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Heavy Rains Close County Roads

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Monday's heavy rains that deluged St. Mary's resulted in the closure of at least three roads.

The closures spread across the county.

County officials with the Department of Public Works and Transportation say the roads could be closed until July 19.

The rains damaged Spruce Drive between Hollow Lane and Maple Road in the Town Creek community as well as Cox Drive between Cox Court and Julia Court in Mechanicsville.

The rains also forced the closure of Maddox Road between Hurry Road and Budds Creek Road; public works chief John Deatrick said that road was likely still underwater in places.

Both Spruce and Cox roads failed due to culvert collapses, said Deatrick, which were five feet in diameter.

"It takes the whole road with it," he said.

County public works crews continued to survey roads for water damage; Deatrick said many of the roads that experienced heavy flooding but dried out by late evening on Monday would likely suffer mostly from shoulder damage.

All Faith Church Road in Mechanicsville was one road that suffered especially from flooding, Deatrick said.

Deatrick said the county hoped to move quickly to make the repairs lest more heavy rains come.

"If we get more gully washers... that only disrupts construction," Deatrick said. "We're tracking the damage and the cost to see if we can get some reimbursement."

Such reimbursement for road damage could come from either the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or its state-level counterpart, Deatrick said.

He estimated the damage could total between \$100,000 to \$200,000.

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Tourism Plan Calls for More Hotels

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Marking the first year that the Visit St. Mary's directorship group has taken the helm of the county's tourism industry efforts, its leader said more hotels strategically placed in the county would be a critical in enhancing the county's profile as a tourist destination.



Jason Aul, Visit St. Mary's Executive Director

Jason Aul, director of Visit St. Mary's, which operates under an advisory board and at the authority of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, said one of the main accomplishments for the new group was formulating a feasibility study targeting Leonardtown as a top venue for both a hotel and a conference center.

Aul said such a combination facility would help solve the dearth of what he called full-service hotels in St. Mary's County.

Aul also requested that the county and its departments that collaborate or deal with any potential tourism or hospitality-oriented business make his group aware of them so Visit St. Mary's could reach out to them with an offer or assistance in marketing their operations.

Finding an investor to reopen a once thriving seafood landmark in South County was also key to increasing visi-

tor traffic to an often-neglected part of St. Mary's, he said.

"Opening Schiebel's in Ridge sooner than later is awfully important," Aul told commissioners.

Aside from hotel and conference space in the central portion of the county, Aul said establishing a new hotel in the area of Maryland International Raceway and the county-owned Wicomico Shores golf course in the northern portion of the county could help capture dollars that had long flowed to Charles County.

"The events at Maryland International Raceway and Budd's Creek bring in hundreds and hundreds of people every summer," Aul told The County Times in a later interview. "But they always stay at hotels in Charles County."

"We want to turn that around; there's no reason we should be losing money to Charles County."

Laschelle McKay, administrator for the Town of Leonardtown, said the town has been working with developer Donald Pleasants to resurrect in some form his long-dormant Tudor Hall development that would have brought a large hotel and conference center to Leonardtown years ago.

McKay said the town's vision would call for a smaller hotel and conference center but it would still help fill the need outlined by the county's tourism group.

"He wants to start building in the next five to six years," McKay said of Pleasants' plans.

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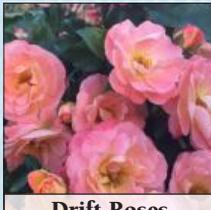
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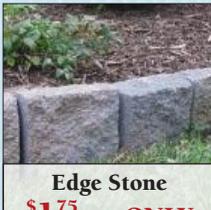
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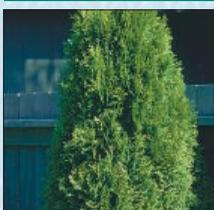


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Leonardtown to Host Fox 5 Zip Trip



Fox 5 plans a full time camera presence on the PNC Bank building in Leonardtown to provide their live Southern Maryland camera feed.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

On Aug. 2 the local Fox 5 news channel affiliate will broadcast news from downtown Leonardtown on the eve of the town's biggest summer event, their Summer Beach Party.

Known as the Fox 5 Zip Trip, the news team will do segments from all over town, raising its profile around the state.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said the Fox 5 team had come to the town once before, in 2010.

"We'll have the sand out on the town square before they come," she said.

The visiting broadcasters will do segments from the town wharf, various restaurants, as well as the Port of Leonardtown Winery, McKay said.

The team's weatherman plans on giving a report while paddle boarding on Breton Bay, and the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department will be featured during a segment, said McKay.

Fox 5 is scheduled to be in town from

7a.m. to 11a.m. that day.

But the news channel plans on having a more permanent presence in the town by stationing two cameras there.

"It's actually going to be up there for good," said McKay of a camera to be stationed on the PNC Bank building on the town square.

Leonardtown will be one of three communities in Maryland that will provide video feed to Fox 5 during certain portions of its newscasts, she explained.

"It's there live feed," McKay said. "They came to us and told us they wanted to have video feed from Southern Maryland."

"They chose Leonardtown." While the owners of the PNC building have agreed to the first camera, Fox 5 is still seeking permission to place a second camera down at the wharf, she said.

"It certainly heightens attention to the town," McKay said.

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SMECO Refunds Members' Capital Credits

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) is refunding members' capital credits totaling nearly \$5.4 million. Of that total, a general refund of approximately \$3.4 million will be issued in July. Eligible active members will receive credits on their bills, and checks will be issued to eligible former members. Special refunds of about \$2 million will be paid throughout the year to estates of deceased members and to help satisfy unpaid final bills.

"SMECO members invest in their cooperative every time they pay their bill. When SMECO meets its financial obligations and we can issue refunds to members, we are happy to do so," said Austin J Slater, Jr., SMECO president and CEO. He added, "All SMECO members share the responsibility of financing the co-op, and receiving a refund of a portion of SMECO's margins is one of their rewards."

SMECO's margins for 2018 totaled more than \$27 million. SMECO uses margins—revenue minus expenses—as working capital for system improve-

ments and construction. Slater explained, "Our members help to finance SMECO's operations, and they realize one of the benefits of being a member when they receive a refund. Passing savings on to members is a basic co-op principle."

At the end of each year, SMECO's margins are allocated to a special capital credit account for each member, based on how much electricity the member purchased and the rate at which the account was billed. SMECO's Board of Directors regularly evaluates the financial condition of the cooperative and determines when SMECO members' capital credits will be refunded.

All eligible active members will receive a credit on the bill for their primary account. If members wish to contact SMECO to designate their primary account, they may call 1-888-440-3311. Eligible former members will receive a full refund of the balance in their capital credit account if the balance is \$100 or less.

Court Confirms Negligence of Father in Infant Death Case

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Maryland Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state, ruled last month that a man whose infant son died after being left in a hot car on Patuxent River Naval Air Station five years ago was negligent.

In its ruling, the court states that John Junek's argument that he should not be held as negligent in his son's death rested on the fact that he had not had intent to neglect the child.

Part of Junek's argument also rested on family law that neglect can be considered a form of child abuse, and abuse requires intent.

The court disagreed and upheld a Court of Special Appeals ruling on the matter; the Court of Special Appeals ruling had also upheld a similar ruling by the local St. Mary's County Circuit Court.

Junek, of Leonardtown, and a U.S. Navy reservist, accidentally left his 17-month-old son in his car as he drove on base Sept. 3, 2014 to his job; just before he got to his building he left his oldest son at preschool.

He forgot that he left his younger son in the back of his car, which reached lethal temperatures inside on a day that reached more than 80 degrees outside.

Junek had arrived on base shortly before 9 a.m. and did not realize he had

left his infant son in the car until almost half-past 3p.m. when his wife called him and told him she had tried to pick up the infant from child care on the base.

Junek later told law officers that he had even come back out to his car at just before 1p.m. for a meeting in another building, drove to that destination and had to air out the car because it was so hot.

"During the time of his use of the vehicle during the day, Junek stated that he had been in a hurry to get to his meeting and did not notice that his son was still strapped to his car seat in the rear seat of the vehicle," the initial complaint against Junek read.

Immediately following the child's death, Junek was charged with involuntary manslaughter, but those charges were later dropped by federal prosecutors.

The original finding against Junek that he had been negligent came from the local Department of Social Services.

In its most recent ruling the court found that there was significant distinction between abuse and neglect of a child.

In May of last year Junek petitioned a federal judge to expunge his record from the manslaughter charge and the judge granted that request in August.

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Animal Shelter Plan Up For Review

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A concept site plan for the new, county owned animal shelter has been submitted for review by the Department of Land Use and Growth Management's technical evaluation committee, marking the first official step in finally building the new facility.

The evaluation committee is set to meet July 24; the animal shelter is at the top of the list.

The site is to be located just off the north-bound lanes of FDR Boulevard behind the First Colony Shopping Center; the facility as proposed would be 14,000 square feet in size, according to public records.

It would house smaller animals such as dogs and cats indoors and have space for larger animals in a 1,200 square foot barn.

There would also be three stalls with exterior paddocks along with fenced in outdoor pens.

John Deatruck, head of the county's Department of Public Works, said his department is supporting the Department of Emergency Services, which will actually run the facility, through the planning and construction process.

"We've already put out a request for proposals and three teams responded," Deatruck said of the pre-bidding stage for



the project. "All three were qualified."

The bidding process would begin after the evaluation committee made its findings, he said.

The county decided to build a new stand-alone animal shelter after learning several years ago that Charles County was pulling out of funding the Tri-County Animal Shelter in Hughesville after decades of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles partnering to fund it.

Shortly after Charles committed to a new shelter, Calvert County selected a piece of land near the Route 231 bridge and built a state-of-the-art facility.

The Linda R. Kelly Animal Shelter began operating late last year.

Public safety officials have said the current situation has pressured the county to move quickly to build its own shelter or take over running the aging, inadequate facility in Hughesville.

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Citizens Decry Drag Queen Story Hour, Wait for Community Center



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By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Weeks after a controversial Drag Queen Story Hour took place at the Lexington Park Library citizen activists opposed to it petitioned the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to take action to prevent such events from happening again.

However, a supporter and organizer of the event said the opponents were bigoted against members of the LGBTQ community and spread misinformation about the event.

John Mountjoy, a Hollywood resident, said the commissioners should "squeeze the funding" of the library system to ensure against another Drag Queen Story Hour.

"I know your control over funding is limited," Mountjoy said. "But you have some control."

Georgia Kijesky, of Lexington Park, a community activist who has long been a critic of the library system's rules that allow non-profit entities to rent meeting rooms at the library and bring in events that were of a sexual nature, spoke out.

"The library is back to its old tricks again," Kijesky said. "[They're using] sneaky tricks to sexualize our young children."

She claimed one of the cross-dressing men at the June 23 event who declined to be identified, and whose name she did not give at a public forum Tuesday night in Leonardtown, ran a sexually oriented business that hired out nude men for various tasks.

Christine Timmons, of Hollywood, decried the event as a blatant attempt to introduce unsuspecting children to sexuality.

"It was a blatant attempt to groom children into transgenderism," Timmons told county commissioners. "I'm disturbed that sexually aggressive men... demand access to our children."

Samantha McGuire, a Leonardtown resident and president of the Washington Area Secular Humanists and representative of the Southern Maryland Chapter, claimed opponents were erroneously conflating cross dressing with transgenderism.

"Your ignorance is showing," McGuire said. "Sit down."

"For a community that [supposedly] did not want this event we sure had a good turn out," McGuire said about 30 children attended, along with 50 adults.

She said that while opponents argued their tax money should not fund the library that allowed such an event — she reiterated it was her group and PFLAG of Leonardtown which sponsored the event and not the library — the reverse argument also had merit.

