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The St. Mary's County men's Special Olympics soccer team celebrates after defeating Spain in the 2011 Special Olympics World Games, securing the gold medal for Team USA.

"When something is in demand the price goes up ... It's a good sign people are willing to pay to get into this institution."

- Bob Schaller, county DECD director, talking about St. Mary's College having the fourth highest public college tuition in the U.S.



education

Patricia Gearheart and Tara Leggett brought Isabella Gearheart, Mariah Funez, and Faith and Justice Leggett to the free lunch and activities at Lexington Park Elementary School.



money

PC Patel, owner of Donut Connection in Lexington Park, is also the owner of a new Comfort Inn hotel going up nearby on Route 235.



Maryland Senate President Mike Miller
listens to former Maryland Senator Bernie Fowler during the Blue Star Memorial dedication Friday in Solomons.



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St. Mary's College Tuition Fourth Highest in Nation



St. Mary's College of Maryland President Joseph Urgo.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's College of Maryland is consistently ranked among the top public liberal arts colleges in the nation year after year, and according to a federal report, it also ranks among the highest for tuition and fees for public institutions.

The National Center for Education Statistics, an arm of the U.S. Department of Education, reports that St. Mary's College of Maryland ranks fourth in the nation for education costs students must pay to attend.

The local honors college ranks behind Pennsylvania State University, in first place, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Vermont for the cost of getting a postsecondary level education at \$13,234 a year per student.

The national average for public college tuition is \$6,397 per year, the report states.

The college's president, Joseph Urgo, said that the increasing costs cut off access to more and more prospective students, but the college has to get enough money to deal with its own rising costs of doing business.

"The tuition list by the education department does not address why tuition is increasing," Urgo said in a statement to The County Times. "As president of St. Mary's College of Maryland I have been greatly concerned that our mission of public access to a residential liberal arts education has been threatened."

"Rising costs, such as for health care and energy, have left us with insufficient funds to

fully support students and their families. We have made access our first priority again this year and are engaged with our supporters, the state of Maryland and alumni and friends of the college, to find creative solutions to this crisis."

The report also shows that for the 2008 to 2009 school year 75 percent of beginning undergraduates received some type of financial aid from either grants, loans, scholarships or a mixture of the three; of all undergraduate students, 81 percent were receiving either grant or scholarship assistance.

Bob Schaller, director of the county's Department of Economic and Community Development, said that the high cost of education at the local college was something of a good sign.

"When something is in demand the price goes up," Schaller said. "It's a good sign people are willing to pay to get into this institution."

Schaller said the college's value to the county is growing, because it turned out to be what he called a "net importer" of people from out of state who come here, learn here and stay to get hired.

This provides a steady stream of employees to help keep Naval Air Station Patuxent River running and competitive, he said.

Also, the college provides the same kind of education that a student could get at a private institution at less cost.

"St. Mary's College is a bargain, it's an equivalent private education at a public cost," Schaller said.

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Newest Farmer's Market Ready Soon



Contractors from CMI, Great Mills Construction and Mattingly Electric are fast at work on a new farmer's market on county-owned land near the intersection of Route 235 and Hermanville Road. John Parlett, president of CMI General Contractors said the property should be ready for use by Aug. 1, depending on weather.

Operation Dry Water Aims for Boating Safety

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

In an effort to keep boaters safe and educate them on the dangers of mixing boats and alcohol, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police participated in Operation Dry Water June 24 through June 26.

Operation Dry Water is a nation wide movement coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators to help enforce and inform boaters about boating under the influence (BUI).

Maryland Department of National Resources Police Officer Patrick Thompson said Maryland has been involved in the program since 2009, when it was launched by the association. With the Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic Ocean and multiple other waterways and lakes at the disposal of Maryland residents, it was easy for the department to get involved, Thompson said.

"This is one of the most important public service statements we can make," Thompson said.

Thompson said Operation Dry Water is like Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the water,

aimed at drinking and boating instead of driving. When a person is boating, Thompson said they get disoriented due to the movement. There is also the fact that, unlike in a car, if a boater gets pulled over their vehicle never stops moving.

"If you add alcohol to that, it's a dangerous mix," Thompson said.

During the Operation Dry Water weekend, the department focuses on accident prevention, safety inspections and violations and BUIs.

Thompson said, in the state of Maryland, there were 1,300 vessel safety inspections, eight boating accidents, 12 BUI violations, 145 citations and 417 warnings issued. In Southern Maryland, also known as area three by the department, there were 329 vessel inspection, two accidents, no BUI violations, 28 citations and 55 warnings issued.

Thompson said the enforcement is done by the department with occasional assistance from the United States Coast Guard. He said the department's presence in each county is coordinated by the administration dispatch in Annapolis.

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Gap Between Registered Voters Now Less than 1,000

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County has traditionally been a solid and dependable stronghold for Democrats, mostly of the conservative variety, but now the numbers are shifting dramatically — so much so that registered Democrats now only outpace Republicans by 702 registered voters.

Chris Quade, an information technology specialist with the county's Board of Elections, said that Republicans have been steadily gaining ground the past couple of years, while Democrat advantage have been going the opposite direction.

"It's been steadily going down," Quade said of Democrat registrants, who number 26,209 versus the 25,507 Republican voters in the county.

There are a total of 64,357 registered voters in St. Mary's, according to board of elections numbers generated the first of the month, with relatively small numbers signing on as either Green, Constitution, Libertarian or other political party adherents.

But there are still 11,655 county residents who are eligible voters who remain unaffiliated.

The recent shift and mounting Republican gains, Quade said, could represent a major change in the way the county votes next election.

"It'll be interesting with the next election to see how many people register," Quade said.

David Willenborg, head of the county's Republican Central Committee, said that last year GOP operatives made a significant push to register residents to vote, though they could not advertise for the Republican Party or let themselves be known as members of that party.

This year Republicans do not have an organized effort to get out the vote, Willenborg said, but the numbers appear to be going there way without it.

"Great gains were made last year," Willenborg said, who speculated that the many military and Department of Defense jobs in the county drew a steadily more conservative and GOP friendly base.

"My gut is it's the work we do here," Willenborg said.

Todd Eberly, political science

professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland said that not only have GOP numbers been growing at a rate outpacing their Democratic counterparts, but the growth of unaffiliated voters could also help GOP efforts since many of their ranks are filled with conservative Democrats who have dissociated themselves from the party, usually because the parent party has become more and more liberal.

Sometimes the move to being unaffiliated is just a layover before joining the ranks of the GOP, he said.

Eberly pointed to difficult reelections against political newcomers for Democrat delegates John Bohanan and John Wood, traditionally safe bets for retaining their seats by comfortable margins, as well as GOP congressional candidate Charles Lollar's resounding victory in St. Mary's as harbingers of change.

