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| <b>Thu 1/30</b><br>41°   30°F<br><br>Mostly Cloudy | <b>Fri 1/31</b><br>47°   36°F<br><br>Partly Cloudy   | <b>Sat 2/1</b><br>47°   34°F<br><br>Showers | <b>Sun 2/2</b><br>49°   35°F<br><br>Partly Cloudy |
| <b>Mon 2/3</b><br>55°   47°F<br><br>Mostly Sunny   | <b>Tue 2/4</b><br>60°   45°F<br><br>AM Clouds/PM Sun | <b>Wed 2/5</b><br>51°   38°F<br><br>Showers | <b>Thu 2/6</b><br>44°   35°F<br><br>Showers       |

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# Man Dies In Shootout with Deputies

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A Lexington Park man, who police say fired on them after they responded to a domestic assault in the Spring Ridge community the night of Jan. 27, was killed when deputies with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office returned fire.

John Francis Tippett, Jr., 43, had made "homicidal threats" and destroyed property, police alleged, when he had arrived with his girlfriend at his parent's home on Havirland Road.

Police believed an argument ensued once they arrived and when the victim tried to flee in her car, Tippett smashed the windshield.

The victim fled to Spring Ridge Middle School where police met her and began to question her about the incident.

It was then that they heard multiple shots and began to establish a perimeter around the general area of the suspect's parent's home; the sheriff's office tactical team and critical incident negotiators joined the effort to keep Tippett contained.

Cpl. Julie Yingling, sheriff's office spokesperson, said detectives were still working the scene as of late Tuesday afternoon trying to establish the details of what happened the previous night.

"We're still trying to sort through these things," Yingling said.

Sometime during the incident Tippett was able to access firearms, police said, and had made several threats to harm himself and to fire on police.

Tippett, police said, returned back to the residence at some point in the altercation and came in and out of the residence several times, each time shooting at police and also at a gas tank in the driveway of the residence where he had barricaded himself.

Yingling said police were still trying to determine how many times Tippett shot at deputies before they returned his fire.

Tippett was hit with return fire from sheriff's deputies, police said, and he succumbed to his wounds on the scene despite receiving medical care after being shot.

Police said Tippett had multiple warrants for his arrest, including one from Calvert County for child support.

No police were injured in the incident, nor were any civilians, Yingling said.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said the barricade incident was atypical in that the violence continued to escalate and quickly.

Members of the sheriff's office emergency services team fired the fatal shots, Cameron said.

The team's armored vehicle sustained damage to its external camera and night vision systems, rendering them inoperable; Tippett used at least one rifle, Cameron said, as well as several shotguns.

"The armored vehicle was shot a number of times with personnel inside," said Cameron.

The violence of that night was so intense, Cameron said, that it would have been too dangerous to try to evacuate nearby residents.

"We decided to shelter in place," Cameron said. "It



John Francis Tippett, Jr. was scary."

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# Satellite Vets Clinic Booked for Weeks



The new satellite CBOC in Lexington Park already has a waiting list for new patients.

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The satellite community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) for veterans that opened for business just last month is already booked to capacity, The County Times has learned, and won't book any new appointments for at least another month.

The CBOC began accepting new patients Dec. 2 after opening in late November to much anticipation by local veterans, elected leaders and Veterans Administration officials to serve the medical and mental health needs of veterans.

A call to the East Run Medical Center located on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, where the satellite CBOC is housed, found that there were no appointments available until March, according to a person there who answered the call.

The same person who answered the call to the CBOC said there were only two physicians working at the facility.

The slots for initial appointments, which were full until after next month, were for a one-hour consultation with a physician, the person answering the call said.

Any veteran who has already had an initial consultation can get follow up ap-

pointments but those are only allotted 30 minutes with a physician, the person answering the call said.

The County Times first learned of a possible backlog of appointments for veterans when County Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force with service during the Vietnam War, said he had tried to get an appointment there and was told he would not be able to get one for six weeks.

Guy made his comments publicly at a meeting of the Tri County Council of Southern Maryland in Annapolis Jan. 23.

"That's just unacceptable," Guy said.

The satellite CBOC is designed to augment a CBOC currently being built in Charlotte Hall by the Veterans Administration; the much larger facility had been stalled in development for years before its groundbreaking last year.

Both facilities are supposed to provide greater levels of care for local veterans in Southern Maryland, which has one of the highest concentrations of veterans in the state, who would otherwise have to seek treatment in farther flung locations such as Baltimore or Washington, D.C.

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# Five Now in School Board Race

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Three incumbents and two challengers now comprise the field of candidates vying for seats on the St. Mary's County Board of Education.

Two of the longest serving members of the board, Mary Washington and Cathy Allen are running to retain their seats, while incumbent Jim Davis, first elected in 2016, is also seeking reelection.

Allen, who holds the at-large seat, faces a challenge from Leonardtown resident DeForest Rathbone, who also ran unsuccessfully four years ago.

Davis has been challenged by Heather Marin Earhart, also a Leonardtown resident.

Allen, a Hollywood resident, said she wants to continue her service on the school board, especially to help the school system deal with the coming impacts of legislation designed after the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.

The commission wants to raise spending on public education by about \$4 billion over the next 10 years.

She said she believed the St. Mary's system, among others would be shortchanged for funding in favor of larger ones.

"Smaller school systems will suffer," Allen said. "The recommendations of the commission were ill conceived."

Rathbone has long advocated for instituting random drug screenings for students and says the practice has reduced drug abuse and school violence in places where it has been used.

"I'm trying to convince the other candidates who are running that this is something we have to do, that it's a needed policy change," Rathbone said.

Davis said he wants another term to continue the work to increase teacher pay, recruit more teachers into the system, especially minority teachers to better represent the entire demographic of the county, and increase educational opportunities for special needs students.



DeForest Rathbone



Mary Washington



Cathy Allen



Jim Davis

"I would use my second term to finish the work we've been doing," Davis said. "We still have a lot to do."

Calls to Washington and Earhart were not returned as of press time.

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## Leonardtwn 7-11 Store Hearing Continued Again



The hearing on a concept site plan for a controversial 7-11 at the Leonardtown faigrounds intersection was continued after four-hour session

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After a four-hour hearing Jan. 27 that continued to focus on the potential traffic impacts of a proposed 7-11 convenience store and gas station at the corner of Route 5 and Medley's Neck Road in Leonardtown, the county's planning commission still left off making a decision on the concept site plan.

Representatives for the applicant contended that traffic backups on Medley's Neck Road/Route 244 in the morning, comprised of parents bringing their children to Leonardtown Middle School before it was scheduled to open, would not be appreciably exacerbated by the addition of the store across from the school.

Nearby residents, particularly from the Hanover Farms community that would be behind the convenience store, continued to strongly oppose the project over traffic and increased crime concerns.

Michael Lenhart, of Lenhart Traffic Consulting, which conducted a second traffic study for the applicant, Bohler Engineering, said the new findings confirmed those of the old, that the store would bring a minimal traffic impact to the intersection.

Lenhart said the possibility of the school system changing the opening time back from 6:50a.m. could help eliminate the queueing problems on Route 244.

"The queue builds because they can't drop off their kids yet," Lenhart

said. "As soon as it started to move it cleared... completely out of the road."

Board members such as Merl Evans questioned whether changing the time the school opened would actually be effective in ending the queueing problem, while board chair Howard Thompson reiterated his concerns that light pollution from the 24-hour convenience store would reach out to its neighbors.

Stephanie Clarke, a member of the Hanover Farms community, was worried that the 7-11 would be a tempting magnet for young students to run across Route 244 when they should remain on school grounds.

"Are we going to have to have more teachers at recess... to stop them from running over to the store?" Clarke asked.

Clarke said she had already heard of students excited at the prospect of the store, that they would take the earliest opportunity to go there.

Melinda Marchlewicz, who lives on Hanover Court, feared a proliferation of crime due to the 24-hour nature of the store, particularly proximity to possible sex offenders.

She also feared the proximity of smoking and vaping products to children.

"We're opening the door to allowing more, unsavory characters access to our children," said Marchlewicz.

The board agreed to continue the hearing to Feb. 10, where the cases for the proposed 7-11 stores in Callaway and Lexington Park would be heard.

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## Commissioners Approve Hearing For 7th District Rescue Tax Increase

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Having staff at the 7<sup>th</sup> District Volunteer Rescue Squad in Avenue available to answer daytime calls has become so difficult that the leadership of Co. 59 has entered into a deal with a contract service to provide paid staff for the job.

7<sup>th</sup> District Rescue Chief Matt Colliflower told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Jan. 28 meeting that the squad needed more tax revenue to pay for increasing costs, including the paid contract ambulance crew.

He requested a public hearing to press for a rescue tax increase to the maximum allowable limit, 3 cents per \$100 value in assessed property.

The current rate is about one cent per \$100 of assessed

value.

"We haven't requested a tax increase in about 20 years," Colliflower told commissioners. "We need to hire a day crew; the tax increase would fund that."

The 7<sup>th</sup> District rescue company answers between 700 to 800 calls for service each year, Colliflower said and has 60 members with 25 in the rescue squad's auxiliary.

Currently the squad only has one emergency medical technician on call during the day between 5a.m. to 3p.m. to answer calls.

The commissioners voted unanimously to authorize the public hearing; the county's Chief Financial Officer Jeanett Cudmore told commissioners that the tax increase if enacted would raise an additional \$153,000 in revenue for the squad.

This averaged out to an additional \$35.17 for each property

owner's tax bill in the affected area, Cudmore said.

Colliflower told commissioners the squad did not necessarily want to keep paid staff on at Co. 59.

"We're hoping this is a short-term requirement for the duty crew," he said.

Co. 59 is the first rescue squad in the county to engage paid personnel to help staff its station and answer calls.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said what was going on at Co. 59 was something the rest of the county's companies might have to deal with as rescue squads continued to struggle with recruitment and retention.

"You're going to be under the microscope," Hewitt said.

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## Commerce Secretary Touts Progress to Tri-County Council



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A recent tax credit pushed by Gov. Larry Hogan's administration also helped turn around Maryland's faltering manufacturing economy, she said.

"Manufacturing was a dying industry in Maryland," said Schultz. "But we have added 7,300 manufacturing jobs... that growth rate is 7.1 percent."

That puts Maryland just behind South Carolina in the region for growth in manufacturing jobs, she said.

Schultz said that in Southern Maryland, as other regions that have the federal government and defense industry as their economic engine, fostering small business growth is key to enhancing the business environment for the major employer.

"Seventy percent of what we do is with small businesses," Schultz said.

The commerce secretary said she was able to tour the entire state to assess progress and opportunities for economic development and was impressed with Southern Maryland.

"I saw so many great things in the tri-county area," Schultz said. "There's a terrific technology ecosystem developing around the St. Mary's County Airport and the University System of Maryland there."

"That's pretty cool... it's going to be a major asset to Maryland and of course to [Patuxent River Naval Air Station.]"

Wherever she went on her tour of the state, Schultz said she found that airports were critical to economic development.

The St. Mary's County Regional Airport has undergone a vigorous expansion and improvement in recent years that has increased both hangar space but office and technology development resources as well.