"I don't think my taxpayer money should be used to chill free speech," McGuire said.

Many other speakers continued to call for a hastening of the siting and construction of a new community center in Lexington Park, where they claimed it was needed most.

"The county owns property around Nicolet Park in the opportunity zone," said William Hall, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, as an example of a good site for such a facility.

"We cannot wait until 2025," Hall said of the projected date of construction.

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Sheriff's Office Investigating Shooting

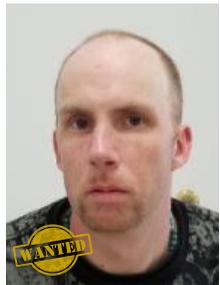
On July 10, 2019, at approximately 2:20 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the Urgent Care located in Solomons for a reported shooting. Preliminary investigation determined a male victim age 18, was traveling in a vehicle in the area of Route 4 and Lou's Way in California, when an unknown vehicle pulled alongside the victim and began shooting. The victim was shot and sustained life-threatening injuries. The victim was flown to an area trauma center and is in stable condition.

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cident is asked to contact Detective Melissa Hulse at (301) 475-4200 extension *1996 or by email at Melissa.Hulse@stmarysmd.com. Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

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Two Sought by Sheriff's Office



Panholzer

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Paul Daniel Panholzer, 35 of Charlotte Hall, who is wanted for a Sex Offender Violation and Second-Degree Assault. Panholzer is a white male, 6'1" and weighs 150 lbs.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Panholzer is asked to contact Detective Cpl. Melissa Hulse at 301-475-4200, ext. *1996 or email melissa.hulse@stmarysmd.com.

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Hanson

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Jens Edwin Hanson, 43 of Leonardtown, who is wanted for escape. Hanson left a treatment facility in Hagerstown without permission. Hanson is a white male, 6'1" and weighs 180 lbs.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Hanson is asked to contact Detective Cpl. Melissa Hulse at 301-475-4200, ext. *1996 or email melissa.hulse@stmarysmd.com.

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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Blotter

Neglect of Minor/Drug Arrest- On June 28, 2019, Dep. Wynnyk responded to the 17800 block of Second Street in Tall Timbers, for the report of two overdoses. Contact was made with **Katie Lynn Biscoe, age 27** of Tall Timbers.



Biscoe was unable to advise on anyone inside the residence, and was stumbling and slurring her words. A second individual was located inside the residence who required medical attention. Recovered from inside the residence were used hypodermic needles and capsules containing suspected Oxycodone. Three minor children were inside the residence during the incident. Biscoe was ultimately placed under arrest and charged with three counts of Child Neglect. Biscoe was found to have two additional capsules of suspected Oxycodone hidden on her person at the time of her arrest. Biscoe was also charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana. CASE# 37191-19

Assault-Disorderly Conduct- On June 28, 2019, Cpl. Corcoran responded to the 22100 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported large crowd creating a disturbance. While dispersing the crowd, **Jaguita Sade Carroll, age 32** of Dameron, pushed Cpl. Corco-



ran, and began actively assaulting a victim in the crowd. Carroll was taken into custody and charged with two counts of Assault 2nd Degree and Disorderly Conduct. CASE# 37170-19

Assault- On June 28, 2019, Dep. Baker responded to the 18500 block of Windmill Point Road in Drayden for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Corey Scott Biscoe, age 24** of Drayden, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the face, and obtaining a knife and walking towards the victim in a threatening manner. Biscoe was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree. CASE# 37283-19

Drug/Contraband Arrest- On June 30, 2019, DFC. Nauman responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center for a reported found contraband. **Jessica Jean Bennett, age 30** of Hughesville, was found to have six pills of suspected Fentanyl in her possession. Bennett was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Possess Contraband at Place of Confinement. CASE# 37716-19



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Notice is given that an Amended Petition For Specific Transaction Without Appointment Of Guardian has been filed in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County to authorize Christyne Ivey, a/k/a Christyne Gilliam, to liquidate an annuity policy and CD which is solely owned by James L. Gilliam, a resident of Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home, Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

All persons having any objection to this Petition shall file a Response with the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County within thirty (30) days of this Notice being published. Failure to file a Response by that date may result in the granting of the relief being sought.

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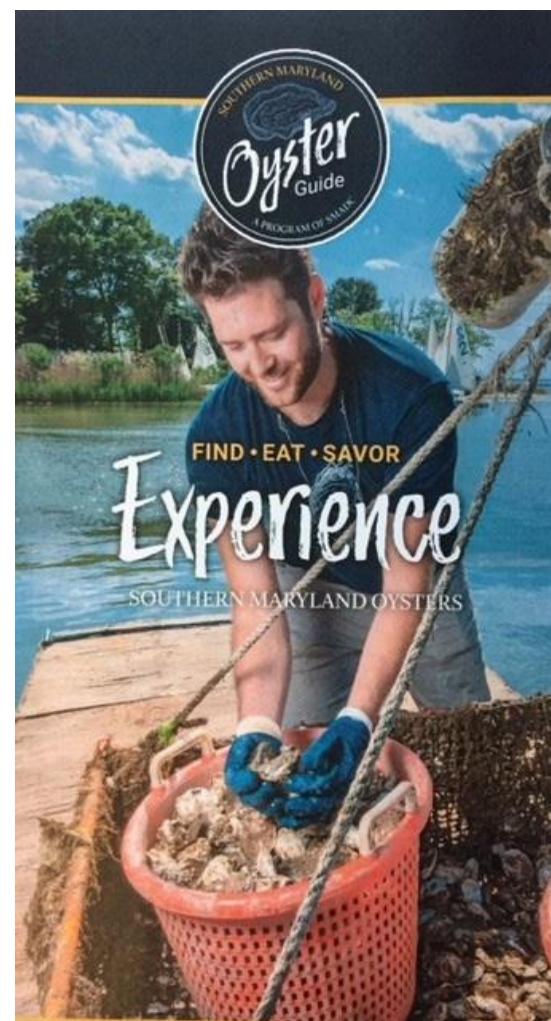
The new SOMDOysterGuide.com, reveals Southern Maryland's oyster industry with an invitation to explore the web-hosted guide to "Find, Eat, and Savor" Southern Maryland oysters, to meet the community that grows and harvests them, and experience the oyster's unique regional, cultural, and maritime heritage.

"SMADC programs support farmers of the land and water, so we're excited to launch this new online consumer resource," said Susan McQuilkin, SMADC's marketing specialist. "We've worked hard to build a website that is informative, easy and fun to navigate, and connects the general public with this iconic industry and the producers who work hard to bring their delicious harvest to our tables to enjoy year-round."

Originally hosted by Morgan State's Patuxent Environmental & Aquatic Research Laboratory (PEARL), the former "Trail" website was handed over to SMADC in 2019, and has since been completely revised into a fully comprehensive region-wide industry "Oyster Guide" featuring over 70 profiles - including all types of oyster producers (wild caught and aquaculture) plus industry related businesses such as heritage sites, museums, restaurants, stores and watermen tours.

The primary focus of the Guide are the 21 oyster producers whose profiles offer a glimpse into their lives, work and backgrounds. Details include contact information, links to producer's websites and social media platforms, plus harvesting criteria (farmed/aquaculture or wild), oyster 'flavor profiles', and 'where to buy' at producer recommended retailers and restaurants. Additional sections highlight oyster affiliated 'Attractions', 'Restaurants' and 'Tours' all with detailed descriptions of the services offered.

The broader website features key resources that enhance the web-visitor ex-



perience and maximize engagement of the consumer - to buy, eat, experience and develop a preference for Southern Maryland oysters. An 'Events' Calendar provides information on upcoming oyster related public events and activities, and 'News', 'Education' and 'Resources' sections offer information that engages and educates the consumer - including fascinating oyster facts, farming and harvesting techniques, how oysters benefit the environment and the local economy, conservation, advocacy and support programs and more.

The entire website is illustrated with vibrant and insightful photography, by renowned Remsberg Photography Inc., that reveals a unique and personal window into the life of those working on the water, strengthening the connection between the producers, the environment and the many affiliated businesses that support the oyster industry in Southern Maryland.

View and explore the Southern Maryland Oyster Guide now at: www.SOMDOysterGuide.com, and pick up a free promotional card highlighting the Southern Maryland Oyster Guide (while stocks last) at regional welcome centers, public libraries, and some participating producers, restaurants, retailers and heritage sites.

The Southern Maryland Oyster Guide website project was made possible by a grant from the Rural Maryland Foundation.

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Nursing Center Quilt Fundraiser St. Mary's City Hosts Adults Only Tour



The St. Mary's Nursing Home Foundation sponsored a quilt raffle for the benefit of the St. Mary's Nursing Center. The winner of the quilt was Kim Hewitt (right). The quilt was made and donated by Sherry Quade (left).



Photo courtesy of Historic St. Mary's City

Historic St. Mary's City on July 6 performed the award-winning Adults Only tour of the plantation. The tour, which is an hour in length, gave visitors a glimpse into the sordid side of Maryland's past, based on real-life events found in court records from the colony.

As part of the museum's focus to bring diverse stories to life, the education department added new content into the tour, which discusses and dramatizes the legal ramifications of relationships between enslaved people and free people during the seventeenth century.

On January 31, 2019, at the 44th Maryland Preservation Awards, the

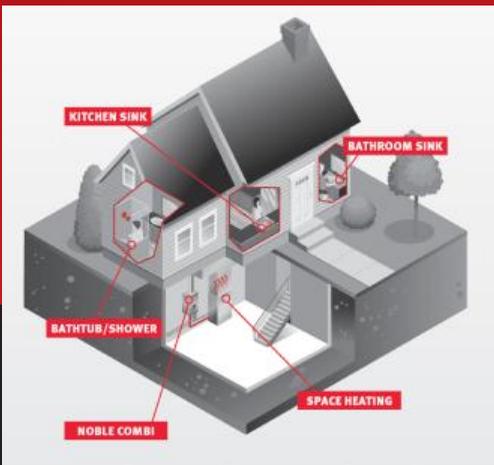
Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees recognized Historic St. Mary's City Education Department as the winner of a 2019 Historic Preservation Award for Excellence in Public Programming for the Adults Only tour.

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@hsmcdigshistory.org.

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Tidewater Archaeology Weekend at Historic St. Mary's City

On July 20th and 21st, the archaeologists at Historic St. Mary's City will be celebrating the 32nd annual Tidewater Archaeology Weekend. Tour excavations at the home of Maryland's first governor, Leonard Calvert, and discover what the soil reveals about Maryland's beginnings then help screen excavated material and see what bits of the past you recover. Meet

Director of Research and Collections, Travis Parno, as he and the archaeology students help you interpret the stories of the past that each piece tells. An exhibit of artifacts recovered from the site will be on display. Tours of the Calvert site will take place at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

On both days, experience the new archaeology laboratory in Anne Arundel Hall with the Curator of Collections and Archaeological Laboratory Director, Silas Hurry at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., or 4:00 p.m. Discover what happens to artifacts after they are unearthed. Meet Conservator Stephanie Whitehead and see the unique care the new lab facility provides for the remnants of Maryland's past. Maryland Heritage Scholar Henry Miller, at 11:00 a.m., will give a special tour of the Brick Chapel, including the opportunity to see the lead coffins in their permanent home beneath the floor of the chapel and learn about the most recent discoveries regarding the chapel and lead coffins. In the afternoon at 3:00 p.m., take a break in the air-conditioned St. John's Site Museum, where Dr. Miller will guide you through this unique exhibit of Maryland's earliest excavated plantation. Space is limited for all of these tours, so be sure to sign up at the Visitor Center (18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City) when you arrive. Also, throughout the day, special children's



activities will be planned.