The same kind of change that had occurred in many other states with conservative Democrats has finally started in Maryland, Eberly said.

"It's long overdue when you look at other states, it becomes more and more difficult for conservative democrats to remain with the party," Eberly said. "In coming elections you'll see some of that traditional Democratic dominance deteriorate."

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Audit Reveals Cozy Relations Between SHA, Contractors

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An investigation by the state's Office of Legislative Audits alleges that some senior employees at the State Highway Administration (SHA) may have been involved in conflicts of interest involving multi-million dollar construction contracts.

The audit focused mainly on questionable actions by management employees at the state agency. The allegations from the July to December 2010 time frame came through the agency's hotline that looks into complaints involving waste, fraud and abuse.

Several of the audit's findings have been referred to the criminal investigations division of the Office of the Attorney General, the report stated.

The audit, released this week, showed that one employee "appeared to have solicited funds from firms doing, or seeking to do, business with SHA, potentially violating state ethics laws, governor's executive orders and SHA policies." The audit goes on to say that "this employee was directly involved in certain questionable transactions with these firms."

The SHA also did not do enough to make sure that these same firms observed all the rules governing the hiring of former SHA officials who administered contracts to these businesses, the report states.

"This is significant... SHA employees were routinely hired by firms doing business with SHA," the report stated. "For example, a former senior management employee was hired by a firm doing business with SHA within 12 days of retiring from SHA."

"The employee had significant involvement in approving the scope, amount and award of a \$16 million contract awarded to this firm and was subsequently involved in the contract in his capacity as an executive with the firm."

State highway officials also did not follow proper procedures in the evaluation of bids for two other projects that also cost \$16 million, according to the report.

The SHA also cooperated with firms that were under investigation, the report stated, to redirect some of the funds in the contracts to other unrelated projects and in some cases to cover up overspending on other contracts.

This had the direct effect of evading the oversight of the state's Board of Public Works, which approves all public construction involving state dollars.

In a response to the audit, Maryland Secretary of Transportation, Beverly K. Swaim-Staley, said that the Department of Transportation and the SHA were working to rectify the problems.

"I want to assure you that the issues raised in this report are being taken seriously and are not acceptable practices," Swaim-Staley wrote in a letter to Legislative Auditor Bruce Myers.

The responses made on behalf of SHA state that the employee who appeared to have solicited funds from a firm was no longer a state employee and that their case had been referred to the state ethics commission; while the state sent a letter to another firm that had hired the SHA employee less than two weeks after their retirement that that employee was no longer allowed to work on a certain state contract.

The SHA responses also stated that consulting firms would be required to submit lists of employees they had hired from SHA every three months, the report stated, with the penalty for failing to do so could be termination of the state services contract.

David Paulson, spokesman for the Maryland Attorney General's Office, said that staff is reviewing the contents of the audit.

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Governor's Redistricting Committee Meets in Earnest

Governor Martin O'Malley announced on July 4 the creation of the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee (GRAC). The five-member committee will hold public hearings, receive public comment, and draft a recommended plan for the State's legislative and congressional redistricting, a press release from the governor states.

The GRAC held its organizational meeting two days after the committee was announced, on July 6 in Annapolis.

The group will hold a series of public hearings, review congressional and legislative plans submitted by public officials and members of the public, and develop a recommended legislative and Congressional redistricting plan for the Governor's review. The Committee will develop a schedule for regional meetings, to which members of the public will be invited to attend.

Using the results of the federal census and input collected during public hearings, the GRAC will submit recommendations for a legislative redistricting plan to the Governor. The Governor will prepare a plan that creates the legislative districts for electing members of the State Senate and House of Delegates. It will be introduced as a joint resolution to the General Assembly on Jan. 11, 2012 – the first day of the legis-

lative session. The General Assembly will have 45 days to either approve the Governor's plan or pass an alternative plan. If no plan passes in 45 days, the Governor's plan as submitted becomes law. Each legislative district in Maryland consists of one senator and three delegates.

The GRAC will also make recommendations to the Governor for the redistricting of Maryland's eight Congressional districts. Unlike the legislative districts, there is no Constitutional time constraint on the passage of a Congressional redistricting plan. Given the timing of the upcoming 2012 Presidential election, it is anticipated that the General Assembly will consider the Governor's Congressional redistricting plan in a special session the week of Oct. 17, 2011, the governor's office said.

The governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee members are:

- Jeanne D. Hitchcock, Esq. - Will serve as chair of GRAC. Presently serves as Governor O'Malley's Secretary of Appointments. Prior to joining the Governor's Office, she served as Deputy Mayor to then-Mayor Martin O'Malley.

- Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. - Senate President since 1987, member of the Senate since 1975. President Miller also served on

County to Start Major Roadwork in St. Inigoes

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) is warning motorists and commuters who use Villa and Grayson roads in St. Inigoes to access the Webster Field annex to find an alternate route to work starting next week, as road crews will begin major work at the intersection of both routes.

The work will start Monday, July 11, according to the county government, and continue through the end of the week that Friday; each construction day will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 6 p.m.

Work crews will replace three drainage culverts, one on Villa Road and the other two on Grayson Road that have been there since the 1970's and have deteriorated beyond the ability to simply repair them in place.

Bobby Cooper, highway maintenance manager, said that the latest problems with the drainage pipes surfaced during the winter when their condition caused water to back up.

"They're just metal pipes that have

deteriorated over time," Cooper told The County Times.

Cooper said the county has been working with police on base at the Webster Field annex to encourage commuters to use the Beachville Road gate to get to and from work.

However, work crews do not plan to completely close down the road during the construction, Cooper said.