"Airports are key to economic growth and prosperity," Schultz said.

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Maryland Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schultz told members of the Tri-County Council at their Jan. 23 meeting in Annapolis that the state has made significant strides in breaking down barriers to business and improving the economy for all residents.

In the past five years, Schultz said to those gathered at the Annapolis Graduate Hotel, the state has gained 140,000 new jobs and the unemployment rate has dropped from 5.6 percent to 3.6 percent.

"That's the lowest [unemployment] rate since 2008," said Schultz.

Of significance to residents of Southern Maryland, where natural surroundings and its deep historical significance acts as a draw for tourists, the state's revenue from tourism has grown each year for the last five years as well, Schultz said.

"We had in 2018, \$18.1 billion in tourism revenue," Schultz said. "That's \$2.5 billion in state and local taxes... that equates to about \$1,100 per household not having to be paid because of that increase."

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# Pax River to Participate in Antiterrorism, Force Protection Exercise Feb. 3-14



NAS Patuxent River is joining naval installations around the National Capital Region in preparing for the Citadel Shield-Solid Curtain (CS-SC), the Navy's annual anti-terrorism and force protection exercise scheduled to take place Feb. 3-14.

Conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command, the two-part exercise uses realistic drills and scenarios to ensure Navy security forces maintain a high level of readiness to respond to changing and dynamic threats. It also provides an opportunity for testing and evaluating the emergency training and pre-planned response procedures already in place.

Citadel Shield, the first part of the exercise, focuses on installation-level training and all scenarios occur entirely within Pax River's gates.

"Multiple drills will take place at Pax on Feb. 4, 5 and 6," said Marcus Dismuke, NAS Patuxent River N3/operations officer. "They might include an integrated response involving various agencies such as security, the fire department, public works, emergency management and FFSC, which will allow us to evaluate how well we communicate and work with each other during an emergency situation, and whether we have the correct procedures in place to handle such a situation."

Whenever an exercise is underway, Pax personnel might experience gate delays or closures, temporary changes in traffic or parking patterns, and see an increase in force protection condition from the usual Bravo to Charlie or beyond.

"We won't be doing anything around high traffic times," Dismuke noted. "We do our best to minimize disruption and avoid significant backup. We'll make sure we get people onto base first before we go into our drills."

Aside from hearing frequent sirens and seeing additional emergency vehicles on the road responding to drills in progress, personnel can also expect to receive multiple emergency response notifications.

"They'll receive alerts via AtHoc and see emails and text messages ahead of time," Dismuke said. "It's nothing we don't already do; it's just that they'll see them multiple times, back-to-back, over a number of days."

The Solid Curtain portion, occurring in the second week of the exercise, is a national-level exercise centered on command, control and communications between all echelons Navy-wide where everything that happens at an installation affects every other installation, even if only in a minor way.

For instance, if leadership – U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM), U.S. Fleet Forces Command, or CNIC – sees trends or incidents in one or more areas they feel

may also impact a different area, they can selectively put installations, regions, or the entire NORTHCOM area of responsibility into a heightened force protection condition. This would again prompt further delays, closures and emergency notifications at Pax River.

In order to be kept informed about what's happening at the installation throughout the CS-SC exercise, personnel should enroll in AtHoc, the recommended method for receiving information at any time of the year.

AtHoc messages provide emergency notifications that may affect the installation – such as base delays or closings – and anyone can sign up to receive them, including government contractors. AtHoc messages can be sent to home and cell phones, a TTY/TDD phone, pager, fax, plus work and personal emails. For more information about AtHoc, visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/ndw/about/waan.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/ndw/about/waan.html).

Notifications will also be posted on the NAS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NASPaxRiver](http://www.facebook.com/NASPaxRiver), and the Pax River Twitter feed @NASPaxRiverPAO.

While every effort is made to limit inconveniences, personnel are advised to expect delays during the exercise. The ultimate purpose of the CS-SC is to ensure the protection of all who work and live aboard Pax River, and real-world events like the shootings at Naval Air Station Pensacola and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard only highlight the importance of such training.

Donna Cipolloni  
NAS Patuxent River  
Public Affairs

## Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Accepting Applications

The Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) has announced that it will accept applications for the Fiscal Year 2021 Easement Cycle.

A landowner that has a minimum of 50 contiguous acres, is not in the 10-year water and sewer plan for the County and has a minimum of 50% Class I, II, or III soils can apply to sell an easement to MALPF. It is yet to be determined how many applications MALPF will accept from each County.

All easement applications must be received by the Department of Economic Development Agriculture Division by April 30, 2020. Once applications are received, they will be ranked by St. Mary's County Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board (ALPAB) using the state mandated Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system. The top ranked applications will be submitted to the State for easement consideration.

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# WARM Nights Gives Security to Local Homeless



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

For the past 11 years the WARM Nights (Wrapping Arms Round Many) has been ensuring that 25 homeless people have a secure and warm place to sleep during the winter months in St. Mary's.

A strictly volunteer effort that partners with local churches to provide bed space during the coldest nights for the homeless, it gets assistance from the county's Department of Social Services and Three Oaks Center for the homeless to assess and screen applicants who qualify for the program.

But the program is facing its greatest test to date as it continues to need new volunteers and churches who once participated are falling away.

But the real crisis working against the program comes from its own clients, said Steve Tuttle, chairman of the executive board for WARM nights.

"The program has changed through the aches and pains of the years," Tuttle told *The County Times*. "Now we have a mental health crisis emerging that we are trying to address."

Lanny Lancaster, director of the Three Oaks Center, which works to assess and provide shelter for the homeless here, said the program itself has been successful.

"In the past 11 years the program hasn't gone past 25 beds," Lancaster said. "It's gotten so much better at addressing the needs of the people it's been serving for years."

The problem, both Tuttle and Lancaster say, is that the number of homeless people who exhibit severe mental

health problems are threatening the efficacy of programs such as WARM nights.

"When the program first started, we would see maybe one or two of these people in the program at any one time," Lancaster said. "Now there are five, six or seven of them."

Some of these people with severe mental health issues still qualify for the program, Tuttle said, but their behavior, which can be disruptive and even violent, means they are very often coming close to being removed from eligibility.

While there are only 25 beds in the program, Tuttle said, there are many more who have applied for and want to be included.

So far 85 people have been screened and assessed by either social services or Three Oaks Center as being eligible for participation in the program.

Anyone who takes one of the 25 billets available cannot have more than three or four absences during a week or they will have to be reassessed, Tuttle said.

For example, a participant in the program cannot show a blood alcohol content greater than .08, the legal driving limit, and still be allowed a bed.

Alcohol, drugs and weapons of any kind are prohibited inside the churches that are providing bed space.

Lancaster said that health officials and health care providers have asked the WARM nights program to provide bed space for some with mental health problems, but have been turned away because their conditions are too severe and the program is not equipped to handle them.

"There are mental health beds, there just aren't enough of them," Lancaster said. "They need to come up with a plan to serve these mental health patients we can't deal with."

Dr. Meena Brewster, head of the St. Mary's County Health Department, said the problem was a serious one but her department and its partners were working to solve it.

"Our agency recognizes the challenges with serious mental illness and substance use faced by many residents, including some of those who are homeless," Brewster said. "We really value the service provided by the WARM program and its volunteers - they do an incredible service to this community through their tireless and compassionate work."

The health department was focusing on providing more shelter for the homeless or at risk and suffering from severe mental illness.

"The Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP) provides rental assistance and care coordination support to specific individuals who are homeless/at risk of be-

ing homeless and have serious mental health issues," Brewster said. "The funds for this are very, very limited and only support a certain number of residents. We are working with our Housing Authority and mental health treatment partners to try to get some of these individuals connected to other resources/services that would open some available spots within the PSHP."

Helping the homeless with severe mental illness to access their Social Security benefits was also another avenue to providing ways to address their housing problem, she said.

Word of the effectiveness of the WARM nights program in St. Mary's has reached well beyond the county's borders, as well, Tuttle said, putting further strain on volunteers and churches.

"We've had people dropped off from Baltimore City and Calvert County because they hear our program is so good," Tuttle said. "We run strictly off of donations, we're all volunteers."

The strain of keeping an all-volunteer program running since 2009 is taking its toll, Tuttle said, especially since the demands on them are increasing, part of that increasingly having to deal with the mentally ill.

There are 25 churches listed as participating in the WARM program, but, Tuttle said, this year there are just 20 churches actively providing bed space.

That number has steadily declined in the past two years, Tuttle said, with 21 participating last year and 22 participating in 2018.

Tuttle, who has worked in the program as a volunteer, board member and now chair, feared for its future.

"WARM will collapse on itself if we keep losing churches at the rate we're losing them," Tuttle said.

The WARM nights program operates from November through March, sometimes into the beginning of April if temperatures warrant, Tuttle said, and involves a church hosting the homeless participants for a full week during the night.

After one week, the program shifts to another church; participants are shuttled to the locations as they change.

Churches in the program include those in Lexington Park in more urban settings all the way out to the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

Churches not only provide bed space but meals and even showers for clients; Tuttle said the value of the services was about \$10,000 to \$12,000 that the county did not have to pay.

If WARM failed, he said, a certain portion of the homeless would suffer.

"Where would these people be without WARM?" Tuttle said. "We don't want to find any bodies in the woods."



# POLICE BLOTTER

## Lexington Park Man Arrested for Assault

On January 27 at approximately 1:13 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 46500 block of Midway Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported shots fired. Preliminary investigation determined Dartanyen Rodell Saunders, age 19 of Lexington Park, responded to the victim's residence armed with a shotgun. Saunders discharged the weapon into the occupied residence through an open window. Deputies observed spent shotgun shells on the ground and damage from projectiles above the front door of the residence. No injuries have been reported from this incident.

Saunders was located near the residence and arrested. Saunders was charged with the following:

- Assault First Degree (two counts)
- Reckless Endangerment
- Malicious Destruction of Property

Saunders is incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Corporal Michael Worrey at (301) 475-4200 extension \*8080 or by email at Michael.Worrey@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.

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

## Identity Needed for Theft Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a theft investigation. On Thursday, Jan. 23 at 2:23 pm, the suspect stole a package from the victim's front porch at the 46300 block of Shining Willow Lane in Lexington Park. The box contained a pair of tie-dyed Crocs shoes. Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call DFC Carl Ball at 301-475-4200, ext. 78131 or email carl.ball@stmarysmd.com.



# Sheriff's Office Crime Report

Aguilar was also wanted on an outstanding warrant for Assault 2nd Degree.

Violate Peace Order- On January 23 DFC. Budd responded to the 46400 block Sue Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported violation of a peace order. Investigation determined Marshall Howard Carr 56 of Lexington Park, was on the victim's property in violation of a valid court order prohibiting Carr from being on the property. Carr was arrested and charged with Violate Peace Order.