The excavations will be open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission (\$10 adult; \$9 seniors; \$6 youth (6-18); and free for those 5 years and younger and Friends members) includes access to special activities, living history sites, and the St. John's Site Museum.

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Department of Recreation and Parks Presents 2019 Summerstock: "Newsies"

Tickets are now on sale through website or at Recreation and Parks main office

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Department of Recreation and Parks are pleased to announce this year's Summerstock musical performance is "Newsies" based on the book by Harvey Fierstein and the musical based on the Disney Film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White with original music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Jack Feldman.

Show dates will be Friday, July 19 – Sunday, July 21, 2019, and Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 28, 2019, at Great Mills High School.

Sunday evening shows begin at 3 p.m. with all other evening shows beginning at 7 p.m. There will also be Saturday Matinees July 20, & 27 at 1 p.m. each day.

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Tickets are on sale online at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/summerstock or you can purchase tickets in person at the Recreation and Parks main office in Leonardtown, MD. Patrons purchasing their ticket(s) online must print their ticket(s) and bring to the show for admittance. Online ticket purchases are highly encouraged due to the possibility of sold out shows. Tickets must be purchased no later than noon the Friday before the chosen show.

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Giving a Little Back - "Beat the Heat"



MetCom is working with the Office of the Sheriff's Lexington Park Community Oriented Policing (COPs) Unit to establish an ongoing partnership on a public summer water spray program as a part of a community outreach and education initiative. "Enjoying a fire hydrant sprinkler during the hottest days of the summer is an old

tradition and we wanted to try and find a way to do that here in St. Mary's County," MetCom Executive Director George Erichsen said.

Event locations are strategically identified by the COPs Unit and coordinated with MetCom's Operations Water Treatment and Distribution Division. Hydrants are checked and flushed prior to each scheduled event. MetCom provides the spray caps, hydrant wrenches, water meters to control use as well as personnel to open and close the hydrant at the event. The use of water is metered and recorded and promotional materials such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, coloring books, popsicles, etc. are provided to the participating children, and in some case, participating adults. The inaugural pilot event was held in Colony Square in Lexington Park on June 8, 2019, followed by another event on June 27 at Columbia Commons. Another event is planned for Thursday, July 11, at Ronald Drive in Lexington Park.

This program is made possible through the use of spray caps (diffusers and gate valves) that reduce the flow rate from the hydrants to as low as 25 gallons per minute as compared to an illegally opened hydrant which can waste up to 1,000-1,500 gallons per minute. Using spray caps also keeps children and other pedestrians safe from the force of a normal unrestricted spray from a hydrant.

"Although this program utilizes water, we are also advocates of water conservation," Erichsen said. The fire hydrant spray portion of these events are limited to approximately 20-30 minutes. Limiting the duration helps ensure that the participants will not lose interest and stay engaged, helps conserve water during high demand summer months, and ensures that the hydrants are activated only while in use. "It took us a while to get here, but we finally made it happen," Erichsen said. "The

public benefit and perception of this new initiative far outweighs the costs, even if a small amount of overtime might be needed," he said. "It costs MetCom about \$1.70 to treat 1,000 gallons of water."

"I am proud to have the Sheriff's Office working in conjunction with MetCom to provide another community service to the children and residents of Lexington Park," Sheriff Tim Cameron said. "The Lexington Park COPs Unit not only provides law enforcement to the area, but also works to strengthen ties between the Sheriff's Office and community members."



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Florida Institute of Technology Celebrates Graduates



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On Thursday, May 23, 2019 twenty-three degrees were awarded to students who graduated in Summer and Fall 2018, and Spring 2019. Seven graduates were in attendance. Seated l-r Bernadette Miles - Master of Business Administration (MBA), Susanti Beebe - Master of Science (M.S.) in Acquisition and Contract Management, Seth Shaw - M.S. in Flight Test Engineering. Standing l-r Ashley Bird - M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Matthew Hudson - M.S. in Acquisition and Contract Management and MBA, Samantha Leap - MBA, Kurt Zetzsche - M.S. in Logistics Management.

The academic profile of all graduates covered several programs of study: 8 graduated with the MBA, 4 with the M.S. in Project Management, 3 with the M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, 2 with the M.S. in Flight Test Engineering, 2 with the M.S. in Acquisition and Contract Management, 1 each with the M.S. in Logistics Management and Management with a concentration in Acquisition and Contract Management.

Also, two students completed the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Logistics Management, the first to earn undergraduate completion degrees in Southern Maryland. Both students had earned the Associate of Science (A.S.) in Business Administration at the College of Southern Maryland. Both Kary Pawlowski and Mike Carter, employed at NAVAIR Logistics and Industrial Operations were awarded their degrees summa cum laude.

Two graduates were recognized for receiving the Outstanding Student of the Year Awards: Susanti Bebe and Jeff Shaw. Award criteria were not based on scholastic achievement alone. Other important factors include involvement in volunteer activities, other special recognition, membership in civic organizations, etc. These awards recognize well-rounded, active students who are also scholars, rather than only scholars.

This was a community event. The National Anthem was presented by the Patuxent High School Chamber Choir, and the Invocation was given by Pastor John W. Briscoe, Restoration Free Gospel Church. Students selected Samantha Leap, MBA Fall 2018 to deliver the Student Address. Samantha earned her B.A. in Economics at the University of Maryland, and is a graduate of Patuxent High School. Of special note is that Patuxent High School and Florida Tech share Panthers as their school mascots.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Sanford E. Holman, M.S. Systems Management 1990 delivered the Address to Graduates. General Holman, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, earned his Florida Tech degree at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. He also earned the M.S. in National Security Strategy at National Defense University, National War College in Washington, DC. General Holmes has 46 years of professional experience in national defense as a combat experienced soldier and now a civilian management consultant. He is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Assistant Vice President of Finance for the Southern Maryland Chapter, Project Management Institute.

Dr. Brian Kish, Program Chair for Flight Test Engineering was the Florida Tech Honorary Speaker. Dr. Kish is a retired Air Force test pilot, earning his M.S. and Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He earned the B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Kish is a graduate and former instructor of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School, and Vice Chair of Education Department for Air Force Test Pilot School.

Other faculty in attendance include Dr. Edward Haberek, Jr. from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Dr. Brian Kish from Melbourne, Florida, Dr. Vernon Gordon, Dr. Johnnie Taylor, and Dr. Robert Schaller, all from Southern Maryland.

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Staff Writer

Working in the most populated area of St. Mary's County means the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad gets the most of any rescue calls compared to any other unit in the county by far; more than 7,000 each year.

And the number keeps growing.

"Ever since I've been here there's never been a time when the calls went down," said newly installed Rescue Chief David Klobnock, who is taking his second turn as head of the rescue squad. "I fully expect us to be in the 7,000s again this year."

Because the volunteers in Lexington Park are constantly on call, some may think that Company 38 and Company 39 are the only rescue squad that is not wanting for volunteers.

Klobnock says the exact opposite is true.

"We're still hurting for bodies," the chief said. "We all have day jobs; sick people and hurt people don't take holidays."

Many of the volunteers at the company, one station in Lexington Park on FDR Boulevard and the other on Buck Hewitt Road in Great Mills, love working as rescue volunteers, Klobnock said, and the company often benefits from high-quality help from military service men and women who want to help in their community.

But the best of people are still just people.

"There's burnout," Klobnock said.

Klobnock said the squad is happy to employ the military volunteers in the community but, sadly, they often stay for only a few years before they have to move to another duty station.

This leaves the squad looking for volunteers to augment the core of workers who are most often answering the calls for service.

Sean Davidson, who decided not to run for reelection as chief after 10 consecutive years in the post, said the calls for service Lexington Park volunteers answer fall into three basic categories.

"The first are those related to addiction," Davidson said. "Then there are those with no access to health-care other than through us and then there are the folks with the chronic issues."

Rescue workers often find themselves responding to opioid or heroin overdoses just as other companies around the county do.

"We can still tell if there's a new batch in town," Klobnock said. "The calls go up again."

Illicitly manufactured drugs that lack the purity of legally made substances such as fentanyl, but which

have the same powerful narcotic effects, are the most lethal of the opioids on the streets, county public health officials have said.

Fentanyl found at the street level is often tainted or mixed with other substances of which the user is not aware, and it often leads to a fatal overdose; fentanyl is many times more potent than heroin or other synthetic opioids.

These drugs are often found in the open in homes where first responders attempt to reverse overdoses and can pose a danger to them as well.

Davidson said the squad is investigating a novel concept, known as community para medicine, and how it might help those with limited to no access to health care.

Essentially it would have rescue volunteers in Lexington Park performing house calls on patients who have recently had an emergency call – these can be for a mundane headache or cold to people with dangerous conditions such as hypertension and diabetes and even kidney dialysis – to check on their welfare and ensure they are getting follow up treatment.

While this would appear to create even more work for an already strained crew of rescue volunteers, Davidson said the goal was to cut down on the number of calls for emergency service by preempting serious health relapses in patients.

"We've been researching funding sources to help pay for that," Davidson said.

As the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad continues to provide basic services to the community and, at the same time, find new ways to deliver care the organization is going through changes internally.

For a decade, Davidson, who teaches his trade at the University of Maryland at College Park, had served as chief and became the public face of the squad. But now he has taken on the role of county rescue chief, which has taken on new meaning as well.

"This was a good time to step away and focus on the needs of the county at a system level," Davidson, still an active member at the squad, said. "This is my 30th year in the department."

Only his father served as chief longer than he, Davidson said, for 11 years.

"My dad's been in the department for 44 years," Davidson said, who joined when he was 16. "I literally grew up doing this."

His mother and his grandmother, who has since passed away, also served in the department, he said.

As county rescue chief, Davidson is working to ensure that all of the independent rescue squads can



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work together to handle any crisis; the shooting at Great Mills High School in March of 2018 was a test of how well they could respond.

Davidson was there that day coordinating efforts for what turned out to be a rapid and massive response.

"We had 17 ambulances out there that day," Klobnock, a retired Marine who works at Patuxent River Naval Air Station as a parachute rigger, said.

Davidson said it was critical to maintain a plan for all the volunteer services to work together.

"The county rescue chief's job is to help departments find consensus on how we do business," Davidson said. "Volunteer companies who don't work as a system are the ones who fail."

Just as service in the company is a family affair for Davidson, many others serve with their family members.

"We have quite a few families who run here," Klobnock said. "When my daughter turned 16, we came in on her birthday to fill out an application."

Davidson said that aside from their company being the busiest in the county, they also hold that same distinction throughout the state for an all-volunteer group.

"We're the busiest all-volunteer rescue squad in the state," Davidson said. "Anyone who does more volume gets some paid support."

He said the Lexington Park squad gets 48.6 percent of all 911 calls in St. Mary's, whether its fire or rescue.

Both Davidson and Klobnock said they and the other volunteers love what they do despite the stress and strain.

"I enjoy doing this," said Klobnock. "When you save someone's life, that's the ultimate adrenaline rush."

Davidson said his work and that of the volunteers helped improve the community at the most basic level.

"The work I do... fundamentally improves the lives of everybody in the community," Davidson said.

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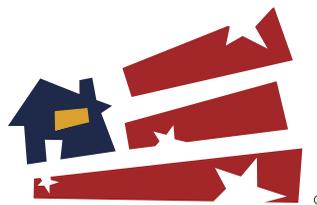
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Axtell Scores Potomac First in Flag to Flag Drive

Coveted RUSH Crate Win to Austin Bussler

Steven Axtell Jr. drove to his first Late Model feature win of the season in last Wednesday's 35-lap «Budds Creek Battle» at Potomac Speedway. The win for Axtell, worth \$2500, was the second of his Potomac career and it came steering his Emerald Homes sponsored, Rocket no.81.