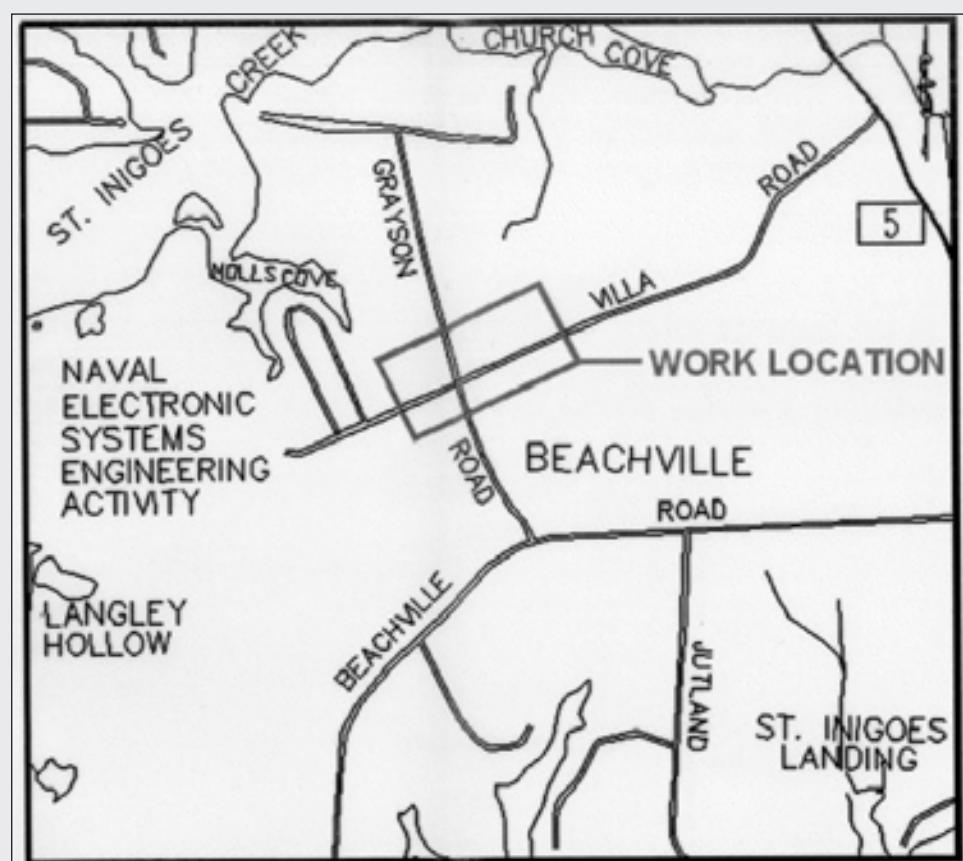
"We hope to keep one lane of traffic flowing," he said.

The entire process will start with cutting the asphalt pavement, he said, and then excavating each aged pipe and replacing it with a new one.

Work crews will try to excavate and replace one pipe a day, Cooper said, and then finish up by re-patching the pavement.

The public works department has all the pipes and materials needed for the work, Cooper said, meaning that there should be no new purchases associated with the project.

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Drainage culvert replacement on Villa and Grayson roads begin July 11.

the GRAC in 1991 and 2001.

- Michael E. Busch - Speaker of the House since 2003, member of the House of Delegates since 1987.

- James King - Served as a member of the House of Delegates from 2007 to 2011 representing District 33A, Anne Arundel County.

- Richard Stewart - Presently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Montgomery Mechanical Services Incorporated. also has held positions as a board member, director and past president of the Mechanical Contractors Association of

Metropolitan Washington. Member of the Maryland Stadium Authority since July 2007.

"The Census revealed real changes in Maryland's population, and I look forward to working with the members of this Committee to develop congressional and legislative districts that reflect those changes," Miller said in the release.

"This process will be open and transparent and engage as many voters as possible, as we endeavor to craft new Congressional and legislative districts," Busch was reported as saying.

Guest Editorial

Dead Last

By Marta Hummel Mossburg

Playing guitar may win Martin O'Malley fans, but it can't change the horrible performance of the state since he rocked the governor's mansion.

Maryland ranked last in job creation over the past year according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In fact, it didn't create any jobs. It lost 20,000. This follows ranking after ranking that puts the state near the bottom of business friendliness and tax competitiveness. The weight of the evidence shows.

About 200,000 people are out of work in the state compared with 110,000 when the recession began.

To explain the lack of opportunity in Maryland, O'Malley relies on his old standby that the state is stronger than other places and "is better positioned for job growth because of the tough choices (aka raising taxes) we have made together."

The holes in his theory are turning into chasms the size of Texas, however.

Texas created 37 percent of all new jobs in the U.S. since the economy started to recover, and is one of a few that has more jobs than when the recession began at the end of 2007. The actual numbers translate to 265,300 new jobs of the 722,200 generated throughout the country.

Dallas Federal Reserve economist Pia Orrenius explains Texas' strong performance this way: "Whether energy prices are rising or not, Texas tends to do better than the nation in terms of job creation. ... The state attracts businesses and attracts people due to its relatively low tax burden and low cost of living."

Its recovery is so impressive a delegation of California leaders, including Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, visited Austin in April to find out why so many of their state's businesses fled to the Lone Star State. "I don't see this as a partisan issue," said Newsom, who added that he was "sick and tired" of hearing about the mass exodus of jobs from his state to Texas.

A business relocation expert told The Wall Street Journal at the time that over 70 businesses had left California by mid-April of this year. Stand by for a future article on where Maryland businesses are going.

But it's clear the state is headed in the wrong direction. Anirban Basu, CEO of Sage Policy Group in Baltimore, said Maryland's poor job performance is due "largely to our actual business climate and our perceived business climate."

He added, "Houston is the nation's energy technology leader. It and Texas show how powerful the combination of business friendliness and technology commercialization can be."

Maryland legislators have a choice. They can continue to enact policies that make us more like tax-heavy and regulation-stifling California, or they can make it easier to create jobs and attract people.

As California's Newsom said, this should not be a partisan issue. It will be, however, if this one-party state keeps expecting the federal government and BRAC to generate wealth despite reams of evidence that strategy has failed. Maryland needs jobs to progress, not progressive theory and policies.

Marta Hummel Mossburg is a senior fellow at the Maryland Public Policy Institute.

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Sanitized History is Boring History

By Stephen Preskill

Last month the National Assessment of Education Progress, often referred to as the gold standard of standardized tests, indicated that American students at all levels are alarmingly ignorant of the most basic facts of our own history.

Only 20 percent of 4th graders, and a shockingly low 12 percent of high school seniors, showed proficiency on the history exam. Most 4th graders could not explain why Abraham Lincoln was significant. And only a tiny percentage of students could identify what Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court case, was about.

The conclusion is inescapable that the vast majority of students possess virtually no knowledge of history.

As a long-time educator and follower of educational trends, I am not at all surprised by these results. There has never been a time when American high school students have done well on history examinations. And, according to surveys conducted periodically since 1943 by the New York Times, there is every reason to believe that the level of historical knowledge among Americans of all age groups, not just school-aged children, is abysmal.

I believe that James Loewen, author of "Lies My Teacher Told Me," has the most plausible answer for why we don't know our own history: History is not retained or understood because it's almost always taught in a boring way — and the reason it's boring has everything to do with the half-truths and outright lies we tell about it.

Is it really surprising that students don't know about the Brown case when so many teachers provide them with so little historical context for understanding what a dramatic step forward that case represented? Why should our students know who Lincoln was when we so frequently withhold from them what a wily politician he was, or how far he progressed in his understanding of slavery and race during the course of the Civil War?

Unlike a good movie about real life that is often interesting because all the boring parts have been taken out, we tend to teach history in high school with all the boring parts left in and all the really fascinating material removed so as to not to offend anyone.

This has been true for decades. Our history textbooks bored students to death for most of the 20th century because everything controversial about American life — including racism, sexism, cultural genocide and overwhelming social and economic inequities — has been omitted.

