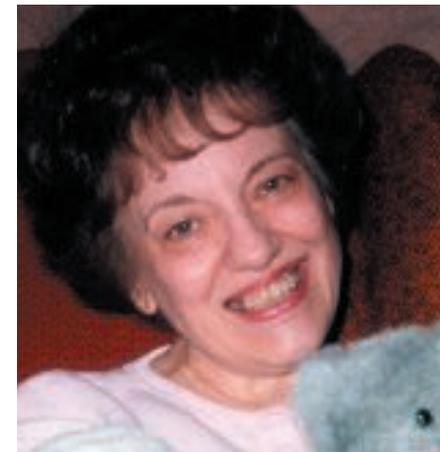
Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

Francis Joseph Toth, Sr. 84, of Hollywood, MD passed away on June 2, 2019 at his home. He was born on August 4, 1934 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania and was the son of the late Suzanne Toth. Francis was the loving husband of Jeanne B. Toth of Hollywood, MD. He is survived by his children Francis Joseph Toth, Jr. of Great Mills, MD, Karen Ann Stanley of Largo, FL, Terri Lynn Evans of Solomons, MD, Richard Daniel Toth of Piney Point, MD, 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Francis served in the United States Navy from April 16, 1969 to February 1, 1973. While serving in the United States Navy, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", Navy Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Award (Fifth), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, and Gallantry Cross.

He was a restaurant owner.

A Memorial Service will be held on June 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Lexington Park United Methodist Church Lexington Park, MD. Interment will be private.

Carol Jeanne Ressler



Carol Jeanne Ressler, daughter of James Henry and Pearl Isabel Cross, of Penn, PA, passed away in the early morning hours of June 9, 2019, at the Hospice House of St. Mary's in Callaway, MD after a long and debilitating illness. She was preceded in death by both of her parents and by her brother Jack W. Cross of Memphis, TN. Born on August 19, 1925, she led a long and productive life as a mother and member of her community. She spent most of her adult life in Jeannette, PA, before moving to Maryland in 2011 to be with her family. She worked as a bookkeeper and a clerk for the General Tire and Rubber Company in Jeannette before retiring in 1987.

Carol was a diligent and faithful member of the Jeannette Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, serving as bookkeeper. She also played the piano, loved gardening, and devoted her life to her family.

She is survived by her sons James Ressler, of Swan Point, MD, and Thomas Ressler of Alexandria, VA; her daughters-in-law Teresa Ressler and Joy Scott Ressler; and three grandchildren Mattie, Gregory, and Hayley Ressler.

Friends of the family are invited to attend a life celebration at Brinsfield Funeral Home in Charlotte Hall, MD on June 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. She will be interred in her family burial plot at Brush Creek Cemetery in Irwin, PA at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Ste D, Timonium, MD 21093 and/or the Hospice House of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Scott David Ely

Scott David Ely 65, of Mechanicsville MD departed this life on June 5th, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with his family by his side. Scott was born on October 5, 1953 in Norwalk, CT to the late Leonard Ely and Shirley Parker Ely.

He graduated from Norwalk High School in Norwalk, CT in 1971. On May



15, 1976 he married his beloved wife Sally in the Philippines. Together they celebrated 44 wonderful years of marriage. He worked as a Senior Logistician for MIL Corp for almost 10 years. He served a total of 40 years supporting the Military and the US Government (NAWCAD). He proudly served 24 years active duty in Naval Aviation with 18 years flight experience, which encompasses 11 years as a C-130 Flight Engineer Instructor - Evaluator and 7 years as a Utility Air Crewman on the C1-A and US-2C Aircraft. His leadership abilities were exhibited in the following roles as: Assistant Officer in Charge, Command Senior Chief, Maintenance/Production Control Supervisor, Aircraft Division Officer, Training Department Leading Chief Petty Officer, and Safety Department Leading Chief.