Assault On January 24 Dep. Wimberly responded to the 46400 block of Sue Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined Edgar Enrique Campos-Aguilar, 51 of Lexington Park, forced entry to the victim's residence by kicking open the front door. Once inside the residence Campos-Aguilar grabbed the victim by the hair, and began hitting the victim in face, as well as kicked the victim. A second victim present in the residence was also kicked in the head by Campos-Aguilar. Campos-Aguilar was arrested and charged with Burglary and two counts of Assault 2nd Degree. Campos-



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## Veteran Celebrates \$20,200 Scratch-off Win



The Maryland Lottery's 2020 Cash scratch-off blessed yet another person in the New Year with its top prize of \$20,200. A California, Md. man went from chilling out with friends to becoming a big winner in the time it took to scratch off the game.

The St. Mary's County resident, who called himself "Mr. J." for his Lottery publicity, plays scratch-offs based on feelings rather than formulas. He typically tries his luck with large-payout games priced at \$10, \$20 or \$30. Asked if he had any special techniques involved with his Lottery luck, "Winning Mr. J." said, "Scared money don't make money."

He found his lucky scratch-off at ABC Liquors and Lounge in California. "Winning Mr. J." had won \$20 on a scratch-off and reinvested it in the purchase of the 2020 Cash instant ticket. He was at the bar when he played the \$20 game and discovered his prize. The astonished man told a friend, "That can't be right!" When his buddy confirmed his lucky win, the happy player announced his good fortune to everyone in the bar. The 33-year-old's announcement was met with doubt and disbelief by staff and customers alike until he scanned the prize check area on the game. Proof of his big win set off a celebration.

The winner is a veteran who works as a contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense. He plans to first pay off debts and bills with his prize, give a portion to his mother and will then treat himself with the remainder.

His lucky retailer, ABC Liquors and Lounge, can also celebrate. The business located at 22741 Three Notch Road in California earns a bonus of \$202 for selling the top-prize winning scratch-off. Our 2020 Cash scratch-off in circulation since Nov. 18 has 30 chances to win. Players can search for 173 unclaimed top prizes of \$20,200.

Maryland Lottery Press Release

## Southern Maryland Horse Summit Coming in March

Designed for Horse Enthusiasts, Equine Businesses



Lynn Symansky, International Event Rider - Summit Keynote

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), in partnership with Equine Studies at the University of Maryland and Maryland Horse Industry Board, is hosting the Southern Maryland Horse Summit on Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Annapolis.

The one-day event is designed to inform and inspire horse owners, riders, and equine businesses from around the region. The Summit offers three simultaneous seminar tracks with topics that are broadly applicable to all riding disciplines, from beginner to advanced youth and adult riders, as well as to barn owners, equine-related businesses, and horse enthusiasts.

"We are grateful for our valued partners and sponsors that have helped us to develop this first ever Southern Maryland Horse Summit, and bring together credentialed speakers with expert knowledge, tips and lots of enthusiasm to engage and support our equine community," commented Susan McQuilkin, SMADC's Marketing Executive. Karyn Owens, SMADC's Program Specialist, followed with, "The Summit program has something for everyone. It's a meeting about horses and the people who ride them, own them, support them, and love them!" Owens and McQuilkin have co-created the Summit for SMADC, and are both keen riders.

The Summit will kick off with 'opening remarks' by Stuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive. An accomplished horse

trainer and equine industry advocate, Pittman is well known as the founder of the 'Retired Racehorse Project', an award-winning national nonprofit that transitions off-the-track racehorses to new owners and useful careers.

The Summit Keynote presenter will be Lynn Symansky, one of the top Three-Day Event riders in the world, with nearly 30 years of competitive equestrian experience, including representing the United States on seven teams at the international level. In addition to her competition career, Lynn has extensive teaching experience and is a graduate 'A' from Pony Club. Her skills are valuable to all levels from coaching advanced-level competitors, talented young riders and ambitious amateurs.

Other event highlights include Montie Eagle, well known clinician and teacher of both traditional and western dressage, plus presentations on weight loss strategies, understanding the what's and why's of feed, farm stewardship practices, managing disease outbreak, saddle and bit fitting, shopping for a horse, contract and liability issues and more.

Tickets are available now, with Early Bird Admission until February 14th (\$35 per person). After February 14th, General Admission will increase to \$45 per person. Student/Youth Admission is offered at \$30 per person. Tickets include light breakfast and catered lunch. For speaker bios and topics, vendors and agenda, visit [SOMD-HORSE-SUMMIT.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://SOMD-HORSE-SUMMIT.EVENTBRITE.COM) or the News and Events page at [www.smadc.com](http://www.smadc.com).

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## Public Encouraged to Donate Pieces of Local History to St. Clement's Island Museum

Have you ever wanted to contribute to an exhibit at a museum? The St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point, MD, will be hosting a Community Day Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This occasion encourages the public to get involved with the planning of new exhibits by sharing historic documents, photos and other significant objects related to St.



Clement's Island and the Colton's Point area from the 20th century and earlier.

Items that the museum is seeking includes information and items from about local boat builders; information about the Golden Hotel, the Shirley K Hotel, the Hotel on St. Clement's Island and the Blackstone Island Canning Company; photos of the island and the Blackstone Lighthouse; Information about living on St. Clement's Island and/or living in Colton's Point; any photos of steamboats at Colton's Point landing; and more.

Museum staff will be available to scan photos and documents, or photograph objects and people, with the permission of the owner, for potential new exhibits or collections. If you do not have any items that could be applicable but still wish to support the museums, the public is welcome to make monetary donations toward exhibits or other museum

programs.

For more information regarding Community Day, or if you have something not listed that relates to St. Clement's Island or Colton's Point, please call the Museum at 301-769-2222 to schedule an appointment. You can also visit us on Facebook at Facebook.com/SCIMuseum, on Twitter at @StClemIsMuseum or at Museums.StMarysMD.com.

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets.

## Nonprofit Institute at CSM Hosts Annual Conference

Regional nonprofit organizations will learn to map a road to clarity at the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonprofit Institute (NPI) Conference Feb. 20. Representatives from the region's nonprofit organizations are invited to attend this event that is designed to spark ideas of how organizations can derive greater values from their resources. Registration opened Jan. 15.

"We're excited about this year's conference," shared CSM Nonprofit Institute Coordinator Cara Fogarty. "We have a few popular presenters returning, some new voices, smart thinkers, representatives of the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, Maryland Nonprofits, and much more. We also have an excellent, engaging keynote speaker who is sure to inspire everyone in the room."

Keynote Speaker Maggy Sterner is a branding coach for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits. She will talk with attendees about how to brand nonprofit organizations with messages that work online and out loud. Sterner will share how laser clarity about an organization's mission serves as a magnetic to target audiences. Attendees will learn to communicate messages with confidence.

"The conference is always a great opportunity to step back from day-to-day operations and rethink how we approach our mission and pick up new ideas," continued Fogarty. "We design the breakout sessions to appeal to a range of people within the nonprofit sector. This year we have sessions for the seasoned nonprofit professional as well as for those looking to start a nonprofit and something for everyone in between."

The 10th Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference is designed for nonprofit board members, chief executives, staff, sponsors, volunteers, community and business leaders, young professionals and consultants committed to strengthening nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve.

This year's breakout sessions focus on leadership, strategic planning, management, fundraising and communications. Fogarty also said the well-liked "Meet the Media" session – a panel discussion with members of local print, broadcast and online media is back by popular demand this year. Participants can learn how to bring their organization's news, events, and accomplishments to the attention of media outlets in Southern Maryland.

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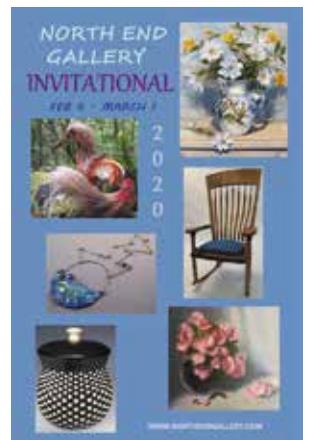


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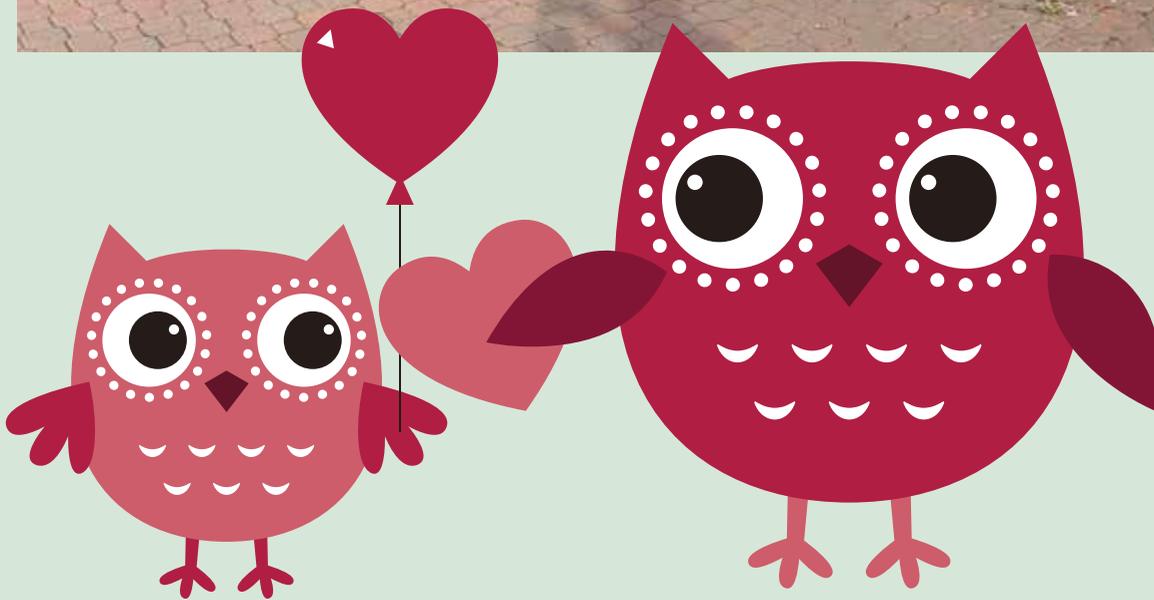
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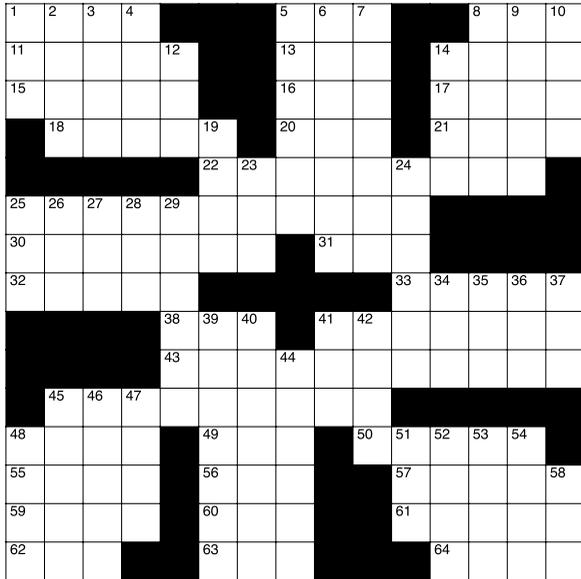
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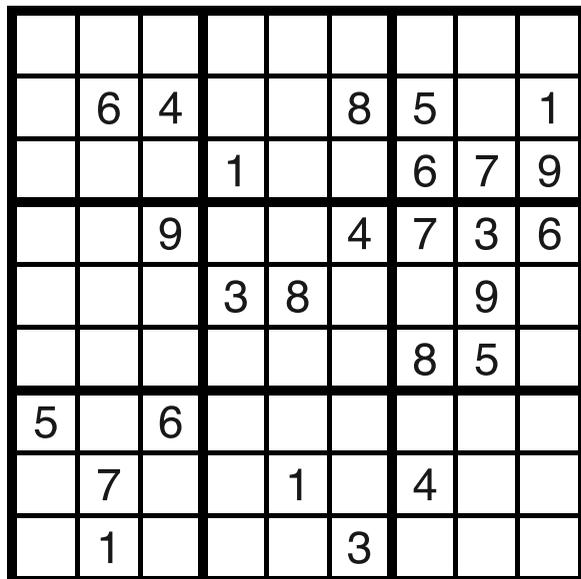
- 1. Fall down
- 5. American TV company (abbr.)
- 8. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
- 14. Prefix meaning "beside"
- 15. Act of imitating
- 16. Tall, rounded vase
- 17. Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
- 18. Rural Iranian village