If we ever find the courage to tell the true and often tragic story of American history, our students will sit up, take notice and learn. In the meantime, don't expect change any time soon. Social studies is famous for being the most boring subject in school, and so it will remain as long as its textbooks and its teachers are unable to face up to the gut-wrenching but arresting truths about our history.

Stephen Preskill is the chairman of the Education Department at Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y.

Pre-Trip Vehicle Checks for Safer, Gas-Saving Summer Road Trips

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Askey, Askey Associates CPA Honored

Glenn Frank, III, CPA with Askey, Askey & Associates was honored Wednesday, June 15 with the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Leonardtown Rotary.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award was named for the founder of Rotary. It is the highest honor a Rotary club can bestow on a person, either inside or outside the club. The award acknowledges "service above self", which that individual or organization has offered to their community, their nation or to the world.

Glenn Frank, III, CPA, Tax Partner at Askey, Askey & Associates, CPA, LLC and current President of the Leonardtown Rotary joined the Rotary in 2007. The award was presented at the Leonardtown Rotary's 25th Anniversary Charter Night held at the Tides Restaurant.

"I am deeply honored to be the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award," Glenn said in a press release. "To be a member of the Leonardtown Rotary and Rotary International is truly special to me."

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Comfort Inn Suites Coming Soon

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

Lexington Park will soon be welcoming another hotel – a five story, 55-room Comfort Inn and Suites.

Local business owner PC Patel will be the owner of the hotel. Patel owns the Donut Connection in Lexington Park, and also a Super 8 and Econo Lodge in Georgia.

"It's not very big," said Matt Tessier, the project manager with Scheibel Construction. "It's got a small footprint and [it's] tall."

The hotel rooms will be split between traditional rooms and suites, Patel said. Approximately 40 percent of the rooms will be suites.

Amenities offered at Comfort Inn and Suites will include a continental breakfast, donuts and free wireless Internet, he said.

"It will be a nice and clean property," Patel said.

Tessier said they received the contract May 17 and began construction in earnest.

Director of Economic and Community Development Bob Schaller said the hotel is a "great concept" and while it won't take up a lot of space, the hotel will be "prominent."

"They had the permits all lined up, so we got moving quickly," Tessier said.

Patel said the area can accommodate another hotel easily, and he likes the location of the new hotel because of its proximity to his current business, making it easy for Patel to get to the hotel and answer any questions.

The target finish date is April 14, 2012. The location for the new hotel is 21855 Three Notch Road in Lexington Park. For more information about Comfort Inn and Suites, visit www.comfortinn.com.

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Two Local Realtors Earn '203k Specialist' Rank

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Briefs

Two Women Charged In K-Mart Shoplifting Case

On June 30, Dfc. Carberry responded to the K-Mart in California for a report of a theft. Investigation revealed Monique Lakeisha Davis, 24, of St. Inigoes and Dorothy Marie Douglas, 46, of Great Mills entered the K-Mart, allegedly removed items from the shelves, concealed the items in a purse and walked past all points of purchase, exiting the business without paying for the items. K-Mart's loss prevention officer stopped and detained the two women until deputies arrived, police reported. Both Davis and Douglas were arrested and charged with theft. The approximate value of the items reportedly taken was \$190.

Man Accused In Theft Over \$1,000 In Value

On June 30, Dfc. Reese responded to the K-Mart in California, Maryland for a report of a theft. Investigation revealed Michael Anthony Moran, 25, of Ridge entered the K-Mart, removed various items from shelves throughout the store, placed those items in a shopping cart and allegedly walked past all points of purchase. Moran was stopped and detained by K-Mart's loss prevention officer just prior to exiting the store. Moran was arrested and charged with theft. The approximate value of the items taken was \$1,250.

Police: Woman Charged For Punch

On July 1, deputies responded to a residence on Woodburn Hills Road in Mechanicsville for a report of an assault. Investigation revealed Lashonda Winifred Webb, 24, of Mechanicsville was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim, which escalated into a physical assault when Webb allegedly punched the victim in the head. Webb was arrested and charged with second-degree assault.

Man Charged With Gun Threat

On July 1, deputies responded to a residence on McIntosh Road in Hollywood for a report of an assault. Investigation revealed Samuel Eugene Eggleston, Jr. 60 of Hollywood was engaged in a verbal dispute with the victim, which escalated into a physical assault when Eggleston allegedly threatened the victim with a .22 caliber rifle. Eggleston was arrested and charged with first-degree assault.



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Two Arrested in Failed Pizza Holdup

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Police say they have caught the two men responsible for trying to rob the Domino's Pizza in Charlotte Hall on July 3.

Both men, Steven E. Garner, 22, of St. Leonard, and Robert M. Morris, 33, of Huntingtown, were released on bond earlier this week.

Garner, who charging documents allege was the actual entry man on the robbery attempt, was charged with attempted armed robbery, while Morris received the same count with an additional charge of conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Charging documents stated that as two store employees were closing down for the night at about 12:45 a.m. they were confronted by a man they thought was carrying a gun.

The suspect fled the store on foot when he was not able to get any of the money, court papers stated.

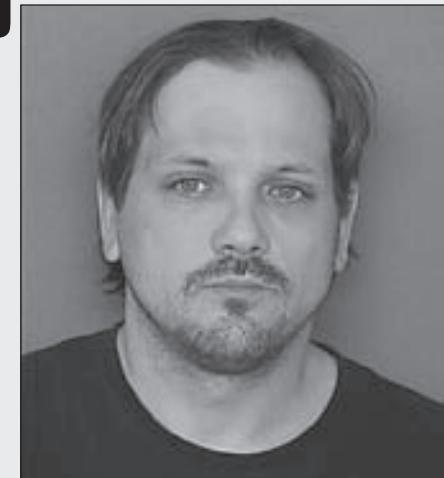
Police were able to get a vehicle description of a 2006 Dodge Dakota with a Maryland registration that was seen leaving the area of the attempted heist.

Police say they identified Morris as the driver with Garner as the passenger after patrol units stopped the vehicle in the area of Three Notch Road and Loveville Road.

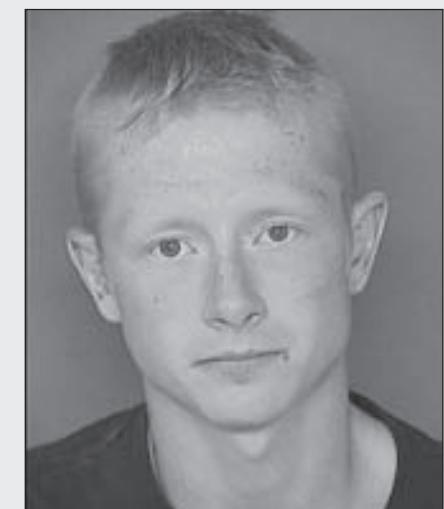
At the Maryland State Police barrack in Leonardtown, Garner admitted to police that he was the one who tried to rob the pizza franchise, charging documents alleged, while police identified Morris as the driver both to and from the attempted robbery.