During his military service he earned the Meritorious Service Medal in addition to numerous Commendation, Achievement, and The National Defense Medals for his dedication to his country.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was a good friend to many. He was the anchor that held his family in place and the sails that took them on a beautiful journey. He had an incredible personality and sense of humor. He never met a stranger he didn't like and was always the life of the party. Scott was known both in his professional and personal life as a great mentor to his children, grandchildren, friends, family, sailors, and colleagues alike. His favorite times were spent not only at home, but on vacations with his family and friends as well. Some of his hobbies included golfing with his children and friends. He loved taking his children and grandchildren fishing. When the family all gathered you could always be sure that there would be a friendly game of poker which he truly enjoyed... "And a quarter!"

He is survived by his wife Salome P. Ely (Sally), daughter Nancy A. Martinez (Raz), son Todd R. Ely (Tanya), brother James C. Ely (Diane), brother Thomas C. Ely (Ann), sister Nancy A. Cohen (Garret) and Grandchildren Gabriel O. Martinez (21) (Maureen), Shayelyn M.

Ely (17), Tre A. Ely (14) and Michael T. Martinez (5); and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Todd Ely, Tre Ely, Shayelyn Ely, Raz Martinez, James Ely Jr, Paul Munch, Jerry Norvell and Claude Showalter Jr.

Family will receive friends for Scotts Life Celebration on Thursday June 13, 2019 from 5pm to 8pm and will be held at Brinsfield Funeral Home located at: 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall Maryland 20622. A funeral service will be held on June 14, 2019 at 12 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, with interment immediately following at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery at 1:45 p.m.

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

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James Rholand Hayden, Sr.



James Rholand Hayden, Sr., 86, of Bushwood, MD departed this life on June 2, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Rholand was born June 9, 1932, in Bushwood, Maryland. He was the son of the late George Lawrence Hayden, Sr. and Agnes Jeanette (Oliver) Hayden.

Rholand was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County. He was raised on his family farm where hard work was instilled and family stuck together. Rholand met and fell in love with his best friend, and forever love, Mary Ann Hill. They were married on September 19, 1953 in Bushwood, Maryland. Together they celebrated over sixty-five (65) wonderful years as husband and wife.

Rholand was a caring husband, father, pop pop and great-pop pop who loved his family above all else. He taught his family to support and care for each other always. He was a man of God and praised the Lord.

Rholand spent a hard-working life caring and supporting his family. While working full-time as a farmer (growing tobacco, corn and soy bean), he worked

27 years as a St. Mary's County 911 operator, protecting all residents in the county. He was known for his large vegetable gardens where family, friends and neighbors enjoyed the fresh produce.

Protecting and serving his local community was very important to Rholand as well. He dedicated twenty-six (26) years volunteering with the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department and was one of the founding members of the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Rholand's love for his family will be his greatest legacy. The honor and strength he brought can never be replaced, but will be emulated through the actions of his family. He was a man of great character, and left his family with many memories. Rholand will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Along with his wife Mary Ann, he is survived by his four children, James "J.R." Rholand Hayden, Jr., Waldorf, MD, George Allan Hayden, Sr. (Nancy), of Mechanicsville, MD, Deborah Hayden Richardt (Noel) of Lusby, MD, and Mary Bridget Scott (Ron) of Port Republic, MD; seven (7) grandchildren, Mike Hayden (Angela), Heather Lux (Mike), Allan Hayden (Jess), Christo-

pher Hayden, Kara Higgs (Amanda), Candace Itliong (Glenn) and Cole Scott; and eight great-grandchildren (MJ, Tatum, Lilly, Sadie, Hunter, Karlee, Bodie and Jackson). Rholand is also survived by his sister, Merle Colton and brother-in-law, Joe Hill, both from Leonardtown, MD.

Along with his parents, Rholand was preceded in death by his siblings, Eldridge Hayden, Genevieve Thompson, Lawrence "Boy" Hayden, Perry Hayden; and his great grandson, Jacob Hayden Lux.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations in his memory to St. Mary's Hospice House; Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department or Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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

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

James Michael Dean, Sr.