- 20. Time zone
- 21. Military weapon (abbr.)
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Aggressive
- 30. Addressed one's appearance
- 31. Affirmative
- 32. Denoting Indo-European languages
- 33. French noble family
- 38. Shock therapy
- 41. Having characteristics of both sexes
- 43. Large suitcase
- 45. One who identifies God

- with the universe
- 48. Swiss river
- 49. Frequently
- 50. Wipe out
- 55. Invests in little enterprises
- 56. Waste
- 57. Resembles a large shrimp
- 59. Derogatory name for rural resident
- 60. Menswear accessory
- 61. Tropical American tree
- 62. Pitching statistic
- 63. Camera type
- 64. Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one

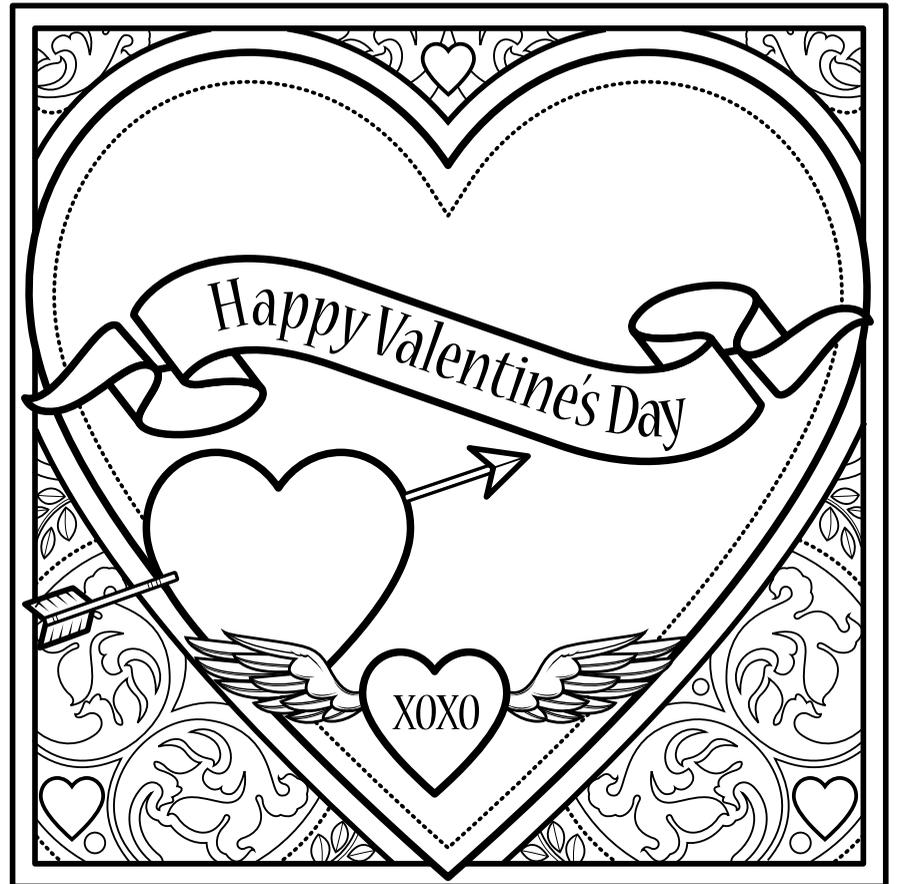
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)
- 2. Northern Scandinavia indigenous person
- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a domestic hog
- 5. State of insensibility
- 6. Herb
- 7. Annuity
- 8. San Diego-based ballplayer
- 9. Members of a Semitic people
- 10. Any physical damage
- 12. Woolen rug
- 14. Alsos Mission leader
- 19. Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
- 23. Where you sleep
- 24. Ruled Russia
- 25. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 26. Sea eagle
- 27. Type of light bulb
- 28. Wreath
- 29. Graduate with a degree
- 34. What thespians do
- 35. "Orange is the New Black" character
- 36. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 37. Romanian monetary unit
- 39. People treated as a group
- 40. Small European plant
- 41. First responder group
- 42. A person's head
- 44. Giggle
- 45. Bura-\_\_: Chadic language
- 46. Snout moth genus
- 47. Body part
- 48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ
- 51. Revolutions per minute
- 52. American software developer
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- 54. Female sheep
- 58. "The Science Guy"



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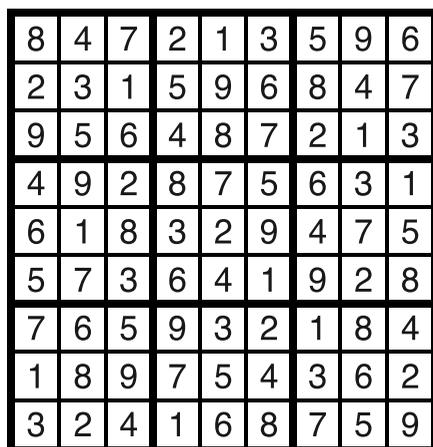
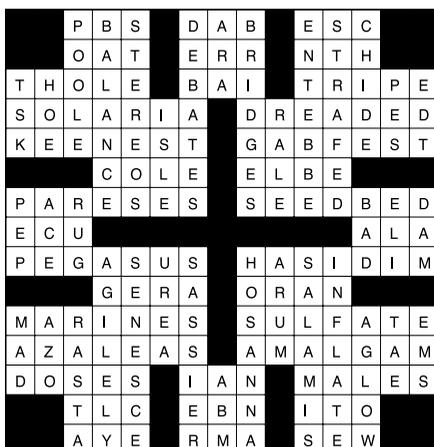
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### LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



# CSM Announces Fall Dean's List

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has released its dean's list for the fall session. Students who have earned 12 or more credits at CSM are eligible to be considered for the dean's list. At the end of the fall, spring and summer sessions, full- and part-time students who have completed at least six credits during the semester and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better will be included in the dean's list.

Here are the Dean's List honorees from St. Mary's County:

## Avenue

Karen Colonna and David Guy

## Bushwood

Sydney Bailey Garrett McDonald, Matthew Stamm and Hannah Walker

## California

Christopher Allen, Rachel Appleby, Patsy Brizard, Ansleigh Bryer, Justin Carter, Stephanie Dayton, Logan Dorics, Aliyah English, Benjamin Ewald, Corey Frazier, Whitney Freed, Debra Gilroy, Amber Gontarek, Karin Gray, Satoko Griffith. Kelli Gutierrez, Kerrie Hortch, Olivia Hutchens Rocha, Brant Klesch, Amy-Jo Kooy, Kallin Lee, Datron Moore. Anthony Parker, Corwin Paulsen, Sean Paulsen, Hannah Rainer, Yusuf Rickard, Andrew Rioux, Dallas Rollins, Elizabeth Scott, Terrice Stewart, Monica Szepesi, Hong Jae Woom, Donna Yang, Fay Yang, Bethany Yeh and Ina Yun.

## Callaway

Dorothy Andrews, Samantha Green, Hayley Khoury, Julie Mays and Schae Quade-Herbinko.

## Chaplico

Samuel Hall, Frederick Miller and Zachary Wolfe

## Charlotte Hall

yadunni Adegbeye, Gabrielle Coltrane, Sara Halsrud, Elizabeth Hull, Dawson Jewell, Kaylie Kinder, Ashley Latham, Lucius Latham, Isaac Morris, Miranda Shipman and Remington Smith

## Clements

Nicholas Schofield and Hannah Tucker

## Drayden

Gregory Croisetiere and Reyndall Marcus Galapon

## Great Mills

Adam Bumgardner Nathaniel Champion, Elizabeth Crandall, Hunter Devito, Brianna Dyson, Rhonda Graner, Courtney Gray, Elisa Height, Michael Knight, Alexandra Myers, Edward Pontzer, Isaiah Shields, Aspen Toler, Paisley-Tay Wells, John Wiegman, Eric Wilson, Amber Wright and Jacqueline Yannes

## Hollywood

Gillian Bacon, Brittany Bender, Alyssa Billings, Paul Bishop, Kaitlyn Curtis, Brooke Gatton, Rachel Giese, Ian Gilmore, Maryann Gonzales, Kenneth Graeser, Morgan Guy, Donald Howard, Rachel Hynes. Christian Jewell, Collin Katzman, Jenna Long, Jonathan Morgan, Ryan Morgan, Rebecca Morrison, Lindsey Pitonyak, Chance Pulliam, Aleshia Randall, Grace Russell, Emma Schmidt, Oxana Schroeder, Elaine Spide, Danielle Sullivan, Cory Swaim, Frank Thompson, Nicole Tillman, Joshua Tran, Avonda Vangordenm, Haley Wheeler and Haley

## Leonardtown

Rhiannon Bethea, Carson Bistline, Meredith Bromley, Danielle Brooks, Sean Carroll, Gunnar Cox, Brian Drewello, Jordan Dunn, Christian Erdolino, Christina Estacion, Nicholas Frankewicz, Zachary Gaylord, Nicole Geiger, Caroline Grebos, Tyler Major, Virginia Matthias, Bianca Melton, Lauren Menges, Nathaniel Morrison, Yadelsy Ortiz, Lauryn Paradis, Eleanor Pratt, Camille Prinkey, Allison Ridge-ll, Daniel Rizkowski, Meghan Scassero, Adam Shively, Thiana Suarez, William Vanderborcht, Connor Wadsworth, Ryan Wathen, Allison Willenborg and Yuxin