Police are also investigating a robbery that occurred several days prior to the Charlotte Hall crime, which occurred at Papa John's in Hollywood on June 29 just after midnight. Police told The County Times they do not believe the suspects just apprehended are connected to the earlier crime.

In that robbery, a suspect robbed the Papa John's pizza franchise on Three Notch



Robert M. Morris



Steven E. Garner

Road using a handgun, police reported, and fled on foot.

The suspect was described as male, wearing a ski mask and dark clothing, police reported.

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Warrant Sweep Results in Multiple Arrests

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's sheriff's deputies, in conjunction with state troopers, intelligence specialists and other justice system officials participated in a warrant sweep of the county at the end of June, in which they attempted to execute 106 warrants in just an 8-hour period.

Operation Most Wanted, so named by law officers, garnered 16 arrests with an additional 15 warrants served. Also, law officers conducted parole and probation checks on offenders who fall under the state's Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI), which targets the most violent of criminals.

One of those checks was able to gather enough information to apply for an arrest warrant for an offender who was allegedly in violation of his probation conditions, according to a police statement regarding the sweep conducted June 24 from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Of the 60 juvenile probation visits by officers, of whom more than 40 took part in the operation, none turned up any violations by

the juveniles involved, police reports stated.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said that the agency continues to work to reduce its backlog of warrants to be served.

"It's not where I want it to be, but little by little we're whittling that down," Cameron said Tuesday. "They [police] made headway in getting the location of people we're trying to serve these warrants on and it aided as a crime deterrent."

"It was high-visibility of the officers," he said.

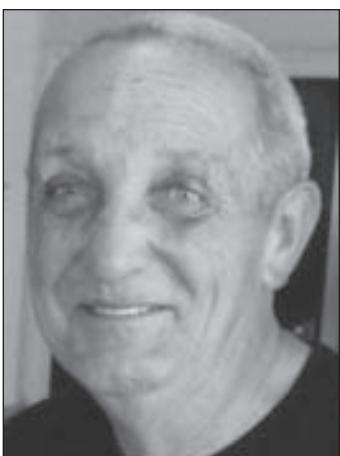
The warrants officers served that night ranged from felony and misdemeanor warrants to domestic and child support warrants and parole re-take warrants, police reported.

Those arrested were charged with a gamut of crimes including first-degree assault, drug possession, failure to pay child support, illegal possession of a firearm and reckless endangerment as well as third-degree sex offense and second-degree assault, the report states.

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Obituaries

John Cross, Jr., 68



John Douglas Cross, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD, died July 1, 2011 at his residence. Born June 25, 1943 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late John Douglas Cross, Sr. D.D.S. and Kathleen Carol Herfurth Cross. Mr. Cross was the loving husband of Patricia J. Cross. John is survived by his children; Julia D. Pitman of Baltimore, MD, Jennifer K. Jahn of St. Mary's City, MD, step-children Tammy Kieber of Leonardtown, MD, Janice Otte and Jerry Denton, Jr. both of Mechanicsville, MD, 10 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren as well as siblings Robert E. Cross of Avenue, MD and Kathleen Abigail Randa of Florida.

Mr. Cross was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. John received a Bachelor of Science Education Degree from the University of Maryland as well as a Masters of Art Education Degree from George Washington University and was employed by the St. Mary's County Board Of Education as a Teacher for 45 years, retiring in 2005. Mr. Cross taught at Esperanza Middle School, Margaret Brent Middle School where he was also the Vice Principal and Chopticon High School. He was also employed by Burchmart. John was the former President of EASMC. John loved his family, spending time with grandchildren, camping, fishing, traveling, reading and ceramics.

The family received friends on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD with prayers recited. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 in All Faith Episcopal Church Mechanicsville, MD with Fr. Charles Amuzie officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carl Copey, Jr., Dave Otte, Wayne Deloizer, Doug Mills, Tim Cameron and Michael Gardiner. Honorary pallbearers will be Darrell Van-Hook, Ronnie Windsor, Joseph Lee Somerville, Jr. and Kevin D. Somerville.

Contributions in memory of John Douglas Cross, Jr. may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD

20650.

To send a condolence to the family please visit our website at www.mgfh.com.

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Bettie Edgar, 87



Bettie Rose Edger 87, of Coltons Point, MD passed away on June 27, 2011 at the Washington Hospital Center.

Born April 17, 1924 in Columbus, OH, she was the daughter of the late Augustus and Maude (Jolley) Crider.

Bettie retired as a secretary from the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC with over 40 years of loyal federal service. Bettie loved cooking, gardening, boating, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Bettie was a true dog lover and throughout the years her dogs were a companion that she greatly cherished.

Bettie married her high school sweet heart, William Edward Edger on December 9, 1941 and raised 7 children during their 57 years of marriage.

Bettie is survived and will be missed by 4 sons; William Wayne Edger of Avenue, MD, Jack Ray Edger Davidsonville, MD, Randy G. Edger of Bowie, MD, and Jeff L. Edger of Huntingtown, MD, along with 2 daughters, Jill A. Shertzer of Huntingtown, MD and Judy A. Felkamp of Drayden, MD, 17 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, William Edward Edger, brother, Max Lamar Crider and son, Gerald Lamar Edger.

Family received friends for Bettie's Life Celebration on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 7, 2011 in the Brinsfield Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in Charles Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Bettie's grandsons; Andy Edger, Wayne Edger, Greg Edger, Jeremy Edger, Ryan Edger, Nick Gosnell and Lee Russell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's As-

sociation, Southern Maryland Office, P.O. Box 1889, LaPlata, MD 20646.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfield-funeral.com.

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

Dorothy Gray, 78

Dorothy Elizabeth Gray, 78, of Mechanicsville, MD died June 29, 2011 at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.. Born November 26, 1932 in La Plata, MD, she was the daughter of the late Carlton and the late Viola Cooksey of Dentsville, MD.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 61 years, Joseph M. Gray; children, Betty Ann Stone and her husband, Francis, Mary-Jo VanMeter and her husband, Sonny, Jimmy Gray and his wife, Connie, Linda Bender and her husband, Jimmy, Debbie Radcliff and her husband, Robbie and Roger Gray and his wife, Roxanna; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; sisters, Margaret A. Bryant, Mary Virginia Farrell and Marjorie E. Hancock.

The family received friends for Dorothy's Life Celebration on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Brinsfield-Echols Funeral Home, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Rd., Charlotte

Hall, MD 20622. A prayer service was held. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD. The Rev. Keith Woods will officiate. Interment will follow at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD.