James Michael Dean, Sr., of Radford, Virginia, passed away in Roanoke, Virginia on June 5, 2019. He was born to the late William H. Dean, Sr. and Edna Payne Dean on December 7th, 1952 in



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Cheverly, MD.

Jimmy was employed as a truck driver, retiring in 1984. He enjoyed playing cards, Risk, putting puzzles together and shooting pool.

He is survived by his mother, Edna Payne Dean, his six loving children; Bradley N. Dean of Newport, VA, Barney C. Dean and James M. Dean, Jr. of Lexington Park, MD, Thomas E. Dean of Radford, VA, E. Marie Stokes of Monterey, CA and Pamela J. Jerrell of Blackstone, VA. Also surviving are his sisters, Betty L. Palmer of Clarksville, TN, Patricia D. Cooksey of Port Royal, VA and Linda D. Wedding of Charlotte Hall, MD; 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. In addition to his father William H. Dean, Sr., he is preceded in death by his brothers, William H. Dean, Jr., Robert E. Dean and Thomas N. Dean.

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

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Leslie Orren Ohler

Leslie "Les" Orren Ohler, 80, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, formerly of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully at his home into the arms of his heavenly



Father on June 3, 2019. He was born to the late Edward G. and Bessie P. Swaney on September 25th, 1938 in Connellsville, PA.

Les was employed by Giant Food Inc., retiring in 1994 after 28 dedicated years. He cherished spending time with family and friends, traveling the world, and living the snowbird life. He enjoyed playing cards, collecting coins, bowling, watching old western movies, collecting watches and taking care of his yard.

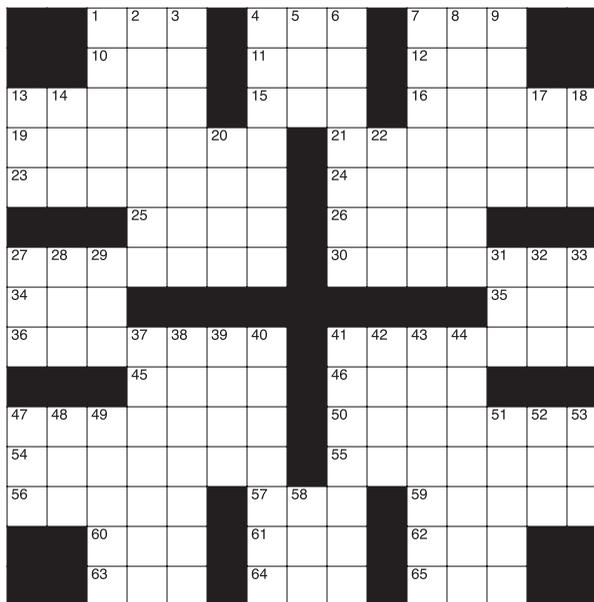
Les married Mildred Elaine Ohler in 1969. Together they celebrated 50 years of marriage until her passing earlier this year. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all he knew.

He is survived by his three loving children; Les Ohler Jr. of Aynor, SC, Kris Ohler of Mechanicsville, MD and Kevin Ohler of Port St. Lucie, FL; daughters-in-law, Mary Ohler and Jackie Ohler; cousin Bobby Hornsby; nephew Stephen Collins; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Les's name to the American Cancer Society.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mathematical term (abbr.)
- 4. Seaport (abbr.)
- 7. "Unforgettable" singer
- 10. The GOAT
- 11. Used to harvest agave cactus
- 12. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 13. Muses
- 15. IBM operating system
- 16. Hungarian village
- 19. Popular conversation topic
- 21. N. Atlantic island
- 23. Fail to discern correctly
- 24. The President has one
- 25. Irish Gaelic language
- 26. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
- 27. Garnished
- 30. National capital
- 34. Basics
- 35. Initial public offering
- 36. Winged horse