Axtell shot from his outside front row starting spot to take the lead on the first lap and would eventually control all 35-circuits. Dale Hollidge, Jamie Lathroum and Daryl Hills all chased Axtell during the race at one point, but all fell victim to flat tires, with Jason Covert saving enough tire for a runner up finish. "It's great to get a win here tonight and I'd like to thank all the fans that came out tonight." Axtell stated post race. "I saw that tires were becoming an issue and with about seven to go ours were starting to give up, but I guess we had enough to get the win." Tyler Emory was solid in third with Dale Hollidge and Daryl Hills, who both rebounded from mid race pit stops, to complete the top-five. Heats went to Hollidge and Lathroum.

Austin Bussler became the 6th different winner of the season with his first career Potomac victory in the 25-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main. Defending track champion Chuck Bowie lead the first 22-laps of the event until Bussler took control on a lap 23 re-start to claim the \$1000 win aboard his Swartz Chassis no.2 "We've been getting better and better with this car and tonight was our night." A jubilant Bussler stated in victory lane. "I have to thank my mom and dad and everyone who helps us, this is a great feeling." Bowie held tough for second with Jamie Sutphin, Jeremy Pilkerton and Logan Roberson rounding out the top-five. Heats went to Roberson and Bussler.

In his first ever start at Potomac Speedway Hagerstown Md's Michael Warrenfeltz scored a big win in the 25-lap Street Stock feature. Warrenfeltz snared the lead from Dylan Rutherford on the 10th lap and would lead the distance taking his career first Potomac feature win and the hefty \$2000 winners prize."This is the first time I've ever seen this place." Warrenfeltz stated. "Our car worked really good here tonight and I'm glad we decided to come down tonight." Rutherford would hold on the second with Mike Grady Jr., Ed Pope Jr. and Tyler Gray trailing at the finish. Heats went to Pope and Warrenfeltz.

In other action, defending track champion Mikey Latham drove to his 2nd win of the season in the 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, John Hardesty claimed his 4th of the year in the 15-lap Strictly Stock main with Allen Griffith Jr. scoring his 2nd of 2019 in the nightcap 15-lap U-Car main.



Late Model feature finish

1. Steven Axtell Jr. 2. Jason Covert 3. Tyler Emory 4. Dale Hollidge 5. Daryl Hills 6. Jamie Lathroum 7. James Snead 8. Andy Anderson 9. Brent Bordeaux 10. Jonny Oliver 11. Brandon Long 12. Billy Tucker 13. Scott Wilson

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Austin Bussler 2. Chuck Bowie 3. Jamie Sutphin 4. Jeremy Pilkerton 5. Logan Roberson 6. Megan Mann 7. Darren Alvey 8. Ben Bowie 9. Jennae Piper 10. Jakob Piper 11. Jonathan Raley 12. Mike Raleigh 13. Kyle Lear 14. Timmy Booth 15. Ronnie Martin Jr.

Street Stock feature finish

1. Michael Warrenfeltz 2. Dylan Rutherford 3. Mike Grady Jr. 4. Ed Pope Jr. 5. Tyler Gray 6. Jeff Pilkerton 7. Ben Hamilton 8. Ricky Feltner 9. Deuce Wright 10. Jonathan Raley 11. Ben Pirner 12. Branson Woodward 13. Mike Latham 14. Craig Parrill 15. PJ Hatcher 16. Marty Hanbury 17. Kyle Nelson

Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Mikey Latham 2. Greg Morgan 3. Buddy Dunagan 4. Kyle Nelson 5. Collin Long 6. Stevie Gingery 7. Hilton Pickeral 8. Jacob Bule 9. Jason Wilkins 10. Billy Crouse 11. Seth Jones 12. Ray Bucci (DNS)

Strictly Stock feature finish

1. John Hardesty 2. Josh Martinson 3. Johnny Hardesty 4. Jeff Bloch 5. JJ Silvious 6. Danny Kitts 7. Daniel Knodle 8. Bryan Allen 9. Nabil Guffey 10. Greg Mattingly 11. Wesley Givens

U- Car feature finish

1. Allen Griffith Jr. 2. Cody Stamp 3. Justin Knight 4. Tim Steele 5. Joey Suite 6. Brad Saylor 7. Mackenzie Smith 8. Owen Lacey 9. Tyler Grinder 10. Ashley Stansell 11. Steph Homberg 12. Stephen Suite 13. Ryan Quade 14. Dominic King (DQ) 15. Derick Quade Jr. (DNS)

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway

A View From The BLEACHERS

Adapting to Summer Reboots

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

For parents, plans can change quickly. At any moment, a fall could require a trip to the dentist, a sick call could come from school or day-care or a LEGO piece could "mysteriously" lodge in your kid's nose.

I've lived them all. The latter is worth sharing.

We were about to leave Ocean City. I was hoofing it up to the condo to schlep more luggage to the car. As I crested the last flight of stairs, my normally calm wife greeted me with an exasperated, "You're not going to believe this."

Confronted with a parental fork in the road, I suddenly felt vulnerable, dizzy and cold. So cold. Her words came slowly. After several seconds of mental buffering, I faced reality - our son had jammed a tiny LEGO piece waaay into his nostril.

Long story short, after several hours at the emergency clinic, a magic, needle-nose plier looking device and a doctor's steady hand, the foreign object was extracted and we were on our way.

This will relate to sports in less than 500 words. Promise.

Like most sports, the NBA's narrative had, in descending order of importance, these four chapters: the playoffs, the regular season, the draft and the offseason. That ranking has changed. The regular season, with the contender-restricting concentration of talent, is excessively long and largely irrelevant. The draft, in this one-and-done era, is hopelessly speculative. And the once-almighty postseason - again, too few legitimate contenders - is anticlimactic until the conference finals.

That leaves what now dominates the NBA's storyline - the offseason and, more specifically, free agency. Speculating about player movement and the next super-team now rules, not actual basketball. My supporting evidence of brazen team-hopping was to include LeBron James' Miami/Cleveland/Los Angeles tour and Kevin Durant's Oklahoma City/Golden State/Brooklyn odyssey. But then the ultimate, drop-the-mic data point happened mid-article - Kawhi Leonard not only left Toronto for the Los Angeles Clippers, but he compelled the Clippers and Oklahoma City to work a trade to score him an All-Star running mate in Paul George.

One dude - who's on his third team in three years - held three teams and the NBA's balance of power in his hands.

I'm torn. I fondly remember an age when, either through loyalty or structure, the NBA's best remained in place for the majority, if not all, of their careers (Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan, etc.). The order was comfortable and consistent. Players earned championships in their cities often after years of adversity and conquering vicious rivals. Storybook stuff.

That is all gone. For players and teams, the new NBA is about glitzy locations, a foundation of compelling talent and financial flexibility. Those ingredients cater to NBA's real rulers - star players - and yield brief championship windows; then midnight strikes, the players scatter and teams regroup and hope to repeat (Cleveland, Miami, Golden State).

Today's NBA is...just different. Some of the change is good - more excitement (basketball articles in July!) and greater player freedom. But the league's summer reboots have cheapened championships. James's Miami rings and Durant's Golden State rings just aren't equivalent to those Isaiah Thomas and Jordan won with the Pistons and Bulls, respectively. There was no process for James or Durant, no grind, no mountain climbed. They were airlifted to the NBA's summit.

That is unfortunate, but fault is unassignable. Today's stars are playing by today's rules - on and off the court. It's similar to the increase in jobs a young worker today will have over the course of their careers. The days of working 40 uninterrupted years for Company, Inc. are over. That was another generation's version of the workplace just as the NBA of my youth is another generation's version of professional basketball.

If there's any hero or villain, it's time. Time passes and the world changes. Or, as Pearl Jam once more directly wailed, "It's evolution, baby". If Darwin was a fellow basketball fan, he would scold my resistance and encourage adaptation. Ah yes, adaptation - a good skill for aging basketball fans, a better skill for life and the perfect skill for parents confronted with a rogue LEGO.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'The wickedness of man'**To the Editor:**

What more should be said concerning St. Mary's County's open arms welcoming of the licentious left with their highly publicized Drag Queen, cross dressing and self-aggrandizing sexual shenanigans. Yet, the recently schemed Lexington Park Library caper will not be the last we'll hear from secular humanists, haters and sad sack pretenders. Surely, more madness is in store as our country has willfully detached herself from our historical moorings, preferring rather to drift aimlessly upon the wide-open sea of inclusiveness and rainbow proud exploits.

Whereas the rainbow once stood for one of God's promises to mankind, its now been hijacked by special interests. Society now favors being driven ever so wildly to and fro via the vicious winds of dominant voices on the left with their radical covert Satanic agenda(s).

Reportedly, the pretend charade netted the arrest of one local man for disrupting the base natured lunacy while allegedly frightening children. Can such charges be for real? It's beyond me, why, one minute into this sickening deception did not alert parents run for the exits, kids in tow, to avoid permanent scars on their psyche. How is it that adults with full presence of mind would willfully drag little ones to see such folly, to witness up close and personal man's depravity, man's evil imaginations for the sake of amusement and inclusiveness. While one day, what was indelibly marked into their developing brains may well serve to draw them to the likes of these haughty pretenders.

Truth be told, the kids were alarmingly piqued, not by the sole, perhaps aggressive dissenter, however, but, rather, as they spied some weird animation. There were very strange looking clowns there dressed as women. Yet, having male voices with other characteristics deeming them awfully hard looking make-believe mama types. They're nothing but downright ugly, pretend women, to be precise.

Time was when the parents would cover their kids' faces or hold their tiny ears when passing by such twisted displays. That was then, this is now, anything goes. What was once up is now down and was once no, has become yes. We're pleased to call evil good and good evil...

We are witnessing firsthand the utter downfall of this once God fearing, Christ honoring nation as she basks herself in the putridness of folly and abominable behavior for the sake of inclusiveness and laud of sexual fantasies. Who knew things would one day degenerate to the point where the

public square must now accommodate displays of inordinate affections and cleverly devised displays of vulgar suggestions. All done so via the flagrant intent of infecting and swaying America's highly impressionable youth while forcing aberrant attractions down the throats of those of us who will in no wise subscribe.

How many of those same inquisitive parents will rise Sunday morning and take their kids to Sunday School and church services. Take them someplace where they might learn that which is designed for their very own, personal, best interests both in the here and now and eternally via the edicts of their creator. Sadly, we can no longer even count on "churches" in general to preach and teach God's Word, as many onetime Holy Bible based entities have clearly lost their way. Far too many have given themselves over to worldliness, pomp and frivolity with their go along to get along philosophy.

Meanwhile, God Almighty has standards which will never be altered regardless of modern man's fetishism and the cleverly deceptive and alluring devices of our very real and personal adversary, the Devil.

The Supreme Court just had to rule on whether to allow the Peace Cross at Bladensburg, MD to stand as erected ages ago because haters are offended at its sight. Yet, Christians and believing Jews are expected to just grin and bear wickedness abounding all around us daily. Now that we have a president beholden to no man and one supportive of our Judeo/Christian heritage we can even say Merry Christmas again. Thus, will the church of the true and living God Almighty, of the Holy Bible, try taking a stand, daring to be a Daniel while crying aloud and sparing not. Time is running out and the next election may be a disaster for our First Amendment Rights.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" Genesis 6:5. Meanwhile, please know Jesus saves from the guttermost to the uttermost, no exceptions, no turn-aways, ever.