Aloysius Jordan, 88



Aloysius Joseph Jordan, better known as "Capt. Alley" and "Wee", 88 of Valley Lee, MD was called to peaceful rest on June 26, 2011 while a patient at the St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD. Capt. Alley had fought a lengthy battle with numerous

illnesses.

Capt. Ally was born on May 28, 1923 in Drayden, MD to the late Alden "Buddy" Jordan and Mary Jane Fenwick Jordan.

Capt. Alley earned his early education at the little one room schoolhouse in Drayden, MD; however after finishing the third grade, he left school to help his mother to provide for the family. Before being Capt. Alley he was once the proprietor of the old "Two Spot Club" in Lexington Park. He became successful as a true waterman. He also provided vanpools transporting workers to Washington, DC. There were also times you would find him under the hoods of cars of family and friends. Capt. Alley's greatest love was times on the water, catching fish and oysters, selling them and telling stories of those that got away. He loved family gatherings, cooking crabs, frying fish and watching his daughters and son-in-laws doing all the work. During his last years, he spent time with his lifelong fishing buddies at the Tall Timbers Marina, shooting the breeze at Medley's Garage, and hanging out at "Goldrings" with his Washington, DC friends.

Capt. Alley leaves to cherish his memory – his daughters, Patsy Meredith (Joe) of Mechanicsville, MD, Linda Jordan-Mc-

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Farland (Baron) of Hughesville, MD, Angela Jordan of Temple, TX, Paula Jordan-Woodland (Daryl) of California, MD, Paulette Jordan Estep (Herb) of Hughesville, MD; sons Dale Jordan and Alvin "Buddy" Jordan; both of Valley Lee, MD; goddaughter Theresa Price, grandchildren, Malisa Bowman (Carl), Tawana Barnes, Jorita Herbert, Sheena Meredith, Anthony Briscoe, Alvin Jordan, Jr., Andre Jordan, Adrienne Jordan, Jessica Dorsey, Darneka Bush, Tonia Woodland, Ashley Somerville, Angel Somerville, Shavonna Somerville, Irving Dyson, Jr.; 30 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild arriving in July. He is also survived by brother in laws, James Winters, Carroll Winters, James Robinson, Lawrence Estep and Joseph Douglas; sister in laws, Mauline Jordan, Mary Annie Winters, Gladys Estep, Wilma Estep, Yvonne Robinson, Shirley Winters & Alice Winters; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins and very close and devoted friends.

Along with his parents, Capt Alley was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Agnes Winters Jordan; his son Gary Jordan; his brothers, James Jordan, John Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Thomas Jordan, Morris Jordan; his sisters Margaret Jordan Robinson and Elizabeth Jordan Taylor.

Family received friends for Capt. Alley's Life Celebration on Friday, July 1, 2011 in the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Prayers were recited. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at St. George's Catholic Church, Valley Lee, MD. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

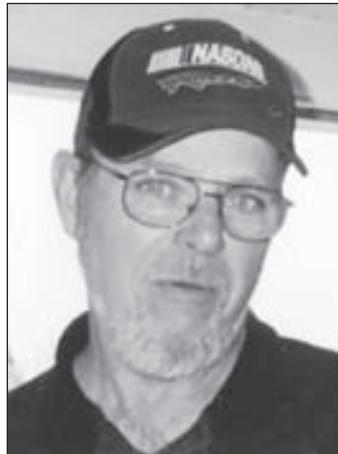
Pallbearers were Horace Robinson, Charles Jordan, Paul Jordan, Tommy Jordan, David Jordan and Brian Jordan.

Honorary Pallbearers were Charles Robinson, Ronnie Lawrence, Gerard Lawrence, Steve Maddox & Arthur Robinson.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfield-funeral.com.

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

Ernest Norris, Jr., 59



Ernest I. "Ernie" Norris, Jr., 59, of Great Falls, MT, died June 18, 2011 at his residence in Great Falls, MT. Born December 31, 1951 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the son of the late Mildred L. and Ernest I. Norris. Mr. Norris is also survived by his children; Joshua Shane Norris and Rachel Marie Norris both of Lusby, MD as well as siblings; Merle Norris, and Ellen Quade both of Leonardtown, MD and Millie Norris of Great Mills, MD, and a granddaughter Trinity Norris. Mr. Norris was preceded in death by his daughter Erin Rochelle Norris and grandparents Herbert Eugene and Mary Lucille Norris.

Ernest graduated from Chopicon High School, Morganza, MD and was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County. Mr. Norris worked as a drywall laborer in construction; he enjoyed fishing, crabbing, deer hunting and being with family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 7, 2011 from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home chapel, Leonardtown, MD., with a Memorial Service being held at 7 p.m. with Deacon Tom Spalding officiating. Interment will follow at a later date.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650. To send a condolence to the family please visit our website at www.mgfh.com.

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

Hunter Scott, 7



Hunter Dean Scott, 7, of Lusby, MD passed away peacefully at his residence on July 2, 2011 surrounded by family and friends. He was born on October 26, 2003 at Calvert Memorial Hospital, Prince Frederick, MD to Eric and Sandra Scott. He was a student at Dowell Elementary School in Lusby. Hunter is survived by his parents; a brother, Hayden Allen Scott of Lusby, MD; grandparents, Vinson and Linda Scott of Solomons, MD, and Charles and Becky Russell of Lexington Park, MD. Hunter was preceded in death by his grandmother, Nettie Ann Russell. Honorary Pallbearers will be Andy Barrett, Ian Bonham, Ben Mannion, John Baki, Ronald Scott, Jr., and David Roche.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 8, 2011 from 10 ~ 11 a.m. in Jesus the Good Shepherd Church, 1601 West Mount Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736 with a Mass of Christian Burial being celebrated at 11 AM. Interment will be private. The family request contributions to be made in Hunter's memory to the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, 20312 Watkins Meadow Drive, Germantown, MD 20876, www.childhoodbraintumor.org. Arrangements provided by Rausch Funeral Home, P.A., Lusby, MD.

Ann Ward, 69

Ann Frere Ward, 69, passed away Monday, June 20, at her home in Gulfport. Born May 20, 1942, in Leonardtown, Md., she



was the daughter of Bartlett and Mathilda Frere. She graduated from Towson State University in 1964.

She moved to the Mississippi Coast in 1976 and became a licensed Realtor in Mississippi in February 1978. She was a member of the Gulf Coast Board of Realtors and during her real estate career sat on numerous boards of the Gulf Coast Association of REALTORS. She became a member of the Top Producer Roundtable in 1986, and in 1995 was named Realtor Associate of the year.

Ann loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and her Scottish terrier, Fergus. She enjoyed playing tennis and was a USTA League player for most of her adult life.