- 41. English synthpop duo

- 45. Mars crater
- 46. A lot
- 47. Small organelles
- 50. By reason of
- 54. "Growing Pains" actor Kirk
- 55. Free from contamination
- 56. Genus in the mahogany family
- 57. Body part
- 59. A belief in a supreme being
- 60. Talk a lot
- 61. Actors' group
- 62. Unit of measurement
- 63. Slick
- 64. No seats available
- 65. A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Belongs to the daughter of Chaos
- 2. Wardrobe

- 3. Derek and Jeff are two
- 4. Disfigured
- 5. Hawaiian dish
- 6. What a hack drives
- 7. Horse gear
- 8. Do away with
- 9. Narrow straits between Sinai and Arabian peninsulas
- 13. Corrie
- 14. Hawaiian flower necklace
- 17. Midway between northeast and east
- 18. Insecticide
- 20. Comfort
- 22. Town in Galilee
- 27. Informal greeting
- 28. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 29. Used to check the heart
- 31. Western India island
- 32. Credit card term
- 33. Female deer
- 37. British football team
- 38. Persian jurisdiction
- 39. Freshwater mussel genus
- 40. Opposite of happiness
- 41. Ban on trade
- 42. Bitterly regrets
- 43. Assented
- 44. Well-proportioned
- 47. Part of (abbr.)
- 48. Indigenous people of Thailand
- 49. A man of your stature (abbr.)
- 51. Advantageous
- 52. Female sibling
- 53. Electronic countermeasures
- 58. Swiss river

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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

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Department of Aging & Human Services Closed on June 13

The Department of Aging & Human Services, including all three Senior Activity Centers, will be closed on Thursday, June 13 for staff development. Home-Delivered Meals and congregate meals will not be served. The Department will re-open at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 14.

For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, or visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging.

Mamma Mia at Toby's Dinner Theater

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

Rachel Mowatt by phone at 301-475-4200, ext. 73103, or by email at Rachel.Mowatt@stmarysmd.com.

Nutrition Counseling & Presentation Hot Topics: Keto Diets, GMOS and Organic

Come join us for Nutrition Counseling and Education with Donna Taggart at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. She has counseling appointments on Monday, June 17, at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The presentation will begin at 11a.m. Call Dona at 240-538-6539 to schedule an appointment.

Luncheon with the Bushmill Band

Come join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, June 19, at 12 p.m. and enjoy the musical stylings of the local Bushmill Band. They have performed all over the county including Cracker Barrel as well previous Riverfests. Their music will get your toes tapping and your hands clapping! The lunch menu is roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, seasonal fruit and orange juice. Cost for lunch is by donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6.00 for those under the age of 60. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Safety for Seniors

Do you have a personal safety plan? Whether its physical safety while you're out and about or cyber safety while in

your own home, it is important to know how to limit your risk and what to do in case an incident occurs. Come to the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, June 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. and participate in a presentation led by Harold Tafe who has been involved in law enforcement and private/corporate security for 45 years. Space is limited and advance sign up is required by visiting the Center's signup table or calling 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Lunchtime Theater

Join us for lunch and laughter as the Garvey Readers Theatre entertains us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, June 26, at 12 p.m.! "High School Reunion"-Ever wonder what your high school reunion might be like in another 30, 40 or even 50 years? Watch what happens as cantankerous 101-year-old Patrick celebrates his 83rd reunion. Even at this age he's in for a surprise! "School for Wives"-Four former wives of the same man get together each year for lunch. The main course is a discussion of their mutual ex-husband. One can only imagine the comments - that is, if they weren't so busy talking about each other! This year, however, the new young fiancé joins them and then the hilarity really begins! The menu will be tossed salad w/dressing, beef-a-roni (8 oz.), collard greens, lima beans, Italian bread and honey dew melon. Cost for the meal is \$6 for those under the age of 60 and a donation for those 60 and above. Make reservations by calling

301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Summer Bocce Ball Schedule Change

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be hosting a summer season of Bocce Ball on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. However, all senior activity centers will be closed on June 13 for staff training, so the starting date for Summer Bocce at Loffler will be June 27. If you would like to be a part of it, call 301-737-5670, ext.71658, to sign up or get more information. There is no cost to participate.