No one needs to remain lost, ensnared by the wiles of the Devil and his craft, nor that of empty "religion"....

You fellas, you drag queens, next time you stand before your mirrors applying makeup, be sure the lights are turned on and notice just how hideous an example of a make-believe woman you really make. And thank you dear Lord for real life babes...

*Chester M. Seaborn, Jr
Mechanicsville, MD*

THE RULE OF 72

Financial planning involves strategy. Basically, you need to plan how to get to where you want to go and how long it will take you to get there. If this involves retirement, planning should encompass both your current and your anticipated lifestyle. If this involves financing a child's college education, planning involves setting aside sufficient funds in savings to pay tuition, books and living expenses when your child needs the money.

But, how do you calculate how long it will take to get to your goals? The easiest way is to use the "Rule of 72". The Rule of 72 is a handy rule used in finance to estimate quickly the number of years it takes to double a sum of capital given an annual interest rate, or to estimate the annual interest rate it takes to double a sum of money over a given number of years.

Simply, dividing 72 by the rate of return on your investments equals the approximate number of years it will take for your money to double. Or, dividing 72 by the number of years you have until you need to use the money you have set aside equals the rate of return you need to have on your investments.

For example, David and Susan have saved \$10,000 towards their six year old child's college education. They want to know how long it will take them to double that amount. Their daughter is 6 years old. Assume she will need the money to go to college when she is 18. That's 12 years of saving. 72 divided by 12 equals a 6% rate of return on their investments. In other words, David and Susan need to obtain a six percent rate of return on their investments for 12 years to double their savings to \$20,000. That means no spending from the



college account and reinvestment of all dividends and interest for the period of 12 years.

The Rule of 72 can also be used to calculate the effect of inflation. If college tuition increases at 5% per year, tuition costs will double in 72 divided by 5 or about 14.4 years. Think about it. That means David and Susan need to save much more money for college than they might at first have anticipated.

The Rule of 72 is a simple math shortcut to estimate the effect of any growth rate. The formula is "years to double equals 72 divided by interest rate." The results you achieve, a doubling of growth shows you the tremendous effect of compounding interest.

What is compound interest? For example, start with \$1 at 10% interest. At the end of one year you have \$1.10 and at the end of year 2 you have \$1.21. The dime earned in the first year starts earning money on its own (a penny). Next year add another dime that starts making pennies, along with the small amount the first penny contributes. Ben Franklin, said by some to be the inventor of the Rule of 72, apparently said: "The money that money earns, earns money."

Compound interest is deceptively small, cumulative growth that is very powerful. No wonder that Einstein is reputed to have called it one of the most powerful forces in the universe.

Don't let the rule of 72 work against you, as

it does when you take on high interest debt. At an average interest rate of 18%, the credit card debt doubles in just 4 years (18 X 4 equals 72), quadruples in only 8 years, and keeps escalating with time. The first rule of your financial plan should be to pay off all high interest credit card debt and avoid it like the plague.

Using the Rule of 72 will help you figure out what you need and for how long. Compound interest will be the way you get there. These simple concepts provide the basics of financial planning. Let the Rule of 72 work for you by starting saving now. At a growth rate of 8% per annum, you would double your money in 9 years (8 X 9 equals 72), quadruple your money in 18 years and have 16 times your money in 36 years. No wonder financial planners advise 20-year olds to start a savings plan. Over time, with compound interest, even a small amount of savings consistently set aside when you are in your twenties could make you a millionaire by the time you are retired. But, even if you are older, compound interest works for you and you are never too young or too old to save.

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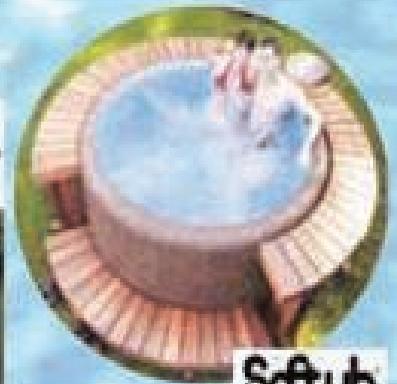
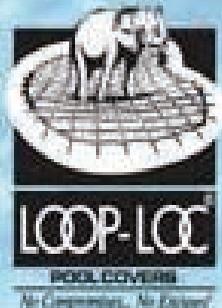
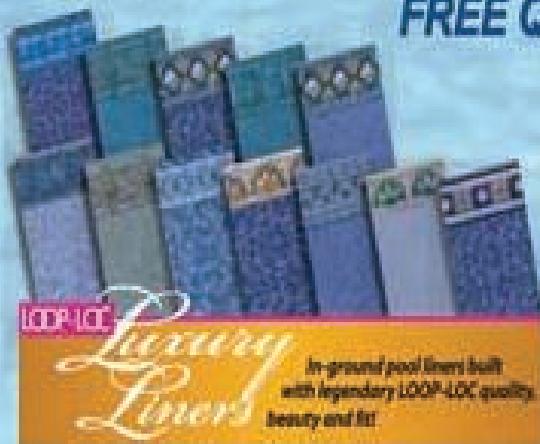


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In Remembrance

Beth Swift



Beth Swift married John Mitchell on February 21, 1970. They spent 49 years together facing many up's and down's always side by side. Beth made sure that John knew he was her "per-

son". The love they shared was evident in everything they did. John made sure that Beth was always taken care of right down to making sure she had her cup of coffee before she faced the world. They supported each other in everything they did. The love they shared shows in the children they raised.

Beth was a woman that loved her family and made sure that they knew how much they meant to her. She made sure that she put a lot of love into all the ground turkey dinners that she fixed for her family and everyone happily ate each one of them knowing that Beth was trying to make sure they ate healthy as long as they were at home.

Beth was always very proud of her son, John and her daughter, Michelle, but she was proudest of her 2 granddaughters. She was so excited to become "Nannie" to Brittany Mitchell in 1998. In 2009, she was overjoyed

when Sarah Forinash made her a "Nana". Beth enjoyed spending time with both girls crafting, shopping, Girl Scouts and just being together with them. She made sure that both knew "what happens at Nannie/Nana's house stays at Nannie/Nana's house".

One of Beth's biggest challenge's came in 2011 when she underwent a Bilateral Lung Transplant at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. This decision was one that showed just how gutsy she was. With the help of her husband and her family cheering her on she was released from the hospital in record time and started to live her second chance to the fullest.

Beth's strength and courage were an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She touched the hearts of everyone she met. Paying it forward and random acts of kindness were second nature to her. She always had a kind word and a smile for anyone that needed it.

In 2018, through ancestry.com, Beth was so happy to find that she and her sister Tamme had a half-brother in Vermont. Beth and Dennis became very close in the short time they spent together. She cherished their visit and many phone calls.

Most people thought that Beth was a pretty serious person and at times she was, but those that were closest to her saw her silly side often. She loved to laugh and with a family as humorous as hers, she laughed often.

She instilled good qualities in her children

and loved the strong beautiful adults they grew to become. She made sure that they always knew "no one loves you like your mother" and "don't do anything stupid."

Beth loved the beach. She loved to walk the shoreline in search of treasure. Her soul ways always at the beach listening to the waves break.

Beth's strength, charm, and courage will always be in our heads and in our hearts. We will miss you and even though it will be hard without you, we know you that you will be looking down at us and will give us some kind of sign when you don't like something we are doing.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be private.

Donations can be made in Beth's name to the following: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org)

John's Hopkins Medicine (www.hopkins-medicine.org/transplant/lung).

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

Sylvester Jackson Estridge, Jr.



Sylvester Jackson "Jack" Estridge, Jr., 95, of Solomons, MD and formerly of Chaptico, MD, passed away on July 5, 2019 at Asbury Solomons Health Care Center.

Born February 27, 1924 in Charlotte, NC he was the son of the late Sylvester Jackson Estridge, Sr. and Florence (Parks) Estridge.

Jack graduated from Forest Park High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 and served over thirty years, retiring in 1972. He served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Jack was part of the VPB-52 Bear Cat Squadron and Attack Squadron 153, and served aboard the Kitty Hawk (CV-65) and the Coral Sea (CVA-43). During his service Jack received the following honors: American Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation w/ star, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Nation Defense Service Medal (2), Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (9), American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal w/Stars WWII Victory Medal, UN Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Air Medal. Jack was a member of the Solomons Yacht Club and enjoyed boating, fishing and hunting.

Jack is survived by his nephews, James Legg (Bonnie) and their three children, Jamie Legg (Livia) and their four children, Michael Legg (Kim) and their two children and niece, Tiffany Legg Hicks (Jordan) and their child. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Legg.

Family will receive friends on Thursday,

July 25, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Celebration of Life Service conducted by Rev. Charles Harrell following at 11:00 a.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.

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

Leroy Earl Byron, Jr.



Leroy (Lee) Earl Byron, Jr., entered into eternal life on 4 July 2019 in Leonardtown, Maryland. He was born 19 March 1938 in Piscataquis County, Maine to Leroy Earl Byron, Sr. and

Gertrude Isabelle Byron. He graduated in 1956 from Littleton High School in Littleton, New Hampshire. Following graduation, he joined the United States Navy where he served over 20 years. He served in the Vietnam War and was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He retired in 1976, achieving the rank of Master Chief. He began work for Tracor Applied Sciences, Inc. and soon after became a federal employee of Webster Field (Saint Inigoes) for over 27 years, retiring in September 2005.

Lee married Mary Lou De Barr in September 1980 at Saint Ignatius Church, Saint Inigoes, Maryland. They were happily married for nearly 39 years. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park, Maryland. His greatest joy was his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed observing wildlife from the comfort of his porch.

Lee is survived by his wife Mary Byron of California, Maryland; his children Tammi Byron of California, Maryland; Glenn (Mary Jo) Byron of Castle Pines, Colorado; Leigh (Joseph) McDonnell of Middleburg, Florida; Melvin De Barr of Great Mills, Maryland; Stephen (Suzanne) De Barr of Valley Lee, Maryland; his sisters Geneva Inman of Bangor, Maine and Elizabeth Hall of Boston, Massachusetts; his brother David (Diana) Byron of Littleton, New Hampshire; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Eleanor McKenzie.

There will be mass of Christian burial to be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church located at 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, Maryland at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 11 July 2019. Interment with Military Honors will follow at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens located at 22020 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, Maryland.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, Maryland 20653.

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James Howard Ogden, Jr.



James Howard Ogden, Jr., 95, of Huntingtown, MD, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2019 at Burnett Calvert Hospice House. He was born in Prince Frederick, MD on November 20, 1923

to Mary and James H. Ogden, Sr., the oldest of four children. After graduating from Calvert High School in 1942, Howard attended St. John's College in Annapolis, MD; his studies there were interrupted by his father's death and the entrance of the United States into World War II. Drafted into the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943, he was transferred to the infantry in late 1944 and saw combat in Germany the last sixty days of the war as a rifleman in Company L, 346th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division.

At the conclusion of his military service, Howard returned to college under the GI Bill, graduating from Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD in 1949. He then began a lifelong career in education. Howard worked as a teacher in Prince George's County, MD and continued his career with the St. Mary's County, MD Public Schools, ultimately serving as Assistant Superintendent and earning a master's degree from the University of Maryland.

After retiring in 1983, Howard enjoyed gardening, especially growing roses and strawberries, reading, and researching the experiences of his Company L comrades, particularly to honor those who did not return. He became a member of the 87th Infantry Division Association and attended may reunions. Howard was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, MD and taught Sunday School for many years.