## Lexington Park

Magdalena Balda, Ashley Berry, Nicholas Binayan, Sophia Blackwell, Dallas



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Bonner, Shane Brown, Damita Butler, Dejah Carr, Laura Carrington, Arionna Chase, Eunice Costanzo, Eunice Costanzo, Cody Dean, Thomas Foster, Shekera Grayson, Morgan Hall, Anthony Harris, Leondra Henderson, Holly Hilton, Christina Howard, Gregory Hunt, Gabriel Ichniowski, Melody Jones, Jeanie Kemper, Crystal King, Haley Kraus, Ny Luong, Elisabeth Lyautey, Yaritza Markezich, Alexander Martin, Joy McBride, Macy McCombs, Samuel McCombs, Joseph McGhee, Rhey Mesowski, Kayla Miller, Chelsea Mock, Ashley Moorhouse, Allison Perusse, Tri Phan, Taylor Priest, Taylor Priest, Kevin Ramirez, Robert Reid, Emily Rodriguez, Stephanie Rodriguez, Colleen Runowich, Eoin Schneider, Sonal Stachowski, Sara Tawney, Lawrence Te, Clifford Toledo, Jacey Watson, Kiara West, Lauron Wiersma, Ronald Williams and Haley Yates

## Loveville

Brooke Lyon

## Mechanicsville

Courtney Allen, Noah Amos, Sean Angel, Jessica Apossos, Brittany Barnes, McKayla Barrett, Taylor Bell, Rachel Bond, Nicholas Brady, Jacob Buchanan, Tammy Bucior, Emma Bussler, Garrett Crownover, Alyssa Dorsey, Emily Douglas, Mikayla Edwards, Heather Forest, Rachael Fuese, Shelly Fuller, Logan Gallion, Rainanna Garner, Carrie Gilliam, Sarah Green, Jacob Guy, Alyssa Haley, Karen Hall, Destiny Harrison, Camden Hart, Sydney Hauer, Jeremy Hubert, Arabelle Kemp, Joseph Kemp, Ashley King, Rachel King, Dorothea Knight, Zoe Landram, Gianna Maguire, Kyle McAllister, Sydney McGurk, Megan Meador, Brittany Moore, Kyle Murphy, Jingerlyn Newsome, Cassidy Norris, Ashley Oliver, Jennifer Oliver. Clossa Orr, Devin Padgett, Samantha Pallo, Ashleigh Palmer, Cameryn Phillips, Samantha Pounsberry, David Preston, Colton Ragione, Hannah Rector, Emilie Rice, Danielle Schaefer, Hannah Schmitt, Elizabeth Shepherd, Andrew Sien, Alexia Smith, Isaiah Smith, Michael Surface, Michael Towne, Anna Trybus, Kelsey Tucker, Charles Vallandingham, Dale Vanmeter, Jessica Van Patten, Elizabeth Weiss, Shane Whitaker, Brendan Wilson, McKenzie Wood, Ashley Wrigh, Moreen Young and Kelsey Zumwalt

## Park Hall

Audrey Moltumyr

## Patuxent River

Myla Davis

## Piney Point

Cory Svoboda

## Ridge

John Gatton

## Saint Inigoes

Tucker Arvin, Abigail Carroll, Rebekah Carroll, Mary Jenkins, Michael Klotz, Christiana Meyer and Isaac Zelinski

## Tall Timbers

Emily Grant

## Valley Lee

Jessica Alvey, Amber Major, Taylor Mohica and Hector Orellana

# College to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton

The Office of the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland presents "Nurturing the Compassionate Community: An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton" on Saturday, February 29 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) in Daugherty-Palmer Commons. The event, co-sponsored by the VOICES Reading Series, is free of charge and open to the public. The evening will feature poetry readings and reflections to honor St. Mary's College's former Distinguished Professor of the Humanities Lucille Clifton.

Naomi Shihab Nye and Danusha Laméris will perform original works of poetry during the event.

Nye is the author of numerous books of poems, including "The Tiny Journalist" (BOA Editions, 2019); "Voices in the Air: Poems for Listeners" (Greenwillow Books, 2018); "Transfer" (BOA Editions, 2011); "You and Yours" (BOA Editions, 2005), which received the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award; and "19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East" (Greenwillow Books, 2002), a collection of new and selected poems about the Middle East.

Nye gives voice to her experience as an Arab-American through poems about heritage and peace that overflow with a humanitarian spirit. Her poems and short stories have appeared in various journals and reviews throughout North America, Europe, and the Middle and Far East. She has traveled to the Middle East and Asia for the United States Information Agency three times, promoting international goodwill through the arts.

Danusha Laméris's first book of poems, "The Moons of August" (2014), won the 2013 Autumn House Press poetry contest. She was born in Massachusetts and raised in California. She earned a bachelor's degree in

fine arts at University of California, Santa Cruz and studied at the Squaw Valley Writers Workshops and with the poet Ellen Bass.

Laméris's poems have been published in Crab Orchard Review, Poetry Northwest, Alaska Quarterly Review, and The SUN Magazine and Rattle, among other journals. Her work has also been included in the anthologies "Intimate Kisses," "A Bird Black as the Sun: California Poets on Crows and Ravens," and "In a Fine Frenzy: Poets Respond to Shakespeare." She lives in Santa Cruz, where she teaches private poetry workshops.

Lee Capristo, director of publications at St. Mary's College, will receive the President's Lucille Clifton Award. Nominated by senior students, faculty and staff of the College, the President's Lucille Clifton Award is given to employees who best embody the spirit of caring, compassion and nurturing that characterized Lucille Clifton's tenure at the College.

Lucille Clifton was one of the most distinguished, decorated, and beloved poets of her time. She won the National Book Award for Poetry and was the first Black recipient of the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for lifetime achievement. Her honors and awards give testament to the universality of her unique and resonant voice. In 1987, she became the first author to have two books of poetry – "Good Woman" and "Next" – chosen as finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in the same year. She was named a Literary Lion of New York Public Library in 1996, served as chancellor of the Academy of American Poetry and was elected a fellow in Literature of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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## Both Primary Pax River Runways Repaired and Reopened

By Donna Cipolloni NAS Patuxent River Public Affairs

It has been a while in the making, but both primary runways at NAS Patuxent River's Trapnell Airfield were finally repaired and reopened for business Jan. 6 – meeting Naval Facilities Engineering Command's (NAVFAC) scheduled completion date.

“The Runway Repairs Project started in December 2015,” said Lt. Christina Milone, the NAVFAC construction manager on the project. “Runway

14/32 was closed intermittently in phases from December 2015 to June 2018, then we closed Runway 6/24 from June 2018 to August 2019 before going back to 14/32, which was closed again from September 2019 to January 2020.”

Both runways and supporting infrastructure and facilities were deteriorating, necessitating the need for repairs, which included rehabilitating the runways to meet current standards and extending the serviceable life of the runways and infrastructure by at least 20 years.

Runway 14/32 is 9,000-feet long and Runway 6/24 is 11,000-feet long; both are 200-feet wide. The entire length of the runways was repaired, over 4 million square feet.

“Frequent communications between all parties, including Air Operations and NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer Capt. Christopher Cox, helped [Public Works] understand the airfield coordination requirements,” Milone explained. “We then worked with the contractors on adjusting their schedule to ensure we were not disrupting airfield operations. Our Engineering Techs Eddie Bowles, Larry Dong and George Erskine had daily oversight of all the construction operations and kept the contractors on schedule.”

Another important component in reopening the runways on time was the completion of the Triton Taxiway and Apron Replacement Project, which was separate from the runway repairs.

“That started in February 2019 and had to be completed in phases in coordination with the Runway Repairs Project,” Milone said. “The existing asphalt taxiway and concrete apron were demolished and 10 inches of concrete was placed on the entire area, totaling over 6,000 cubic yards. The completion of this taxiway was critical to the opening of Runway 14/32 by Jan. 6 to support air operations.”

Being landlocked with a hole the size of two football fields outside their hangar doors presented many challenges for the Triton team when receiving parts for the two aircraft undergoing extensive modifications in the hangar.

“We were granted space at Hangar 306 for the reconstruction period, which turned

out to be longer than anyone anticipated due to unforeseen issues, such as weather and a great deal of the taxiway having to be undercut and built back up,” said Barry Keffer, facility operations specialist for Triton. “Our maintenance crew for the aircraft was split between the hangars as well, causing its own issues when you needed to contact someone.”

Timely completion was also vital in getting the Triton aircraft back into the hangar for required modifications.



“Aircraft B-1 was approaching a critical time where – after so many landings and so many flight hours – a complete inspection of the aircraft/airframe must be done to certify it for flight worthiness,” Keffer explained. “During teardown inspection the plane cannot be moved, which would’ve been near impossible in Hangar 306.”

Milone is earning credit for her role in the successful completion of such a high-profile project.

“Lt. Milone played a huge part,” said Lt. Cmdr. Adam Gerlach, NAVFAC’s facilities engineering and acquisition division director. “She worked with and alongside our Public Works acquisition branch and construction branch to facilitate actions as needed, as well as our Air Ops personnel. She routinely de-conflicted the activities of over \$120 million worth of construction projects, not only from each other, but from the base’s daily and R&D activities. She regularly was asked to brief senior leadership both on-board and off-base, and represented myself, the Public Works Officer, and NAVFAC.”

A few punchlist items remain for the runway repairs, such as installing new approach lights and electrical work in the two new light vaults, but nothing that will affect the operation of the two main runways, Milone said.

“This spring we’ll have one more closure of Runway 6/24, starting March 1, to support the new MQ-25 hangar construction,” she added. “They’ll be installing a new taxiway from the runway to the hangar and construction is expected to take three months.”

## The Spirit of Innovation & Freedom

### Artists and scientists share how innovation takes flight

Internationally recognized musician Dominic Fragman and NAVAIR engineer Anthony Malatesta will lead a community discussion of innovation in art and science in “A Quantum Case for Innovation in Art & Technology,” at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. The Spirit of Innovation and Freedom (SIF) Ensemble, featuring master drummer Paul F. Murphy, will perform a totally improvised concert demonstrating the concepts explored by Fragman and Malatesta.

“The mindset of innovation is one of mutual listening, open communication and embracing different ideas and perspectives,” said Fragman, co-founder of SIF. He and Malatesta, founder and team lead of NAVAIR’s Power and Energy Division Thermal and Electrical Modeling Lab, will discuss how innovative processes in the arts and in STEM fields are both rooted in the structure of the natural world.

College of Southern Maryland Executive Director of Diversity & Inclusion Dr. Sybol Anderson, a philosopher and SIF co-founder, will moderate the discussion.

“Understanding the mindset of innovation at a deep level is not only a good way to orient oneself towards one’s ventures, but also an important way to think of oneself as a community member,” Anderson said. “That’s one reason we want to have an interactive conversation with the community.”

Following the discussion, the Spirit of Innovation & Freedom Ensemble will demonstrate innovation by performing a totally improvised concert that presents a new sound in music. Fragman will perform on guitar and drums with master avant garde drummer Paul F. Murphy and celebrated poet Jere Carroll—also SIF co-founders. Murphy’s contributions to music have been recognized by Oxford’s Grove Dictionary of Music as a new direction in art. Carroll was poet laureate of the grand opening of the Mary Pickford Theatre at the Library of Congress. Fragman, who has studied with Murphy and jazz icon Cecil Taylor, has been called a “musical genius” by Right This Minute TV.

The SIF Mindset of Innovation series event aims to strengthen relationships between artists, scientists, engineers and other innovators in Southern Maryland. In April 2019 Forbes cited Southern Maryland as having the highest concentration of high-tech jobs in the country. SIF, the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, and many other partners intend to bring more cultural programs to the region to attract and retain talented professionals.