Experience the Magic on Silk

Create not one, but two custom-dyed scarves perfect to accessorize your summer wardrobe. Silk Painting Artist, Terry Tabor with Expressions by Terry, will guide you in dyeing one square and one long silk scarf using a variety of colors through different techniques for varying results. This class utilizes a special dye and application style that is less messy and more fun; perfect for scarf dying parties. The cost is \$35 and includes all materials including one long and one square silk scarf. Gloves and aprons will be provided but appropriate clothing should be worn. For ordering supplies, signups will close on June 27 with no refunds after that date. The activity will take place Friday, July 12, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center. Payment is due at sign-up. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.



St. Mary's County Summer Reading for All Ages Starts June 17

Join the St. Mary's County Library for 'A Universe of Stories' Summer Reading program from June 17 through August 17. All ages (0 - 150) are invited to complete challenges to earn a free glow-in-the-dark t-shirt (sizes start with baby onesies through adult XXXL). For your second, third and fourth completed challenges, choose a free book to take home. All completed challenges give you an entry into our Amazon gift card drawings at the end of the summer. To register, either go to <https://stmalib.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack app. More information is available on www.stmalib.org.

Out of this World!

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Out of this World! on Wednesday, June 26 from 2 - 3:30p.m. Celebrate our "Universe of Stories" Summer Reading theme with

space-centric crafts and games! For ages 5-12 with caregiver. Registration required.

The Longest Table

Join the St. Mary's County Library on Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. for a community conversation over a family-style meal from Mission BBQ. Tickets are \$10 and available for sale through the St. Mary's County Library website, www.stmalib.org. The event will be held at the St. Mary's County Government Center, on the front lawn near Miedzinski Park (23145 Leonard Hall Dr, Leonardtown, MD 20650). During the meal, participants will discuss how to Choose Civility in their everyday interactions. In the event of rain, dinner will be held inside the Leonard Hall Recreation Center. Share a meal and conversation with someone you don't know, exchange stories about life in St. Mary's County, and discover both common ground and new ideas. The conversation starts when you come to the table!

Snack Attack! School Age Explorers

Lexington Park Library will hold Snack Attack! School Age Explorers on Thursday, June 27 from 3 - 4 p.m. Have you ever found your stomach running on empty, so you go searching for something to eat? But then...oh no! On comes, a SNACK ATTACK! Join the University of Maryland Extension as we uncover what

is in some of our favorite snacks. Ages 8-12. Registration and Parental/Guardian Waiver Required. Safety note: snacks provided may contain potential allergens.

Paws to Read

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Paws to Read on Thursday, June 27 from 5 - 7 p.m. For beginning readers, or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

Mr. Jon & Friends

The St. Mary's County Library will host Mr. Jon & Friends for three performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Mr. Jon & Friends will perform Friday, June 28 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Margaret Brent Middle School, and then at Leonardtown Library from 2 - 3 p.m. The Leonardtown Library performance will be sensory-friendly and registration required. The third performance will be at Lexington Park Library on Saturday, June 29 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join musician Mr. Jon and his friend George the Monkey for a high-energy concert, and come ready to DANCE! All ages; no registration.

Community Calendar

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

UPCOMING

Local Film Makers

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

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

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

Friday, June 14

Flag Day

Golf Tournament

Brenton Bay Country Club
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sons of The American Legion Post 238 Gold Tournament. Contact Wayne Christensen—301-370-2409.