Howard was preceded in death by his siblings, Kenneth, Owen and Edith; his first wife Betty Jane Lewis; and dear sisters and brothers-in-law. He is survived by wife Mary Virginia; son James H. Ogden III, daughter-in-law Lora, and grandson James of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA; daughter Elizabeth L. Ogden of Shady Side, MD; and stepson Wylie Burgess and family of Laurel, MD. He is also survived by sister-in-law Gladys Ogden of Prince Frederick, MD; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

On Thursday, July 11, 2019 a Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, MD followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. A service of committal will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Joy Chapel Cemetery in Hollywood, MD.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church.

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Sister Alice Teresa Wood, SCN



Sister Alice Teresa Wood, SCN, 102, was born on October 11, 1916 in Hollywood, MD in the area known as Boogie Boo Bottom. She was the daughter of William Albert and Mary Alice

(Thompson) Wood and was baptized Lillian Estelle Wood. She was the second youngest of nine children all of which have preceded her in death; Mary "Louise", Joseph "Archie", Amanda "Mandy" Elizabeth, James Irving "Boonie", Agnes Virginia "Aggie", William "Bill" Albert, Alice "Marie", and George "Chip" Eugene. She died on June 14, 2019 at Nazareth, KY. She was a professed Sister of Charity of Nazareth (SCN) for 83 years.

Early in her ministry, Sister Alice Teresa served as a teacher at St. Mary in Martins Ferry, OH and at St. Mary in Paris, KY. For a brief period, she was in charge of the laundry at Presentation Academy (1937-1938). She went on to spend the rest of her ministry serving as a supervisor of the kitchen and cafeteria at several locations, including St. Helena Convent in Louisville, KY; Lexington Catholic High School, Nazareth, KY; and Marymount Hospital in London, KY. From 1979-2000 she served in dietary at St. Mary's Academy and Convent in Leonardtown, MD.

Upon her return to Nazareth in 2002, she created a variety of handmade crafts, including crocheted hats and baby blankets. She donated the money raised from her creations to the Office of Mission Advancement. Members of her family from Maryland, Alabama and Georgia made frequent trips to Nazareth to celebrate her birthday and Jubilee Anniversary's and to spend time playing "pitch" and "31", her favorite card games.

Sister Alice Teresa is survived by her extended family and by her religious community.

A wake was held at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Nazareth, KY at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17 followed by a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. officiated by Father Gary with the burial in the Nazareth Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church on Saturday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt officiating. St. John's is where she and her siblings attended church and school as children and where her journey with Christ began.

Memorials contributions may be made to the SCN Office of Mission Advancement, P.O. Box 9, Nazareth, KY, 40048 and/or St. John's Catholic Church, 43927 St' John's Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636.

Lois Christine Murphy

Lois Christine Murphy was born March 14, 1944 in La Plata, Maryland. For the first part of her life, she lived at Mt. Victoria, Maryland with her parents John and Nettie Farrell Murphy, and her eight brothers and sisters. In 1963, she married Donald Lee



moved to a retirement community in Solomon's Maryland.

Lois was predeceased by her mother and father, her beloved husband Donald and her sisters, Jean Marie Harrison, wife of Arthur Harrison and Preston Maddox; Helen Cooksey, wife of Wilson Cooksey; Madoline Anderson, wife of Charles Anderson, and Catherine Anna Lindsey. Lois is survived by her son Donald Lee Cooksey, Jr.; her daughter-in-law, Caroline Kuan Cooksey and her grandchildren Sam and Sophie Cooksey; and her daughter Christine Cooksey Lumpkins; her son-in-law James Lumpkins and her grandchildren Steven and Maddie Lumpkins. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Carl Logan; her sister and brother-in-law Marge and Bob Marshall; her brother and sister-in-law John and Betty Murphy, and her brother and sister-in-law Edward and Diane Murphy. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, many of whom live in southern Maryland.

Lois devoted her early years of her children's life to their care. She spent her career years with the Naval Air Station (NAS), Naval Air Test Center (NATC), Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC), and Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), all located at Patuxent River, Maryland. She held various administrative positions until 1984 when she became a contract specialist. She rapidly moved up in the ranks in the contracting field, achieving the rank of Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) for NAVAIR. She was the PCO for most of the activities aboard Patuxent River in the various stages of her career until she ended her career with the Navy in 2003. During her employment at Patuxent River, she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and her Master's Degree in Contract and Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. After obtaining her Master's Degree in 1992, she became an adjunct professor and instructed courses in contract and acquisition management for Florida Tech. Over the years, Lois often volunteered her time to help others. In the early 1970s, she led the first La Leche League group in St. Mary's County. This group helped nursing mothers learn how to best feed and care for their infants. Later, she and her husband taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Courses for children, and served as members and officers of the St. Vincent DePaul So-

ciety at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. In 2003 and 2004, she participated as a member of the St. Mary's County Procurement Review Committee and greatly contributed to the rewriting of county's procurement policies and procedures. Lois and her husband always enjoyed travel; they traveled to places such as England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Hungary, Austria, France, Holland, Mexico, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Spain, Costa Rica, Panama, Aruba, Curacao, Bahamas, Germany, Greece, Chili, Falkland Islands and Argentina. In their retirement years, they continued to travel as well as took up new hobbies. Lois found new freedom and joy in the time available to be with family and friends, often entertaining them in her home. She also indulged her love of gardening, crabbing, kayaking, and photography, and she developed extensive genealogies of both the Murphy and Cooksey families. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and considered herself extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to get to know these exceptional children.

A Memorial Service will take place at First Saint's Community Church St. George Island Campus 16540 Piney Point Road, Piney Point Maryland on Saturday July 13th at 11:00 AM.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. National Headquarters, ATTN: Financial Operations, 733 Third Avenue, Ste. 510, New York, NY 10017

Michael "Mike" Troy Perigo



Michael "Mike" Troy Perigo, 44, of Great Mills, MD passed away on July 1, 2019 in Great Mills, MD. He was born in Wheat Ridge, Colorado on December 10, 1974 and was the lov-

ing son of Mary Jane Perigo and Kenneth Thomas Perigo of Leonardtown, MD. Mike is survived by his children Jeffrey Perigo of Leonardtown, MD, Jeanette Yackanicz of Slippery Rock, PA and 1 grandchild. Along with his sister Shelli Kyle of Eden, NC.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. Mike was a master plumber for Pro Plumbing Company. He enjoyed playing drums.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 18, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will follow in the Funeral Home Chapel at 7:00 PM with Father John Nguyen officiating. Interment will be private.





PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Program for Air Anti-Sub Warfare Systems Welcomes New Commanding Officer

The Air Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems Program (PMA-264) welcomed its newest commanding officer during a ceremony on the Second of July in Patuxent River, Md.

Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Masiello, Program Executive Officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault & Special Mission Programs, served as guest speaker commending retiring Capt. Douglas Belvin for his leadership, and welcoming Capt. Daniel Papp to the team.

“The Air ASW Systems Program provides increasingly relevant capabilities, and is an essential part of the fleet mission,” said Masiello. “Capt. Belvin has done a tremendous job guiding the program. I am confident Capt. Papp will hit the ground running.”

Belvin reported as program manager for PMA-264 in August 2016 and retired during the dual ceremony after nearly 26 years serving the Navy. In his remarks, he encouraged the members of the program team to remember the important role they play in national defense and own the future of the program.

“We have industry contributors, research partners, and peers in the surface and submarine Navies,” said Belvin. “But when it comes to producing, de-

veloping, and delivering the Air ASW hardware and software the fleet is using today and will need tomorrow, you’re the ones with the detailed knowledge and expertise to deliver those capabilities.”

Papp, a Chicago native, graduated with honors from Northern Illinois University. Following two years of enlisted Naval service, he received his commission through the Officer Candidate School and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in February 1998. Operationally, he served as the executive officer then commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 16, where his “War Eagles” successfully completed the first P-8A Poseidon deployment and received the 2014 Captain Arnold Jay Isbell Trophy for ASW Excellence.

“It is an honor to join this team of dedicated and knowledgeable professionals. The products you deliver to our warfighters provide a decisive edge in countering the emerging submarine threat,” said Papp. “Thank you for making the difficult look easy.”

Papp most recently served as a team lead for the Persistent Maritime Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program (PMA-262), where he led the MQ-4C Triton team through Milestone C, Low-Rate Initial Production, first fleet air-



Capt. Daniel Papp reads his orders as he assumes command of the Air Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems Program (PMA-264) from Capt. Douglas Belvin

craft delivery, Triton Multi-Intelligence Critical Design Review and preparations for the program’s early operational capability.

PMA-264 plays a critical role in developing, acquiring and sustaining air-

borne anti-submarine warfare systems and sensors for the fleet, the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft program, and the Multi-Mission Maritime Helicopters program

MQ-8C Fire Scout Achieves Initial Operational Capability

The Navy declared initial operational capability of the MQ-8C Fire Scout unmanned helicopter June 28 clearing the way for fleet operations and training.

The MQ-8 Fire Scout is a sea-based, vertical lift unmanned system that is designed to provide reconnaissance, situational awareness, and precision targeting support for ground, air and sea forces.

“This milestone is a culmination of several years of hard work and dedication from our joint government and industry team,” said Capt. Eric Soderberg, Fire Scout program manager. “We are excited to get this enhanced capability out to the fleet.”

The MQ-8C variant is an endurance and payload upgrade to its predecessor, the MQ-8B, offering up to twelve hours on station depending on payload, and incorporates the commercial Bell 407 airframe.

The Northrop Grumman-built Fire Scout complements the manned MH-60 helicopter by extending the range and endurance of ship-based operations. It



The MQ-8C Fire Scout unmanned helicopter conducts flight test at Naval Air Patuxent River Webster Field Annex in Saint Inigoes, Maryland. (U.S. Navy photo)

provides unique situational awareness and precision target support for the Navy.

The MQ-8C has flown over 1,500 hours with more than 700 sorties to date. Over the next few years, Northrop Grumman will continue MQ-8C production deliveries to the Navy to complete a total of 38 aircraft.

The MQ-8C will be equipped with an upgraded radar that allows for a larger field of view and a range of digital modes including weather detection, air-to-air targeting and a ground moving target indicator (GMTI). It will deploy with LCS in fiscal year 2021 while the MQ-8B conducts operations aboard LCS in 5th and 7th Fleets.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Misguided’ Drag Queen Criticism

To the Editor:

There have been a few letters critical of the public Library hosting the “Drag Queen” event and I see this as misguided. Those Drag Queen events have been held all across the USA with local communities protesting and some few times the events have been moved from their library into a local liberal church because some churches care more about catering to the homosexual agenda rather than caring about the children being sexually exploited.

It might really be better to have such an event at the library where we can protest the event instead of having the child abuse going on in some secret location in the basement of an immoral church group. Their agenda is an attack against American society backed up by fake news and fake TV and by gutless politicians, so the local libraries are just caught in the

middle and so even if we win against the events at our library then we still lose the war.

My idea is that there needs to be a counter event which teaches the public how to defend ourselves against the lies, and how to effectively respond with the truth, and to figure out new ways to confront the immoralities as they get more aggressive in their attacks. Then we must wonder if the library will allow an event that declares homosex and “Drag Queens” as harmful to society as it is to the individuals, and especially harmful to vulnerable minor children? Will the same library allow a counter event? or does the library pick sides? Does it only allow one side to use the rooms at the library?

*James P. Cusick, Sr.
Hollywood, MD*

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Walk Maryland

Wednesday, Oct. 2, has been declared by Governor Larry Hogan as Walk Maryland Day! In preparation for the 5K Walk that the Department of Aging & Human Services has planned that day, start tracking your time spent walking. You'll have an opportunity to win a great prize, raffled off monthly. Pick up a log sheet at any of the County's senior activity centers, keep track of your time walking, and turn in your log by the 5th of the following month to be entered into the monthly drawing. Raffle prizes will be drawn for those who participate in July, Aug., & Sept. Then, join us on the Three Notch Trail starting at Baggett Park in Laurel Grove for the finale, the 5K Walk, on Oct. 2. For more information, contact Alice at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063. Log sheets are also available on the Department of Aging & Human Services website – www.stmarysmd.com/aging.