Co-sponsors of “A Quantum Case for Innovation in Art & Technology” include ABSI Aerospace and Defense, ADCO Innovations, AirTec, Atlantic Broadband, Calvert Commercial Real Estate, Flag Harbor Marine Services, G & H Jewelers, Greenwave Dispensary, Grey Ops, Heron Systems, Holiday Inn Solomons, Island Creek Associates, Kairos, KBR, MilCorp, Pollo Delicioso, Port of Leonardtown Winery, Sabre Systems, Solomons Gallery, St. Mary’s Arts Council, St. Mary’s County Department of Economic Development, Techport UMD, Tobacco Barn Distillery and Zenetex.

General admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (\$15/\$20 for museum members). Tickets can be purchased at [www.PaxMuseum.com](http://www.PaxMuseum.com). All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.

The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum is located at 22156 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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## Great Mills Girls Basketball Wins Again

Great Mills High School's Girls Basketball team continued its undefeated streak against Leonardtown.



## Seahawks Capture Second Consecutive CAC Win

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team (7-12, 2-2 CAC) hosted the Southern Virginia University Knights (1-18, 0-4 CAC) in Capital Athletic Conference play on Saturday (Jan. 25) afternoon. The Seahawks captured their second consecutive conference victory by defeating SVU 85-64.

### St. Mary's College - 85, Southern Virginia - 64 How It Happened

The opening six minutes of action were competitive and had the Seahawks take an 13-10 lead at the 12:54 mark. Next, the Seahawks strung together a six-point run, their largest of the contest to extend their lead to 19-10. **Jack Foley** began the run with an electrifying dunk and ended the run with a layup.

With under five minutes remaining in the half, the Knights responded with five unanswered points to bring themselves within two at the 3:33 mark. SVU

eventually evened things up at 36-36 with 1:31 remaining, but the Seahawks finished the half strong by recording the final six points of the half and headed into the locker rooms with a 42-36 advantage. **Grant, Foley,** and **Dee Barnes** recorded scores during the run to end the half.

St. Mary's College took command in the second half and never gave up the lead the rest of the way. At the 15:06 mark of the second half, the Seahawks created a six-point scoring run to jump out to a 15-point advantage. **Miles Gillette** highlighted the run with four points and **Barnes** tallied two.

Minutes later, **Barnes** drained a three-ball to extend the Seahawk lead to 23 points, their largest of the afternoon. Southern Virginia went on an eight-point run with 8:41 remaining, but the Seahawk lead was too much to overcome.

### Inside the Box Score

Sophomore transfer **Barnes** had his best game as a Seahawk and finished with a team-best 25 points. **Barnes** shot 6-10 from three-point range and dished out two assists. **Grant** finished the afternoon with a double-double, collecting 18 points and a team-high 14 rebounds. Additionally, **Foley** recorded a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. **Gillette** finished the afternoon with 17 points. **Justin Milstead** and **Gillette** hustled for three steals each to lead the team.

As a team, the Seahawks scored 20 points off of turnovers, 32 points in the paint, 20 second chance points, and 14 points off of fast breaks.

**Jamier Cross** led the Knights with 19 points in the contest.

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Gary Grant '23 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

**SUPER BOWL**

| DATE          | SCORE                           | MVP                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Feb. 3 2019   | New England 13, Los Angeles 3   | Julian Edelman      |
| Feb. 4 2018   | Philadelphia 41, New England 33 | Nick Foles          |
| Feb. 5, 2017  | New England 34, Atlanta 28 (OT) | Tom Brady           |
| Feb. 7, 2016  | Denver 24, Carolina 10          | Von Miller          |
| Feb. 1, 2015  | New England 28, Seattle 24      | Tom Brady           |
| Feb. 2, 2014  | Seattle 43, Denver 8            | Malcolm Smith       |
| Feb. 3, 2013  | Baltimore 34, San Francisco 31  | Joe Flacco          |
| Feb. 5, 2012  | NY Giants 21, New England 17    | Eli Manning         |
| Feb. 6, 2011  | Green Bay 31, Pittsburgh 25     | Aaron Rodgers       |
| Feb. 7, 2010  | New Orleans 31, Indianapolis 17 | Drew Brees          |
| Feb. 1, 2009  | Pittsburgh 27, Arizona 23       | Santonio Holmes     |
| Feb. 3, 2008  | NY Giants 17, New England 14    | Eli Manning         |
| Feb. 4, 2007  | Indianapolis 29, Chicago 17     | Peyton Manning      |
| Feb. 5, 2006  | Pittsburgh 21, Seattle 10       | Hines Ward          |
| Feb. 6, 2005  | New England 24, Philadelphia 21 | Deion Branch        |
| Feb. 1, 2004  | New England 32, Carolina 29     | Tom Brady           |
| Jan. 26, 2003 | Tampa Bay 48, Oakland 21        | Dexter Jackson      |
| Feb. 3, 2002  | New England 20, St. Louis 17    | Tom Brady           |
| Jan. 28, 2001 | Baltimore 34, NY Giants 7       | Ray Lewis           |
| Jan. 30, 2000 | St. Louis 23, Tennessee 16      | Kurt Warner         |
| Jan. 31, 1999 | Denver 34, Atlanta 19           | John Elway          |
| Jan. 25, 1998 | Denver 31, Green Bay 24         | Terrell Davis       |
| Jan. 26, 1997 | Green Bay 35, New England 21    | Desmond Howard      |
| Jan. 28, 1996 | Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 17        | Larry Brown         |
| Jan. 29, 1995 | San Francisco 49, San Diego 26  | Steve Young         |
| Jan. 30, 1994 | Dallas 30, Buffalo 13           | Emmitt Smith        |
| Jan. 31, 1993 | Dallas 52, Buffalo 17           | Troy Aikman         |
| Jan. 26, 1992 | Washington 37, Buffalo 24       | Mark Rypien         |
| Jan. 27, 1991 | New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19  | Ottis Anderson      |
| Jan. 28, 1990 | San Francisco 55, Denver 10     | Joe Montana         |
| Jan. 22, 1989 | San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16 | Jerry Rice          |
| Jan. 31, 1988 | Washington 42, Denver 10        | Doug Williams       |
| Jan. 25, 1987 | New York Giants 39, Denver 20   | Phil Simms          |
| Jan. 26, 1986 | Chicago 46, New England 10      | Richard Dent        |
| Jan. 20, 1985 | San Francisco 38, Miami 16      | Joe Montana         |
| Jan. 22, 1984 | Los Angeles 38, Washington 9    | Marcus Allen        |
| Jan. 30, 1983 | Washington 27, Miami 17         | John Riggins        |
| Jan. 24, 1982 | San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21 | Joe Montana         |
| Jan. 25, 1981 | Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10     | Jim Plunkett        |
| Jan. 20, 1980 | Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles 19   | Terry Bradshaw      |
| Jan. 21, 1979 | Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31        | Terry Bradshaw      |
| Jan. 15, 1978 | Dallas 27, Denver 10            | H. Martin, R. White |
| Jan. 9, 1977  | Oakland 32, Minnesota 14        | Fred Biletnikoff    |
| Jan. 18, 1976 | Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17        | Lynn Swann          |
| Jan. 12, 1975 | Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6      | Franco Harris       |
| Jan. 13, 1974 | Miami 24, Minnesota 7           | Larry Csonka        |
| Jan. 14, 1973 | Miami 14, Washington 7          | Jake Scott          |
| Jan. 16, 1972 | Dallas 24, Miami 3              | Roger Staubach      |
| Jan. 17, 1971 | Baltimore 16, Dallas 13         | Chuck Howley        |
| Jan. 11, 1970 | Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7     | Len Dawson          |
| Jan. 12, 1969 | NY Jets 16, Baltimore 7         | Joe Namath          |
| Jan. 14, 1968 | Green Bay 33, Oakland 14        | Bart Starr          |
| Jan. 15, 1967 | Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10    | Bart Starr          |

# BIG GAME HISTORY



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# In Remembrance

## Dorothy "Dot" Louise Dixon



Dorothy "Dot" Louise Dixon, 89 of Hollywood, MD formerly from Largo, FL passed away on January 22, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on March 18, 1930 in Mt. Rainer, MD and was the loving daughter of the late Agnes M. Krug Moler and Albert H. Moler. Dot married the love of her life Thomas "Biff" Dixon, on July 2, 1950 in St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church Hollywood, MD and who preceded her in death on April 6, 1985. Dot is survived by her children Daniel T. Dixon, Sr. (Deborah) of Hollywood, MD, David W. Dixon (Janice) of Hollywood, MD, Joyce Rosello (Richard) of Largo, FL, Aimee Miller (Thomas) Duneden, FL, 9 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. Sisters in law Mary McKay, and Jean Moler. She was preceded in death by her siblings Baby Charles Moler, Albert H. Moler, Jr, and Mary Barbe.

Dot and her parents moved to Hollywood, MD when she was a teenager. Later, a job transfer moved the family to Largo, FL where Dot and Biff made their new home for 15 years. A year after Biff's death, Dot returned to Hollywood, MD where she has resided for more than 33 years. She enjoyed sewing, baking, crossword puzzles, and traveling with Biff. She love being with family.

A second Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM in Serenity Gardens Funeral Home in Largo, FL. Interment will follow in Serenity Gardens Largo, FL. Serving as pallbearers will be C. Dale Dixon, Daniel T. Dixon, Jr, Thomas Miller, Richard Rosello, Sr, Richard Rosello, Jr, and Robert Rosello.

Contributions may be made to the Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 79 Hollywood, MD 20636.

## Joseph "Alfred" Dillow, III



Joseph "Alfred" Dillow, III, "Argie/Popdaddy", 95, of California, MD formerly from Hollywood, MD passed away on January 22, 2020 at his home. Born on April 10, 1924 in White Hall, MD he was the son of the late Alice Roberta

Goldsborough Dillow and Joseph Alfred Dillow, Jr. Alfred was the loving husband of the late Betty Dean Dillow whom he married on June 25, 1949 in Holy Face Catholic Church Great Mills, MD and who preceded him in death on February 25, 2013. Alfred is survived by his children Michael Mervell Dillow of Hollywood, MD, Mark Gregory Dillow of Lexington Park, MD, Joanne Marie of Lexington Park, MD, and 4 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings Thomas Dillow, Charles Dillow, Robert Dillow, and Alice Dillow.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Alfred graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1942 and attended the University of Maryland. He served

in the United States Army from 1944 to 1951, during World War II. Alfred was the owner of Joseph A. Dillow Home Builders in California, MD, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Rotary Club, St. Mary's County Historical Society, and Knights of Columbus. His hobbies included cooking, traveling, tennis, cutting firewood, and stuffing hams.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Dillow, Michael Sean Dillow, Mark Dillow, Brandon Dillow, Austin Dillow and Dale Tarleton.

## Rita Domenica Capuano



Rita Domenica Capuano, 81, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, January 27, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

Rita was born on December 29, 1938 in Allentown, Pennsylvania to the late Francesco Alloggio and Mary (DeStefano) Alloggio. She was one of three (3) daughters.