Annual Pat Collins Golf Classic

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course
Lusby
7:30 AM, registration

The Arc Southern Maryland host this event named in honor of Pat Collins, a former board president. Tournament begins at 8:30. Proceeds support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. \$150 player. www.arc-somd.org/golf.

Park Place Toastmasters Club

Church of the Ascension
21641 Great Mills Road
Lexington Park
12:00 - 1:00 PM

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

environment!

Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar
Great Mills
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Ticket sales for our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing begins at 4:00 and ends at 6:50. Ticket \$1. Drawing takes place at 7:00. 50/50 tickets available. Proceeds go to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School.

Flag Day Event

Governmental Center Lawn
Leonardtown
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Procession by various color guards and veterans groups from around the county. Formal ceremony and Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. Flag retirement ceremony. Legion members will demonstrate disposing of worn, torn and/or tattered flags. Alisa Casas, Communications Director, at 301-475-4200, ext.*1342.

Mulberry Music Festival - Act 1

St. Mary's College - Townhouse Green
6:00 - 9:00 PM

The inaugural Mulberry Music Festival – Act 1 features chart-topping gospel recording artist Jason Nelson and a diverse lineup of local musicians. Free and open to the public.

John Conolly and Rob van Sante

Harms Gallery, Calvert Marine Museum
Solomons
7:00 PM

An evening of thought-provoking, tuneful, and often outrageously funny songs. Doors open 6:00. Beer and wine available for sale. Tickets \$20 online, \$25 at the door, and

available at bit.ly/MaritimeConcerts. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

The Art of Marriage

Faith Bible Church
26325 Three Notch Road
Mechanicsville
Friday 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM

The six session one-day or weekend event weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design. This conference is dedicated to adults only. No children. \$70 couple. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Tickets: the-art-of-marriage-fbc.eventbrite.com

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge
Lexington Park
7:00 PM

\$60 Buy in = 7000 chips. \$5 add-on and receive 1,000 chips. Food and beverage available for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Sat. & Sun., June 15 & 16

Pork and Beef Sandwich Sale

American Legion Post 221
1690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242)
Avenue
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches will be sold on both days. Sandwiches \$7 each. 301-884-4071

Saturday, June 15

Yard Sale

Elks Lodge #2092
45779 Fire Department Lane
Lexington Park
7:00 - 11:00 AM

Across from the Fire Department off of Chancellors Run Road. Tools, household items, clothes, toys, yard equipment, more. Great stuff for everyone. Bake sale. Please, no early birds.

Lighthouse Adventure Cruise – Southern Bay

Calvert Marine Museum
Solomons
7:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Aboard a private charter vessel to tour the Southern Bay and see six lighthouses. \$130 for the day-long trip. Space limited;

pre-registration required. Purchase tickets at bit.ly/CMMLighthouseCruise. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Airplane Rides for Kids

St Mary's County Airport Terminal Building
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

EAA Chapter 478 of Southern Maryland annual Young Eagles Rally. Free airplane rides to ages 8 to 17. Pre-registration: EAA Young Eagles Online Registration at youngeaglesday.org/ search on zip code 20636 for EAA Chapter 478. More info: www.478.eaachapter.org.

Watercolor Basics Session II

Space2Cre8
41660 Park Ave.
Leonardtown
10:00 AM - Noon or 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Supplies provided. Choose either the morning session 10-12 or afternoon 1-3. Space is limited, paid reservation required. Nora Eicholtz at 301-751-6916 for details, registration and cost. Min. age 16. Look for the Space2Cre8 signs in parking lot across from hotel and behind New View Fiber Works.