She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Long Beach.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Mark Frere Ward; and her grandson, Robert Michael Ward. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly (Jimmy) Seal of Long Beach; two granddaughters, Bethany Ann Seal and Amanda Michelle Seal, both of Long Beach, and a grandson, Christopher Thomas Ward, of Gulfport.

Ann met and touched many lives and will be remembered for her kind, loving nature, her positive attitude, and her gentle spirit.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday June 24, 2011 at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Long Beach.

The family requests memorials be sent to St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy, 715 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530.

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Home, 1726 15th St., Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

Guy Smith, Sr., 64



Guy Melvin Smith, Sr., "Smithy", of Prince Frederick, Maryland, passed away June 25, 2011, at a local hospital at the age of 64.

He was born on June 11, 1947 in Washington, DC, to Arthur and Laura Smith.

Guy is the beloved husband of Cheryl Smith. He is the loving father of Robin Lively and her husband, Dean; Guy Smith, Jr. and his wife, Carrie; Rachel Bell and her husband Rob; and Joe Toomey and his wife Grace.

He is a devoted grandfather of Guy Smith, III, Evan Lively, Suzanne Smith, Kirsten Lively, Kailey Smith, Jack Bell, Nicole Bell and Juliet Toomey.

In August, 1966, he entered the Army and was honorably discharged in August of 1968.

Guy had a passion for working with young people and fulfilled that passion by coaching in Calvert County for 31 years. For over 20 years, he was a distributor for the Washington Post newspaper. After retirement, he worked as a driver for Limousines Inc. and was a member of the Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown, Maryland.

Friends were received at Lee Funeral Home Calvert, P.A., Owings, on Wednesday, June 29 and also at Chesapeake Church, Huntingtown on June 30, until time of service at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Guy Smith, Sr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Huntingtown High School, 4125 Solomon's Island, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

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In The Know Education

Schools Providing Lunch in Summer

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

The end of the school year doesn't mean the end of school lunches. Starting this summer, St. Mary's County Public Schools will be offering meals Monday through Thursday at Lexington Park Elementary School.

The meals are offered using a grant from the US Department of Education and with help from the Judy center, according to Kelly Hall, director of elementary schools.

She said during the first week, the week of June 20, between 15 and 30 people showed up for lunch daily. The second week, 255 meals were served.

"We expect that to continue happening," Hall said.

Tara Leggett, who brought her children in for the meal and activity day, said the free meals are a big help to her and her family.

"We're fighting to keep food in the house," she said.

Hall said the goal of the free meals and



*Photo by Sarah Miller
Patricia Gearheart and Tara Leggett brought Isabella Greaheart, Mariah Funez, and Faith and Justice Leggett to the free lunch and activity afternoon.*

In addition to the meals, Hall said the school is also offering an "engaging learning opportunity" every day. On Mondays, the public libraries come in with an activity for the students, Tuesday is Parks and Recreation day and the University of Maryland Extension comes in with lesson plans. Wednesdays are a variety day, Hall said.

Safety officers and high school students working for community service hours will help keep order at the school. The free lunch is open to anybody under the age of 18, and Hall said an adult should accompany children.

activities are to serve the needs of the community, and so far that goal has been met. She said they chose Lexington Park Elementary because it is the most accessible and within easy walking distance for numerous families and communities in the county.

The free lunch program could be technically housed anywhere, including parks, but Hall said the school was the best choice because of its accessibility and the fact that it cannot get rained out.

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Future Dim For After School Programs

Over the past decade, thousands of students in St. Mary's County Public Schools [SMCPS] have had access to daily, high-quality, after school programs with bus transportation provided, a press release states. These programs are primarily funded by competitive grants awarded to schools from the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program that is administered by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Since 1999, approximately \$10,000,000 in competitive grants have been awarded to SMCPS along with approximately \$500,000 of matching funds provided by the St. Mary's Board of County Commissioners.

In the most recent grant competition, the Bright Futures After School Program, serving Green Holly Elementary School, Park Hall Elementary School and Great Mills High School was not selected for funding. Programs at these sites will not open in the fall, affecting approximately 200 students.

The 21st Century grant that funds the

Dream Team After School Program at George Washington Carver Elementary School, Lexington Park Elementary School, Spring Ridge Middle School, and the Carver Recreation Center is not affected, and these programs, serving 300 students daily, will continue to operate in the fall.

The 21st Century Program has been jointly operated at five schools with a non-profit partner, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maryland. That organization will focus on their core operations in Calvert County this year and will no longer be involved in after school programs in St. Mary's County. The Dream Team 21st Century Program will continue to be a partnership involving St. Mary's County Public Schools, St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Future Leaders of the World (FLOW) Mentoring, Cooperative Extension, 4-H, and the Kiwanis Clubs of St. Mary's County.

In The Education Know

Administrative Changes Announced

Some new faces will be taking up positions in St. Mary's Public Schools. Superintendent of Schools Michael Martirano, announced administrative appointments made by the Board of Education at its June 29 meeting.

• Rebecca Cline has been appointed to the position of academic dean at Fairlead Academy I. She will replace Wendy Zimmerman who was selected to serve as academic dean of Fairlead Academy II.

Cline, who most recently served as an assistant principal at Leonardtown High School, joined the school system in 2004 as a science teacher at White Oak Secondary Center. Prior to that, she taught at Grace Lutheran School in La Plata, MD; West Caldwell High School in Lenoir, NC; and The Patterson School in Patterson, NC. Cline earned a Master of Arts degree in teaching from Towson University in 2006, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC, in 2000.

• The Board also appointed Deborah Faller to the position of supervisor of professional development in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development.

Faller, who is a National Board Certified Teacher, most recently served an

instructional resource teacher. Her experience in the school system also includes serving as a professional development school liaison, an elementary mentoring teacher, and an elementary classroom teacher. She holds a Master of Education degree with an emphasis in educational technology from Towson University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Clarion State College in Clarion, PA.

• Jamie Constantz was appointed to the position of 10-month school psychologist in the Department of Student Services.

Constantz joins the school system from Harford County Public Schools where she served as a school psychology intern. Her experience also includes serving as a graduate assistant at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA; serving as a community based mentor in the Harrisonburg Big Brother, Big Sister program; and serving as a teaching and research assistant at Niagara University in New York. Constantz earned a Master of Arts degree in school psychology from James Madison University in 2009, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Niagara University in 2008.

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Crop Outlook Mixed

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

Opinions on the outlook for this season's crops and prices are mixed, with some looking forward to a good season and others feeling a bit worried about the next few months.

University of Maryland extension service educator Ben Beale said St. Mary's County is positioned to have a good season in terms of production.

"We should be looking at a plentiful season this year," Beale said.