A strong, intelligent and independent woman, Rita worked as an Aesthetician in her own beauty salon, Merle Norman Salon. Rita never questioned God's plan and she worked tirelessly to make a safe and beautiful life for her four children. She adored her clients and making a woman look her best brought her great joy.

Rita was a vibrant woman who enjoyed spending time with her family. Doting on her children, grandchildren and then her great-grandchildren made her smile and gave her life purpose. She was a fun-loving, life of the party hostess and enjoyed backyard parties when the music would be turned up, the kids ran around in bare feet and laughter echoed into the night. Rita was always tapping her toes to the music, singing with her angelic voice and if you were lucky playing the piano. Rita enjoyed music so much, she performed in several musicals in her youth.

As the years have come and gone, the sassy woman who loved her children above all has rejoiced in the Lord, nature and the beauty of life. She spent her days tending to her flower gardens and koi pond. She enjoyed spending the day in her yard under the bright sunshine and blue skies. Never one to complain about the rising temperatures, Rita loved to visit the beach.

She was a wonderful woman who loved openly and cherished family above all else. Rita was adored and loved by her family and community. The legacy Rita leaves behind is found in the strength of character, bright eyes and smiles of her family. May you remember her when you hear music playing and dance as if she was dancing with you. She will be missed by many, but not as much as her family.

Rita is survived by her children, Francisco L. Capuano (Melissa) of Clayton, NC, Christina Hoffman (Ronald) of Gambrills, MD and Anthony M. Capuano, Jr. (Donna) o Waldorf, MD; twelve (12) grandchildren, Nicole, Briana, Francesca, Christina, Anthony, Nina, Ronald, Raquel, Alexandra, Erica, Michael and Anthony; and sixteen (16) great-

grandchildren; and two (2) sisters, Rosalie Sabetti (Phillip) of Easton, PA and Helen Martocci of Allentown, PA. She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Michael Anthony Capuano.

The family will receive friends for Rita's Life Celebration on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service heard at 1:00 p.m. and officiated by Father Michael Briesi at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be immediately following at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Rita's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

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

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## Christine Marie Kalil



Christine Marie Kalil, 42, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away at her home on January 27, 2020 surrounded by his loving family after a courageous two year battle with cancer.

She was born on June 26, 1977 in Streator, IL to Kenneth L. Jordan of Pontiac, IL and Lynne Corcoran of Princeton, IL.

Christine is a 1999 graduate of Bradley University Peoria, IL with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art. She later earned her Master's in School Guidance Counseling from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. She was employed for a year by Disney World in Orlando, FL, as a character (Chip and sometimes Dale). It was there she discovered her love for children and her desire to enter into the educational system. She began her career as an art teacher in Nashville, TN at Mount Juliet and the public school system for a total of five years. She moved to Southern Maryland and was a dedicated elementary school guidance counselor at Oakville, Mechanicsville, Ridge, Park Hall, White Marsh and Green Holly, until she was no longer able to work.

On July 14, 2007, she married her beloved husband, David J. Kalil at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 12 wonderful years of marriage.

She was a talented artist and specialized in scenery and portraits, using both acrylics and watercolor. She had an affinity for theater and was actively involved since high school. She was a member of the Newtown Players and sang solos in Evita, Mr. Snow, Georgie Girl, Bye Birdie, and She Love Me, which she starred in with her husband. She was a past member of the St. Aloysius Music Ministry and a long-time member of Immaculate Heart of Mary music ministry. She enjoyed going to shows in New York City, the Kennedy Center, the National Theater, and to dinner theaters. She was an avid traveler, having taken girl trips with her mother and aunts to Ireland, and family vacations to New York City, Boston, Maine, Florida, and Hawaii. After getting married she continued to travel

with her husband to Tennessee where she particularly enjoyed Nashville, Gatlinburg, and Knoxville; the Bahamas, Disney World many times, and the Shenandoah Mountains; and trips home to visit family in Illinois. She also traveled with her mom's family to Hawaii and Disney. However, one of her favorite trips was to Time Square in NYC where her husband proposed marriage to her under the Christmas tree. She enjoyed cooking and canning, especially, apple butter, tomatoes, homemade spaghetti sauce, salsa, peach salsa, and applesauce. She loved children, and had foster children that she cared deeply for prior to her illness. She was close to her family and loved to spend time with them and her husband.

In addition to beloved husband, David, she also survived by her loving mother, Lynne Corcoran Weber and step-father, Alan Weber of Princeton, IL who loved and raised her as his own child; her father, Kenneth L. Jordan and his wife Virginia of Pontiac; her grandmother, Norma Weber of Ogleby, IL; her aunts and uncles: Jan Bartel (Jim) of Westmont, IL, Debbie Porth (Rick) of Streamwood, IL, Jim Corcoran (Alice) of Downers Grove, IL, and Bill Corcoran of Bloomington, IL; her great aunt, Lois Webb of Ottawa, IL and her brother and sister in-laws: Tom Kalil (Mary Ellen) of Fairfax, VA, Darlene Connelly (William) of Bowie, MD, and Lou Kalil (Ana) of College Park, MD; along with 13 close cousins; 10 nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, and many extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her godmother and aunt, Kathy Tuntland, grandparents John and Edith Corcoran and David;s parents Ford and Renee Kalil.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with prayers recited by Deacon Juan Ortiz at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD, 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. by Reverend Marco Shad at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated February 8 at 10:30am by Reverend Daniel Gifford at St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL

Serving as pallbearers will be Christine Kalil, Patrick King, Kevin Stevens, Matthew Menard, Tom Dannan, and Thomas Montagnes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653, or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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## Judith O'Brien



Judith O'Brien, Judy, born in Washington D.C., was a graduate of the nursing school at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, MD, worked at Providence Hospital in Washington D.C. and later worked at St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's College in St.

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

# In Remembrance

Mary's County, MD. However, she was best known for her many years in the real estate industry in Southern Maryland. Together with her father, Wm. F. O'Brien she founded O'Brien Realty in 1968, and quickly became a well-known figure in St. Mary's County specializing in farms and waterfront sales. She also taught Principals of Real Estate licensing courses at both St. Mary's College and Charles County Community College (currently College of Southern MD). She was a charter member of the Southern Maryland Association of Realtors and Council of Women Realtors, and after the death of her father served as broker and associate broker for the business she founded until 1990, bringing brothers Patrick, Larry, Peter and Mike into the business with her over the following years. After leaving the family business she pursued a solo career in real estate while raising her adopted family of 7 children from Brazil. Finally retiring to Avenue, Maryland, she was an avid and active member of Holy Angels Parish, teaching religious instruction, choir, and helping others in many ways through her work in the community.

She is survived by her brothers Lawrence P. O'Brien of St. George Island, MD and Michael P. O'Brien of Lexington Park, MD and her five surviving children, Alexandre Moreno, Valdec O'Brien, Elizangela Ridgell, Adriano Moreno and Andre O'Brien and many grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Holy Angels Church, 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue MD on Monday, February 3, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood MD. Donations may be made in her name to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, P.O. Box 527, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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## Gertrude C. "Trudy" Berry



Gertrude C. "Trudy" Berry, 87 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on January 20, 2020 at Hospice House of St. Mary's in Callaway, MD.

She was born on August 11, 1932 in West Virginia to the late Frank Delbert Cryser and Katheryn (Langley) Cryser.

Trudy was a very hard worker, working two jobs most of her life. She was a dedicated care taker at St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City for over 20 years until her retirement. She was also employed part-time as a bartender for the Chief Petty Officer's Club at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. She enjoyed gardening and canning the produce she harvested. She also raised beautiful flowers throughout her yard. She was a fan of Blue Grass music and used to go on weekends to Take it Easy Ranch to the music festivals. She was an avid world traveler, travelling to all 50 states and throughout Europe. One of her favorite trips was to Ireland. She loved her family and spending time with them.

Trudy is survived by her son, Robert V. Coffman, Jr. of Selma, TX, and her daughter and son-in-law Addie M. Wood and Harry (Butch) Wood of Ridge,

MD; brother, Paul "Jimmy" Cryser of Charleston, SC, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley A. Coffman; siblings: Lulu Belle Burke, Charles Cryser, Mary Alt, and Theresa Carter, and her husband, Ollie Grant Berry, Jr.

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

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## Rose Margaret Disclafani



Rose Margaret Disclafani, 90, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Rose was born on February 23, 1929 in Monessen, Pennsylvania, to the late Luigi Imbrogno and Caroline (Setting) Imbrogno. She was one of seven (7) children and the last to pass through the heavenly gates.

She met her best friend and forever love, Salvatore A. Disclafani while attending a local dance. They spent over 65 years dancing and laughing together before Salvatore's passing in 2013. Together their love produced two (2) beautiful daughters, and the family grew with each generation, adding four (4) grandchildren and six (6) great-grandchildren.

Rose was a vibrant and feisty woman who loved her family. She adored having everyone together and cooking up a traditional Italian feast. If you were lucky enough to sit at her table, you left full, happy and blessed. Rose never stopped at just the main course, she loved to bake, and was a magician when it came to her coconut cream pie and her Italian cookies. They were a treat she spoiled her husband and family with on special occasions.

Rose had a heart of gold and love for life. She rejoiced in the Lord and her family. She had an artistic nature she used to make beautiful crafts. A gifted seamstress, she made all the draperies, pillow cases and pillows in her home. She had an eye for beauty and the touch of an angel. She was a gardener, growing delicious vegetables and also beautiful flowers. Her bright smile and quick wit will be dearly missed. Memories of her inherent joy will last a lifetime for her family, and knowing that she is reunited with her beloved husband in heaven will bring them peace.

Rose is survived by her daughters, Sandra Dippold (Vance) of LaPlata, MD, and Virginia Roach (Richard) of Mechanicsville, MD; four (4) grandchildren; six (6) great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings, Carmela Zugaro, Michael Imbrogno, Albert Imbrogno, James (Frank) Imbrogno, John Imbrogno and Joseph Imbrogno.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church, 37575 Chaptico Road, Chaptico, MD 20621.

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lotte Hall, MD.

## David "Sluggo" Walter Long

David "Sluggo" Walter Long, 81 of Drayden, MD passed away on December 22, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born October 11, 1938 in North Andover, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Lillian Ruth Jackson Long and Everett Eastman Long.

David is survived by his loving wife Shirley A. Long whom he married on March 15, 1974 in Upper Marlboro, MD. He is also survived by his children: Debbie (Keith) Coady, of Pelham, NH Carol Long of Wheeling, WV, Sharon Holland of North Andover, MA., and Kelly (David) Camire of North Hampton, NH, siblings: Rae Hay of Thousand Oaks, Ca, Carol Lawson (Roger) of North Andover, MA and Jack Long of Laconia, NH, six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

David attended North Andover High School, he moved from Virginia Beach, VA to St. Mary's County in 1961. David served in the Navy from August 1956 to February 1975 retiring after 20 years of service. His duty stations included Lakehurst, NJ, Virginia Beach, VA, Patuxent River, MD, Pensacola, FL, and Naval Air Facility, Washington DC. While serving in the Navy Dave earned: the Air Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (4), Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary

Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device.