Open House

African American Schoolhouse
18287 Cherryfield Rd.
Drayden

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Saturday & Sunday

Visit one of the nation's best-preserved one-room African American schoolhouses. Visit renovated schoolhouse and learn about its history and importance in St. Mary's County. More info: www.facebook.com/events/280237439354445/

Juneteenth 2019

Lancaster Park, 21550 Willows Road
Lexington Park
12:00 - 8:00 PM

United Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) day of cultural activities, music & dance, craft workshops, games, pony rides, vendors, food trucks, community/ health info. Free. [www.ucaconline.org](http://ucaconline.org)

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Letters TO THE Editor

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge (middle double doors)

4:00 - 9:00 PM

\$80 Buy in (\$10 Bounty) and (\$10 to Mooselodge) = 15,000 chips. \$60 to the prize pool. Optional \$10 add on receive 5,000 chips. Questions: Chris 240-300-6969 or Ron Poteat 301-481-6318.

while sharing our rich history and exquisite site with visitors. Upon successful completion, you will become Junior Docents and ambassadors of Historic Sotterley. For Ages 8-18.

Advance registration required. Tuition: \$35 dollars (includes a Sotterley student membership). Call 301-373-2280 or email: education@sotterley.org.

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Breakfast for Father's Day

2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad, 45245 Drayden Rd.

Valley Lee

8:00 - 11:00 AM

All-You-Can-Eat. Home-Made-Home-Style, traditional breakfast items. Adults \$10; Children 6-12, \$5; Under 5, free. 301-994-9999

Father's Day Brunch Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum

Solomons

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

A perfect way to say "You're the best!" \$30 adults, \$15 ages 12 and under. Pre-registration required; visit bit.ly/WmB-TennisonCruises to register. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Father's Day SPECIAL!

Historic Sotterley

Hollywood

Tours: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 PM

Half-price tours for Dads! Hike the trails, check out the farm and garden. Specialty items at our Museum Shop, and a half-price tour of our 1703 Manor House! 301-373-2280. www.sotterley.org

Father's Day Evening Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum

Solomons

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

A perfect ending to Dad's special day! \$30 adults, \$15 ages 12 and under. Pre-registration required; visit bit.ly/WmB-TennisonCruises to register. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Mon. - Fri., June 17 - 21

Camp Discovery Summer Camp

Historic St. Mary's City

18751 Hogaboom Lane

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Discover the science in the daily lives of early Marylanders. A week that combines history, science, and the arts. Designed for rising 5th and 6th graders. \$140 per child (\$130 Friends members). Payment in full required at time of registration. Rain or shine. 240-895-4990 or info@HSMCdigsHistory.org

Mon. & Tues., June 17 & 18

Junior Docent Academy

Historic Sotterley

Hollywood

Enhance your communication skills

Monday, June 17

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge

Lexington Park

7:00 - 11:00 PM

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament. \$25 Buy in = 6,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing. Food and beverage for purchase. James Dean, 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Tuesday, June 18

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

Beacon of Hope, 21770 FDR Blvd.

Lexington Park

Date: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

A Twelve Step program of recovery for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. Share our experience, strength, and hope in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Info: adultchildren.org or call Kathy Nash at 240-298-0306.

Wednesday, June 19

SMADC Town Hall Meeting

SMECO Auditorium

15035 Burnt Store Rd.

Hughesville

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Hosted by the Regional Agricultural Center to hear updates on the Westham Butcher Shop, the soon to be completed Amish-operated slaughter facility. Participate in the discussion and share questions, concerns, and ideas.

Speaker Series 2019

Historic Sotterley

Hollywood

7:00 PM

Robert Parkinson presents "THE COMMON CAUSE: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution." Free event. 301-373-2280. www.sotterley.org

Thursday, June 20

Historic St. Mary's City June Lecture

Visitor Center Auditorium

18751 Hogaboom Lane

St. Mary's City

7:00 PM

Dr. Travis Parno, Director of Research and Collections at Historic St. Mary's City, will give a free, public lecture titled "Seventeenth-Century Origins of Slavery." 240-895-4990, Info@DigsHistory.org, or visit our website at HSMCdigsHistory.org.