Midsummer Celebration- Bring the Grandkids

Tickets are still available for the Midsummer Celebration that will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 17, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. This party is for you and your grandchildren to celebrate together. It features a sundae bar from Sweet Frog, Karaoke by Scarlet Plus Entertainment, as well as opportunities to be creative. Cost is \$5 for adults and free for children ages 12 and under (maximum 5 free children tickets per paying adult). This party is limited to 100 people and tickets are required for every attendee. Stop by the Loffler Senior

Activity Center to get your tickets before they are all gone. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

50's Sock Hop

Flash back with us to the 1950s for a Sock Hop party at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Friday, July 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jive with DJ Mean Gene in your favorite saddle shoes, poodle skirt, and leather jacket. Ticket will include a lunch of cheeseburger on a bun with lettuce, onions, and tomato, baked beans, coleslaw, watermelon, and a chocolate cake dessert. There will also be a soda shop counter with ice cream sodas and Shirley Temples along with door prizes, money raffles, and more. The suggested ticket donation is \$8 and is due at sign-up. Purchase your ticket before noon on Wednesday, July 17, at the Northern Senior Activity Center front desk while supplies last. For ticket availability, call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Style 101

Do you often wonder how to put together those clothes in your closet? When you go shopping do you have a hard time selecting colors or styles? Or maybe you are trying to minimize your clothing selection? If any of these sound like you, join us for a fun morning at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. Kathy Creswell, Program Specialist, will demonstrate different styles and have suggestions on ways to save money on your clothing budget. There will be tasty treats and hot coffee! Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, to learn more or to make reservations

Wild Men! The Dawn of Rock'n'Roll: Performance Art with Story, Art and Song by Phil McKenney

Join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 24, at 12:30 p.m. for this special performance with Phil McKenney (Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.; performance begins at 1:30 p.m.). During this 1-hour show, Mr. McKenney will present his pen and ink portraits of the 20 or so performers who created a musical shockwave in the mid 50's. The pictures are brought to life as he tells the story of the rapid rise and fall of these fascinating musicians and sings many of their well-known hits in this unique and entertaining show. Prior to the show, a meal of Apple Juice, Pork Roast, Gravy, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, WW Dinner Roll, Pineapple and Ice Cream will be served. Advance reservations are required; space is limited. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Expressions by Terry

Terry Tabor will be teaching the art of silk scarf painting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 24, at 3 p.m. The art experience starts as Terry guides the group with a few techniques used to dye two scarves which will be provided in two different sizes as well as types of silk. The cost for the class is \$35 per person. Space is limited so make sure to sign up quickly! Payment for the class is required at the time of sign up. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, to learn more.

Loffler Senior Activity Center Luau Tickets Still Available

The Loffler Luau, one of our most memorable summer traditions, is coming up on July 25. Tickets are available now for \$10. Dance to the music of favorite DJ Mean Gene; enjoy a feast fit for a tropical island party and wear your favorite tropical garb (we'll supply the lei). Most important of all- bring your best party mood! A limited number of tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Stop by the reception desk during regular hours to get your ticket. Questions? Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Movements for Memory, Mood, & Immunities

Fitness instructor Judi Lyons will teach a class that focuses on specific types of movement that have been shown to sharpen cognitive function, stabilize and lighten mood, and improve immune response. These simple movements can be done by anyone, anywhere with no yoga background needed. The workshop also addresses focus and concentration, stress, anxiety and sadness, as well as immune system integrity. A booklet will be provided to participants to guide them on how to continue to use these movements. Class will be held at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, July 30, from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$20 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up and pay for this class in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

HIP-HOP CELLO SUMMER PERFORMANCE

The St. Mary's County Library will host Hip-Hop Cello with Chrystylez and Wytold on Friday, July 19 for two performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Hip Hop Cello will perform from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Margaret Brent Middle School, and then Lexington Park Library from 2 – 3 p.m. Hip-Hop Cello with Chrystylez & Wytold. This incredible, original show combines beat-boxing, hip-hop, and classical music with friendship and poetry. All ages welcome; especially recommended for music lovers age 5 and up. No registration.

NAMASTE AND PLAY

Leonardtown Library will hold Namaste and Play on Monday, July 15 from 9:30 – 10 a.m. The first step of taking care of your baby is taking care of yourself. Join us for a special baby storytime where the basics of mindfulness will be demonstrated to the babies as well as the grown-ups. Fun toys and calming activi-

ties will be provided as well. It's never too early to start modeling mindfulness to your young one. Designed for ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Registration required. This is a Choose Civility: Southern Maryland event.

BABA JAMAL:

THE STORYMAN SUMMER PERFORMANCE

The St. Mary's County Library will host Baba Jamal: The Storyman on Wednesday, July 24 for two performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Baba Jamal will perform from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Margaret Brent Middle School, and then at Leonardtown Elementary School from 2 – 3 p.m. Master storyteller Baba Jamal Koram brings myths and folktales alive with the history, humor, music and lore of African and African-American cultures. All ages; no registration.

HOW TO PREVENT AND PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

Lexington Park Library will hold How to Prevent and Protect Yourself from Identity Theft on Tuesday, July 23 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Headlines saying your favorite store/website has been hacked and experienced a security breach appear more and more frequently these days. Knowing how to protect yourself and your family from ID theft is crucial information.

By the end of this workshop, participants should be able to guard against identity theft, scams, and frauds. They will learn what ID theft is, how it happens, ways to reduce the risk of ID theft, recognize scams, and steps to take if they are a victim of ID theft. This presentation will help you see there are a number of helpful resources available that can protect yourself and your family from identity theft. Registration required.

SLIME LAB!

Lexington Park Library will hold two sessions of Slime Lab on Thursday, July 25 from 5 – 6 p.m. for teens ages 13 – 18, and 6 – 7 p.m. for tweens ages 8 – 12. Who doesn't like slime? We have all the supplies for you to make your own to take home. Walk ins welcome so please drop in!

TOUR THE PLANETS WITH A NASA SOLAR SYSTEM AMBASSADOR

Lexington Park Library will hold two sessions of Tour the Planets with a NASA Solar System Ambassador on Friday, July 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 3 – 4:30 p.m. Learn all about the planets, their various sizes, and how far apart they really are! Join local NASA Solar System Ambassador Chuck Quintero on a journey through our solar system! Designed for ages 7-12. Registration Required.

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.

ONGOING

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"

Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD 2063

8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. Sundays

A happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide political side-stepping. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and military. All tickets can be purchased online at www.newtowneplayers.org or call 301-737-5447.

Carnival

24801 Three Notch Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

Friday-Sunday, July 11-15

7:00 p.m.

The Hollywood Fire Department's annual carnival will be open for food, rides, and games! Unlimited rides \$10 a night or purchased separately. Free nightly prizes but must be present to win. The carnival is owned and operated by HVFD. There will be an ATM on site. www.hwfd7.com

Summer Circus School (Kid's Camp)

20865 Callaway Village Way #2, Callaway, MD 20620

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our Summer Circus School is for kids' ages 6-14, held every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from July 1st to August 1st. Attendees will receive quality training on apparatuses (fabrics and lyra), along with dance. This will be a full body workout so please pack a refillable water bottle and a good healthy snack! 1,5, and 15-day passes are available so there is something for every schedule! Go to www.verticaldancemd.com/classes/ to select dates and packages. For more information, visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/2198477700463894.

UPCOMING

Agriculture Seafood & Forestry Board Meeting

With the original meeting cancelled on July 11, the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Thursday, August 8, at noon. It will be at the Agriculture Service Center Conference Room, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650. For more information, contact Donna Sasscer at 240-309-4022 or Donna.Sasscer@stmarysmd.com.

Friday, July 12

Colonial Kids Summer Camp

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Colonial Kids is a half-day camp designed for the first-time camper who is looking for summer fun. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities such as colonial games, storytelling, and age appropriate hands-on activities. Designed for rising kindergarteners through second graders. Camps take place in rain or shine. \$70 per child (\$60 friends members). Payment is required in full at the time of registration. For more information, contact 240-895-4990 or info@HSMCdighistory.org.

Vacation Bible School

First Missionary Baptist Church, 46370 Pegg Ln, Lexington Park, MD 20653

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This year's theme is On a Safari. Open to ages 4 to adult. For more information call the First Missionary Baptist Church at 301-863-8388

Oven Fried Pork Chop Dinner American Legion Post 238

6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20638

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Oven fried Pork Chop with sides and deserts! Cost is \$12. For more information, call 301-274-3522

The Chesapeake Swingband at Leonardtown Square

22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

6:00 p.m.

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival presents: The Chesapeake Swingband Concert! There will be an antique car show featuring vehicles from the 20's through the 50's courtesy of St. Mary's Rod & Classic. Make sure to come in costume for the various decades! The best costume for each decade will win a prize! The Maryland State Arts Council will be filming the event for inclusion in an Arts & Entertainment film to be screened on Maryland Arts Day. For more information, please visit www.leonardtownmusicfest.com/.

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St. Mary's Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park

7:00 p.m.

\$60 Buy in will equal 7,000 chips. Food and Beverages will be available for purchase. For any questions, contact James Dean at 240-577-0828 or by email at jdeanjunior@yahoo.com.

Saturday, July 13

Watercolors & Acrylics

Space2Cre8, 41660 Park Ave., Leonardtown, MD 20650

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Space2Cre8 offers studio hours for watercolor and acrylic artists on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Bring your own self-directed art project to work on or purchase a Make & Take kit. Table fee applies. Minimum age is 16. Space is limited and space will not be reserved until payment is received! For details and registration, contact the studio at space2cre8art@gmail.com.

20th Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

St. Clement's Island Museum

12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Relax waterside on the museum lawn and enjoy live national jazz artists, lots of delicious seafood and gorgeous views of the Potomac and St. Clement's Island at this popular signature event. Lineup for Saturday: Art Sherrod, Jr. at 3:00 p.m., Brian Simpson & Paula Atherton at 5:00 p.m., and Mike Phillips at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com.

Summer Dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church

47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City, MD

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Adults are \$26; children ages 6-12 are \$12, and 5 years and under are free. Served family style or use the drive through for carryout. There will be crab cakes, fried chicken, roll, coffee and tea, and desserts available. For more information, call 301-862-4597 or email trinityofficesmc@gmail.com.

Seventh Annual Car Show

27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd Mechanicsville by Apple Basket

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Adults are \$3 and children ages 10 or younger are free. Vehicles must be registered by 4:00 p.m. to be judged. Registration fee at the gate is \$20. Proceeds benefit the United Methodist Men ministries. For more information, contact Jimmy Herriman at 301-481-0360. For vendor information, contact Trish Herriman at 301-247-4212. www.mtzionmech.org

Sunday, July 14

All You Can Eat 2nd Dist. Breakfast

2nd Dist. VFD&RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee, MD 20692

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Adults are \$10; children 6-12 are \$5, and children 5 and under are free. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, etc. The drinks consist of assorted juices, milk, and coffee. The 2nd district Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad are sponsoring this event. Funds from this event go to the VFD and RS to keep the community safe. For more information, call 301-994-9999.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney

Indian Head Moose Lodge

1:00 p.m.

\$60 Buy in (\$50 prize and \$10 to charity). There will be a break every 3 rounds. For more information, call John at 240-286-5260.