Dave was employed as a New Car Prep Manager at Bill Cairns Pontiac in Marlow Heights, MD from 1975 to 1987. Dave belonged to the Fleet Reserve Association, he enjoyed recycling any type of medal, was a Washington Capitals fan and loved spending time with his family and socializing with friends.

Mary Mildred Lafler Fender  
Mary Mildred Lafler Fender, 92 of Lexington Park entered into eternal rest on Friday December 13, 2019.

She was born on September 20, 1927 in Rochester, NY to Daniel Acnez and Laura Mildred Lafler. She was a wonderful mother to four daughters Frelenda Mary, Kathy Ann, Teri Iris and Laura Alice And one son Grover Freelen Fender Jr. She had eleven grandchildren and five great Grandchildren. She had two sisters survived by Barbara Jean Edwards and predeceased by Elizabeth Madge Edwards. She had many nieces and nephews. She was a joyful and loving woman with a smile that would light up any room. Mary was especially connected with her Leonardtown Baptist Church family, Mary proudly served in the Army from 1948 to 1951. Stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and worked at the Pentagon as a high speed radio operator. A celebration of life memorial will be announced in the future.



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# Community Calendar

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## Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020

### The Spirit of Innovation and Freedom

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum  
22156 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park  
6p.m.

Internationally recognized musician Dominic Fragman and NAVAIR engineer Anthony Malatesta will lead a community discussion of innovation in art and science in "A Quantum Case for Innovation in Art & Technology."

General admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (\$15/\$20 for museum members). Tickets can be purchased at [www.PaxMuseum.com](http://www.PaxMuseum.com). All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.

### Queen of Hearts LVRS Fundraiser

Fitzies Marina and Pub Restaurant  
Joe Hazel Road  
Leonardtwn  
4p.m. to 7p.m.

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

### Cheesesteaks

VFW Post 2632  
Three Notch Road  
California  
5p.m. to 8p.m.

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

## Friday, Jan. 31, 2020

### Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner

American Legion Post 238  
6265 Brandywine Rd.  
Hughesville  
5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Price—\$12

For more info call 301-274-3522 or check us out on the Web [www.alpost238.org](http://www.alpost238.org) or Facebook

### Elks TEXAS HOLDEM Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge  
Fire Dept. Lane

### Great Mills

7p.m. to 12:30a.m.  
\$60 Buy in = 7000 chips  
Total Starting Stack could be 8500 chips

Each player can re-enter one time before the end of the first break for \$60 (8000 chips). This is not a late entry event you must be signed in before the start of the tournament.

Cash games will start as soon as there are enough players that are interested.

Holdem : \$1- \$2 no limit  
Omaha Hi/Lo : \$.50—\$1 no limit (starts at 4pm)

Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828  
Email: [jdeanjunior@yahoo.com](mailto:jdeanjunior@yahoo.com)

### Newtowne's "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"

Three Notch Theatre  
21744 South Coral Drive  
Lexington Park  
8p.m. to 10:30p.m.

The Newtowne Players present Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts' musical "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Tickets, available at [www.newtowneplayers.org](http://www.newtowneplayers.org), are \$18 for adults; \$16 for NTP members; \$15 for military, seniors, NTP members and students; and \$13 for children under 12. All tickets for Thursday performances are \$13. Reservations may be made at 301-737-5447.

## Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020

### Mother Catherine Academy Bingo

Mother Catherine Academy  
38833 Chaptico Road  
Mechanicsville  
6:30p.m. to 10:30p.m.  
301-884-3165

## Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020

### VCMI St. Mary's Church Service

21905 Chancellors Run Rd  
Great Mills  
10a.m. to noon

Nondenominational Church Service  
We welcome you A Church of Love  
Join us for Sunday service, with Pastors Tyrone & Cynthia Marshall  
You won't leave out the same way you came in.

### Quarter Auction benefiting Southern MD Vacations for Veteran

### St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

42455 Fairgrounds Road  
Leonardtwn  
Noon to 3p.m.

Join the Fun Bunch & Friendz team and the volunteers of Southern Maryland Vacations for Veterans as we host a quarter frenzy quarter auction:

Doors open at noon  
Auction begins at 1PM  
Paddles are \$3 each, 2 for \$5 or 3 for \$7.

All bids are between 1-4 quarters.  
Crock pot buffet, raffles and much more.

For info or reservations, please call 240-416-4224.

### Super Bowl Wing Platters

28165 Hills Club Road  
Mechanicsville  
2p.m. to 5p.m.

The Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. will be selling Super Bowl Wing Platters on Sunday February 2nd, 2020. Pick up times will be from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the back of the firehouse at the kitchen door. Full platter (50 pieces) will be \$50.00 and a half platter (25 pieces) \$30.00. Wing Options will be plain, buffalo, or Old bay and come with one sauce at your choice (ranch or blue cheese). Extra sauces can be purchased for \$3.00 each. We do accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover. All proceeds benefit the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept.

### Chili Cook Off

VFW Post 2632  
Three Notch Road  
California  
4p.m. to 5p.m.

Before the Super Bowl.  
Three categories, Hottest, Tastiest and Best Overall.

Have your chili at the VFW by 4:30 judging starts at 5

### Super Bowl Party

VFW Post 2632  
Three Notch Road  
California  
6p.m. to 11p.m.

Game starts at 6:30, The game will be on three TVs plus the big screen. Get here early to get a seat.

We will be doing a potluck so please bring a dish to share.

## Wednesday Feb. 5, 2020

### Leonardtwn Lions Club Meeting

Olde Breton Inn  
21890 Society Hill Road  
Leonardtwn  
7p.m.

Warfighter Advance Executive Director Dr. Mary Neal Vieten, Ph.D, ABPP will be the guest speaker.

The presentation is open to the public. Please contact Lion George Kirby(240-577-0029) to reserve your seat. A buffet dinner is available.

## Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020

### Maryland in the Age of Sail: American Revolution & the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum  
14200 Solomons Island Road  
Solomons  
7p.m. to 8p.m.

Join Mark Wilkins, Curator of Maritime History at the Calvert Marine Museum, as he explores "Maryland in the Age of Sail". This eight week lecture series includes topics ranging from European influence to the tobacco trade to the Civil War on the Chesapeake and more, through the 20th century.

What role did the Chesapeake play in the War for Independence? This talk will explore the tactical and strategic importance of the Bay during the Revolutionary War, including important battles and associated naval engagements and strategies.

Lectures are free and open to the public.

### American Legion Post 221 Meeting

Legion Post 221  
21690 Colton Point Rd  
Avenue  
8p.m. to 9p.m.

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. Visit our website at [www.alpost221.webs.com/](http://www.alpost221.webs.com/) or e-mail us at [alpost221@aol.com](mailto:alpost221@aol.com). Call (301) 884-4071 for more information. Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

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### R&B Line Dancing

There is still time to get in on R&B Line Dancing at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Fridays. The last two sessions of this cycle will be Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 from 1-2 p.m. Learn some of today's trendiest line dances; including dances such as the Git Up Dance, Cupid Shuffle and the Wobble. Payment of \$2 per class is made directly to instructors the day of class.

### Nutrition Counseling & Presentation with Donna Taggart

Do you have questions about your diet that you would like answered? Donna Taggart, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center to help answer those questions. Call Ms. Taggart directly to make your appointment - 240-538-6539. She has openings at 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. for counseling. Join her on Monday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. for her presentation of Heart healthy Eating. There is no cost to attend; however, advance sign up is required. Register for presentations by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

### Jewelry Making

Come join us as we create your personalized pieces of beautiful jewelry at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. We will supply the beads and tools you just supply the creativity! Kathy Creswell will be there to help you with how to make your piece and provide instruction as needed. You are welcome to make either a necklace or a bracelet or you can make both. The cost for each piece is \$10. Please let the receptionist know when signing up how many pieces you plan on making as supplies are purchased ahead of time. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 to register for the class.

### Book Discussion by Carol McCabe Booker at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Carol McCabe Booker will be at the Loffler Senior Activity Center to discuss her husband's famous book, Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter's Account of the Civil Rights Movement which tells the history of Simeon Booker's 65-year journalism career. This book

explains how African Americans went from being completely ignored in the mainstream press to the focus of heavy coverage of the civil rights movement, and the role of Booker's civil rights reporting in Jet magazine. This presentation will take place on Thursday Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

### Heart Healthy Eating at Loffler Senior Activity Center

On Feb. 10, Dietitian, Donna Taggart will present Heart Healthy Eating at 10 a.m. On that same day, she will offer free personal nutritional counseling at 9 and 11 if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539. To sign up for the Heart Healthy Eating presentation call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658 or stop by the reception desk at Loffler. Free

### Ben Carson Video at Loffler Senior Activity Center

Loffler Senior Activity Center will present a video on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. that features an exclusive interview in which Ben Carson, MD tells

how he rose from poverty to fame. He offers career advice and outlines his steps to success. There are also interviews with other professionals in medicine as well as Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin who discuss Dr. Carson's successes. Register to see this video by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. 81 min, Free. Seating is limited.

### Awakening Yoga

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

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

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

### Art on Your Own Terms

The Lexington Park Library will host Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, February 10. Come brighten your day with a little "art therapy" and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with a variety of art supplies and make a project to take home. Materials provided. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

### Mindful Eating Conversations

The Lexington Park Library will host Mindful Eating Conversations on Tuesday, February 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. and the Charlotte Hall Library will host Mindful Eating Conversations on Wednesday, February 12 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Do you and food have a love-hate relationship? Would you like to know how to experience all the yumminess and benefits food can offer your body? In honor of Heart Healthy Month Erin Jewell from the University of Maryland Extension will be visiting us to share information about mindful eating. Mindful eating means listening to how hungry and full you are using all five of your senses. It can help you avoid eating too much and too little due to emotions boredom distractions and other reasons why we choose to eat. Stop by the table in the library lobby with your questions and curiosity.

### Understanding Credit Debt and Credit Reports

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Understanding Credit Debt and Credit Reports on Tuesday,



February 11 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Brian Koenig from C&SI will discuss credit and some credit types along with ways to use credit wisely. Learn to distinguish between good debt and bad debt. Registration required. Ages 16 and up.

### Cricut Layering Techniques

Leonardtown Library will hold Cricut Layering Techniques on Wednesday, February 12 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. This is an Intermediate Cricut program. Attendees will learn how to upload digital images to create multilayered projects. Participants will also learn to select and manipulate text, fonts, and images, and how to cut and apply a layered project. Registration required.

### Brooklyn Nine-Nine Trivia

Lexington Park Library will hold Brooklyn

Nine-Nine Trivia on Wednesday, February 12 from 6 - 7 p.m. Come and prove yourself an Amazing Human/Genius with Brooklyn Nine-Nine Trivia at the library! Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

### Between the Covers

St. Mary's County Library will hold the book group Between the Covers at Panera (45250 Worth Avenue, California) on Saturday, February 15 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This bi-monthly book group will discuss a subgenre of romance at each meeting. February's topic will be historical romance. You may choose your own book selection or read one of our suggested titles. Check out <https://www.stmalib.org/events/book-discussions/> for more information.

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