'Drag Queen' Event Criticized

To the Editor:

The group called: Southern MD area Secular Humanist (SMASH) are sponsoring an event of teaching young boys how to be "Drag Queens" on this coming June 23, 2019, at 2 p.m., starting with their so called "Story Hour" which gives the instruction about being a Drag Queen and then at 3 p.m. is the "tutorial" of putting on the makeup and costumes of the Drag Queen.

Their advertisement on Facebook says "for Tweens and Teens" and young boys simply do not have the maturity or the boundaries or any real power to say "no" to this kind of degradation and shame that the Secular Humanists group are here orchestrating and that is very troubling.

The event is to be held at the Lexington Park Library and this SMASH group calls the beginning as a "Story Hour" which gives the impression that it is a real library "Story Time" event which it is not. The Secular Humanists people do not accept that the morality of truth or lies are binding for them because any morality is just a matter of opinion in their view, and so even a Drag Queen of having a man dressing up like a girl is a type of lie which they see as okay to teach to vulnerable children.

To confront that group with protesting just feeds into their false drama claiming prejudice and discrimination when really it is a protest against their public display of child sexual abuse which is done for the perverted pleasure of the adult spectators of that event. There is talk and arguing done on that group's Facebook event page and so the group members do know and they have been told and have been explained of how wrong it is but they have no interest in any view of right from wrong because they being "Secular Humanists" then that makes them as above any morality consideration, and sadly that is their point and purpose to demonstrate that they can violate the decent standards and violate children and dare anyone to try to stop them.

There are some people who complain by sending letters and emails to the Library but the Library is powerless against that group's dishonest tricks to get its own way. The acronym for that group "SMASH" is a rather accurate description of their real intentions to smash down anything that gets in their way. It is often said that the county or our political leaders can not resist or fight these kinds of groups or events because we might lose in court or that it might go up to the U.S. Supreme Court, but instead we need to have the courage to resist this by every means available and yes take it to the Supreme Court too if need be, because this event is created to abuse young vulnerable children while the adult spectators celebrate their own sexual superiority. All across the USA such groups are attacking American values and our time to respond is running thin.

*James P. Cusick Sr.
Hollywood, MD*

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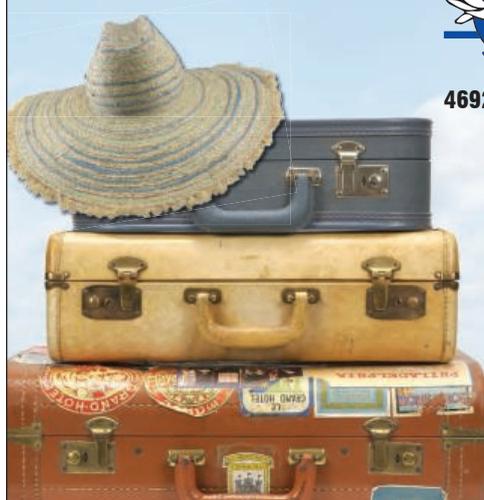
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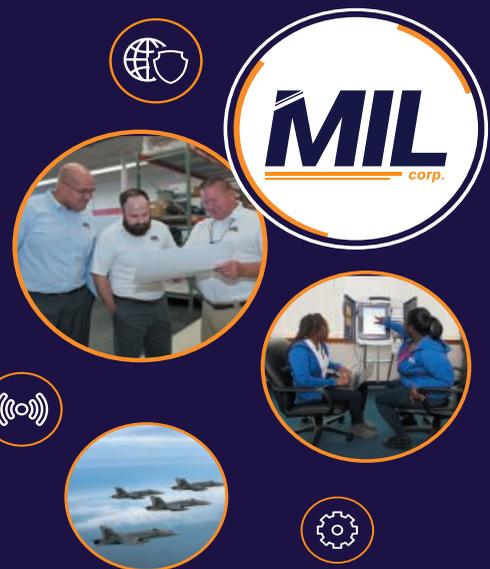
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