Monday, July 15

Power Up: Vacation Bible School

New Life Church

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Free event! Vacation Bible School for elementary kids! Register at bit.ly/powerupvbs2019.

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St. Mary's Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

\$25 Buy in will equal 6,000 chips. An additional \$5 will equal 1,500 chips and a raffle drawing. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For any questions, contact James Dean at 240-577-0828 or by email at jdeanjunior@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, July 17

Li'l Pirates

Historic St. Mary's City, 47414 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ahoy, mateys! Become a pirate for the day, and storm the Maryland Dove. There might be hidden treasure along the way! Designed for children ages 3-6 with an accompanying adult. Space is limited! \$10 per child (\$8 friends members); one accompanying adult free. Payment is required in full at registration. For more information, call 240-895-4990 or email info@HSMCdighistory.org.

Thursday, July 18

Widow/Widower Group

Church of the Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All who are navigating this grief journey are welcome. Come to gain support, practical advice, and understanding. In the alternative, come to give support to others who are just beginning their journey.

Bible Study

Chancellor's Run Regional Park Loffler Room, 21905 Chancellors Run Rd, Great Mills MD 20634

7:30 p.m.

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. www.vcmismc.org.

Spin Doctors to Open for Gavin DeGraw

Iconic blues-rock band the Spin Doctors will be joining Gavin DeGraw at the Calvert Marine Museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion on Friday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$35 - \$69 (additional fees apply). Visit www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-787-9454.

Led by singer Chris Barron, the Spin Doctors helped define the early 90s rock scene. The band is best known for hits "Two Princes", "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong", and "Jimmy Olsen's Blues" from their Pocket Full of Kryptonite album. Thirty years later, the Spin Doctors are still making music and delighting legions of fans while on tour across North America.

Proceeds from the Waterside Music Series support the education and preservation efforts of the Calvert Marine Museum. This event would not be possible without the generous support of the community and many local businesses. Sponsors include: Prince Frederick Ford/Jeep/Dodge, PNC Bank, O'Brien Realty, Bozick Distributors, Inc., Tidewater Dental, Sunshines Catering, Roy Rogers, Equity Resources,



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Gates open at 5 p.m. with food and beverages for sale on-site. Chairs and coolers are not permitted. For additional information, please visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com. To reach a staff member, please call 410-326-2042, ext. 16, 17 or 18.

Press Release from CMM

Calvert County Musician Debuts New EP

Award-winning singer, songwriter, and bassist Eric Scott will release his newest CD album, "The Charm City Sessions" (Itzall Goode Music) on June 25th with two performances (8 pm & 10 pm) at Washington, DC's renowned music venue Blues Alley on 1073 Wisconsin Ave., NW. (\$22 plus \$6 service fee). A six-song EP, The Charm City Sessions is Scott's fifth album.

An absolute A-list of DMV Area musicians will join Scott for his first headline show at Blues Alley, including guitarist Dan Leonard (Cheikh N'Doye), drummer Deren Blessman (Paul Reed Smith), keyboardist Benjie Porecki (Pieces of a Dream), percussionist Eddie Montalvo (Marcus Johnson), and special guest and DC sax legend Ron Holloway (Dizzy Gillespie, Gov't Mule).

The Charm City Sessions gives a nod to 1970's soul, R&B, and pop music. Recorded live in Baltimore with minimal production, Scott goes old school, leaving the samples and programming of today's modern music at the studio door. Instead, he colors the arrangements with 'Stax Records' - era horns, 'Love American Style' - era strings, and warm organs and Wurlitzers. While the sound leans toward a throwback record, it's Scott's 'new school' sound that emerges, honoring this golden era of music with a genre the artist calls 'modern soul.' If a vinyl LP could fit into a CD jewel case, it's warmth would sound like this.

Scott's songs tell deeply personal stories with upbeat and playful soul/pop tunes that get listeners thinking, clapping, smiling, and grooving. Scott's skillful arrangements and powerful vocals exude passion and soothes at the same time. As a front man, his mission and motto is simple: "It ain't nothing but a party, and I ain't leaving until everybody has one."



Grammy Award winning musician Jon Carroll (Mary Chapin Carpenter, Starland Vocal Band) calls Charm City Sessions "a splendid EP...really well done" with "top-drawer musicianship." The new six-song EP "will reassure you that — like rock & roll never dying — R&B and 'easy soul' will always have a secure place in the soundscape of our lives."

Scott is a DC-area native, born and raised in Prince George's County. Now living in North Beach, he regularly performs to sold out crowds throughout the DMV area. As an artist and sideman, he has toured internationally, sharing the stage with artists as diverse as Deanna Bogart, Bernie Marsden, Aaron Neville, Mavis Staples, Ray Charles, Roger Waters, Tom Morello, REO Speedwagon, and Little Feat. His songs have received worldwide airplay and appeared on ABC-TV, Showtime, Starz Network, Cinemax, the WB, as well as several major and indie motion pictures. He has also lent his singing voice to ad campaigns for HGTV, Nat Geo, DC Lottery, Ford, Chevy, Jeep, Chrysler, Dodge, and many more. He is a 15-time Wammie winner as awarded by the Washington Area Music Association (WAMA).

Submitted Press Release

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

The Newtowne Players' Latest Production



Jewel (Kristina Faison) belts out "No Lies" alongside Miss Mona and the ladies of the Chicken Ranch. (Photo by Rachael Leissner)

By Jeni Coster
Graphic Designer

Saddle up and come on down to Three Notch Theatre for their latest production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," directed by Dawn Weber and musical direction from Diane Trautman. You'll want to leave the kids at home, as this comical musical has promiscuous and mature content. The large cast of 27 actors and actresses puts on a hysterical performance, with lots of provocative little numbers tucked into each scene. This show is sure to leave you laughing and blushing in your seat.

The musical revolves around the drama a locally run brothel, better known as the Chicken Ranch, brings to a small town in Texas. Currently run by Miss Mona Stangley (Megan Rankin Herring), she takes excellent care of her girls (Emily Funderburk, Rebecca Masters, Lindsay Goldworm, Emily Quade, Kristy Sakano, Erin Fischer, Emily Johnson, Sara Espinosa), and Jewel (Kristina Faison), the housekeeper, as the town starts to catch on to the happenings down at the Chicken Ranch. Miss Mona keeps a close relationship with local Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd (Greg Rumpf), who helps defend her when television personality, do-gooder Melvin P. Thorpe (Paul Rose) becomes determined to expose the truth to the public.



Kevin Bongiovanni, center, and the men of the local college football team are gearing up to visit Miss Mona and the ladies at the Chicken Ranch. (Photo by Rachael Leissner)

The Chicken Ranch gets a variety of visitors, from the Governor (Steve Fogle), Senator Wingwoah (Robert Rausch), and even the college football team (Patrick Schoenbuenger, Steve Pugh, Kenny Faison, Rick Brown, Rachel Fusco, Kev-



Miss Mona (Megan Rankin Herring) lays down the laws of the Chicken Ranch, teaching the new girls a thing or two about how to keep their profession classy. (Photo by Rachael Leissner)

in Bongiovanni, Kyle Medlock). Several performers had multiple roles through the show and seamlessly switched back and forth between characters. Sarah Pollard played a cameo role as Doatsy Mae and one of Melvin P. Thorpe's backup singers. Also among the cast is Michael Sokoloff, Lewis Beckley, Joanne Fuesel, Robert Barrett, and Leni Weisl, contributing in various roles from reporters to the ensemble. Every member of the cast worked together to help pull this exciting production together. A true definition of organized chaos, keeping the audience glued to the stage and wanting more.

"The Aggie Song," performed by the victorious football team was one of my favorite numbers, along with "Rules," performed by Miss Mona and her girls. Both numbers were engaging and very entertaining. The chemistry between Miss Mona and Jewel was outstanding in their number "No Lies."

The performance can be seen at the Three Notch Theatre in Lexington Park now until July 21 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students and military. There are no child tickets available for this musical; be advised that throughout the evening there will be gunshot sounds, strong language and mature content. All tickets may be purchased online at www.newtowneplayers.org or by calling 301-737-5447.

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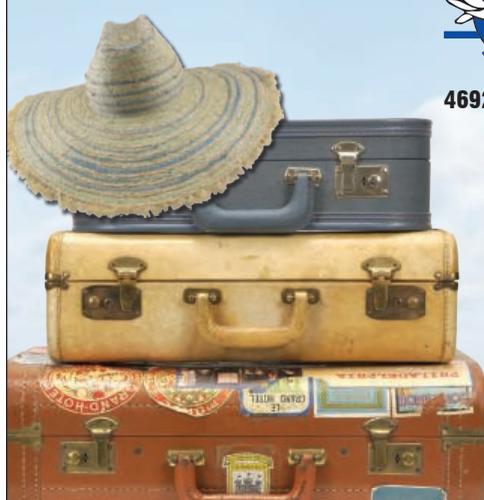
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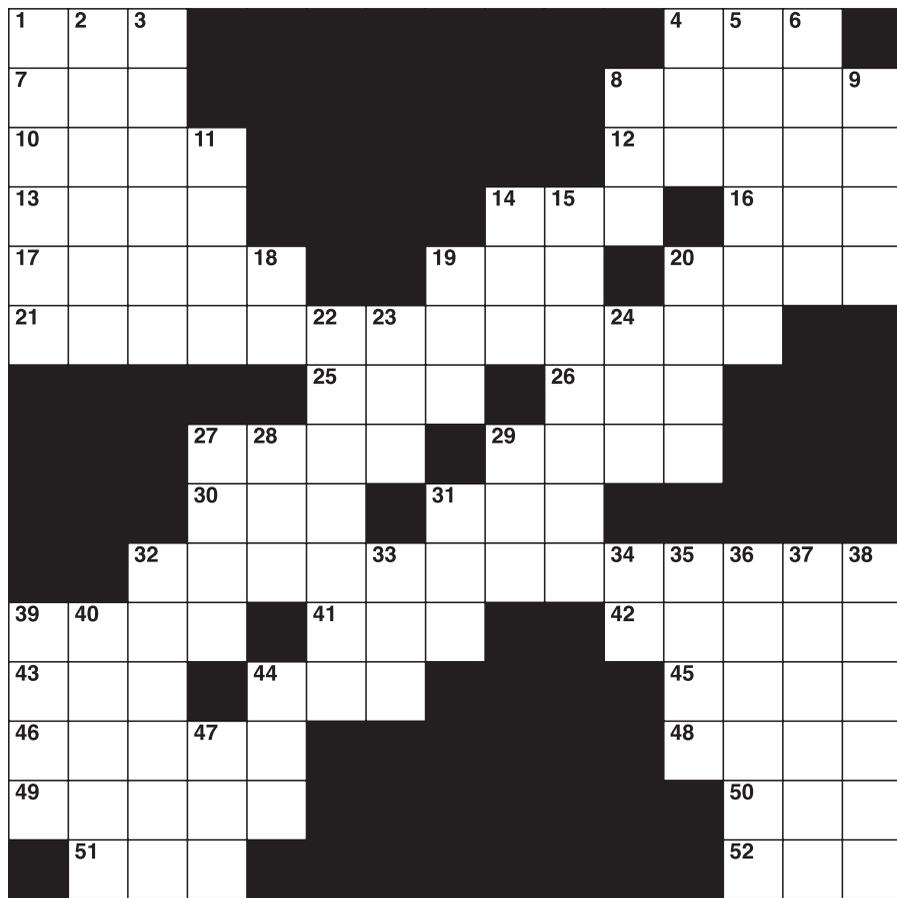
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- 45. Assn. of oil-producing countries
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