The yield should be good, though Beale said one concern is hot weather, which can shorten the harvesting window. This can lead to a glutted market, where the supply far outweighs the demands from buyers. While this season has been warm, Beale said there has been enough rain that it should offset the heat.

"That's not going to be a big problem," Beale said.

With a large amount of vegetables being grown in the tri-county area, there is more of an opportunity for purchasers to buy local. Beale said this puts more money into the local econ-

omy and give the county a boost. He said there is a high demand for locally grown vegetables.

The supply of each type of produce will drive the prices up or down. If there is an overabundance of a product, like tomatoes, but the demand isn't high, it will cause a depression in price. Conversely, not having enough to meet demand will push prices up for the consumers.

Having an over abundance of certain products is what Loveville Produce Auction market manager Henry Stauffer called "flooding the market," which makes prices "dirt-cheap."

"We really don't know what to expect at auction," Stauffer said. He said it is almost impossible to predict what will happen from day to day because the produce suppliers aren't bound to bring in certain items, they bring in whatever they are growing and what can be harvested.

Some items will be more expensive consistently because they are tricky to grow, like yellow zucchini.

"Very few people mess with that," Stauffer said.

In total, Stauffer said there are approximately 150 suppliers to who bring produce and other products to the Loveville Produce Auction.

Prices can also depend on what neighboring farms are growing, Beale said. Amish farmers and "plain folk" grow much of the produce in the county, though they are not the exclusive growers in the area, Beale said.

Stauffer said at the Loveville auction, which sells large wholesale lots to retail markets like grocery stores and restaurants, has an "adequate" supply of "just about anything you'd want."

He said while there have been ups and downs during the growing season, the past month or so has made up for the low points.

"It has been a fairly good growing season," Stauffer said.

In addition to standard fruits and vegetables, Stauffer said hay, flowers and other items in the produce market are also offered. While for the most part the auction caters to wholesale buyers interested in large quantities, the auction also added an area where packages for family or individual sizes are sold.

At the auction, efforts are made to promote locally grown merchandise. The rules for the sellers state consignments from out of the tri-county area will be accepted with permission only, and produce raised in the tri-county area will be sold first during the auction.

For buyers, the market in St. Mary's County is an attractive place to shop. John Paul from Bethesda said he comes down every Friday to purchase tomatoes.

"It's a good variety of local grown produce," Paul said.

He said he likes to come to St. Mary's County because he can talk to the growers and they offer a variety he likes.

Local grocery stores like McKay's Food and Drug also stock locally grown produce, purchased at both the auction and directly from local growers. There are some



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A produce auction is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Loveville Produce Auction in Loveville.

farmers who don't take their harvest to the auction, but who sell wholesale on their own, as well as selling at roadside stands and farmers markets.

David McKay, the CEO of McKay's, said offering as much locally grown product as possible is a win for the stores, the customers and the suppliers.

For the stores, it allows them to offer things that were picked and packaged that morning, which benefits the customers as well. When selecting produce, McKay said they pay attention to quality, freshness and appearance.

He said this season started out slow, but now it is doing well. He said the supply of produce is about average, but the variety is wider than normal. As for price, that's average as well.

"It's comparable to prices of last year," McKay said.

He said McKay's likes to offer locally grown produce to both support local farmers and to stimulate the local economy.

"We've been buying local produce for 60 years," McKay said.

On the whole, McKay said the supply this year is "very adequate" and allows the needs of the community to be met without purchasing more from out of the area than is strictly necessary.

For growers in the area, they are facing challenges. Jeanette Buckler, who works with Buckler Produce and the roadside stand at the intersection of Route 5 and Flat Iron Road, said between drought and deer, this season is looking like it will be a difficult one.

She said the irrigation on their farm in Mechanicsville isn't great, which means the produce grown outside is suffering from the heat, though the greenhouse cucumbers and tomatoes are doing well.

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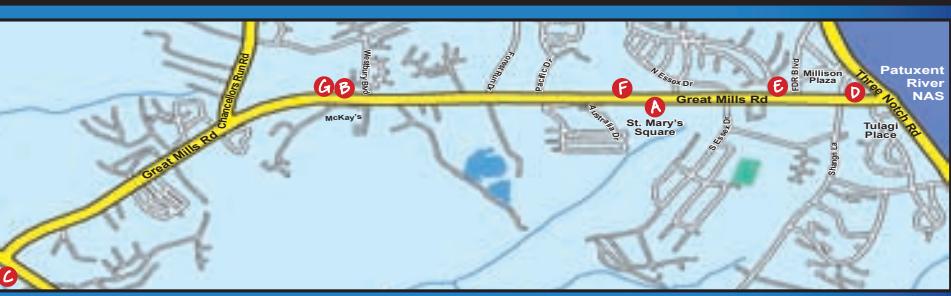
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Summerseat Farm Hosts SMAWL Cats

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

During their second July open house on Saturday, Summerseat Farm had something new to offer – the St. Mary's Animal Welfare League (SMAWL) brought cats for adoption out to meet the public.

"We're just trying to give support," said Summerseat board member Patty Donovan.

SMAWL volunteer Cindy Dixon was the coordinator for the event and she said Saturday went "very well." They brought three cats to the Manor House for families passing through to look at and play with. Dixon said while no adoptions were made Saturday, the families were very receptive to the cat's presence.

"We thought it was great," Dixon said.

The event at Summerseat was not the only one SMAWL holds for the public to come out and see the animals up for adoption. Petco in California hosts dogs and cats from SMAWL on the first and third Saturday of the month, and there is an animal fair every May. The only problem with having the animals at Petco and similar locations is people coming in often already have pets.

In a location like Summerseat, the families passing through may not already have pets and may be inspired to adopt one.

"We want to catch them by surprise," Dixon said.

To accomplish that, Dixon said SMAWL is always open to new venues to host cats and dogs up for adoption.

Dixon said the air-conditioned manor house was a pleasant atmosphere for the cats and the families.

"We couldn't ask for a better setting," Dixon said.

The history between Summerseat and SMAWL goes far beyond Saturday's open house. SMAWL owns five acres of land on Summerseat Farm, where they house the cats they have in their care.

"Without SMAWL, we couldn't have come up with the money for Summerseat," said Dudley Lindsley, a Summerseat board member.

There are plans to open an animal welfare clinic on the prop-

erty as well, Dixon said. SMAWL President Katie Werner said the facility at Summerseat was used during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when SMAWL took in animals with nowhere else to go.

Werner said working with Summerseat is "a wonderful opportunity for us," and she looks forward to working with them on future events.

Other SMAWL events in the area include a low-cost rabies vaccine clinic at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on the second Monday of every month from 6-8 p.m., where families can bring their pets for vaccinations for \$10.

"It's a pretty well attended event," Werner said.

Benefits from the clinic and other events go toward spaying, neutering and vaccinating animals before they are adopted.

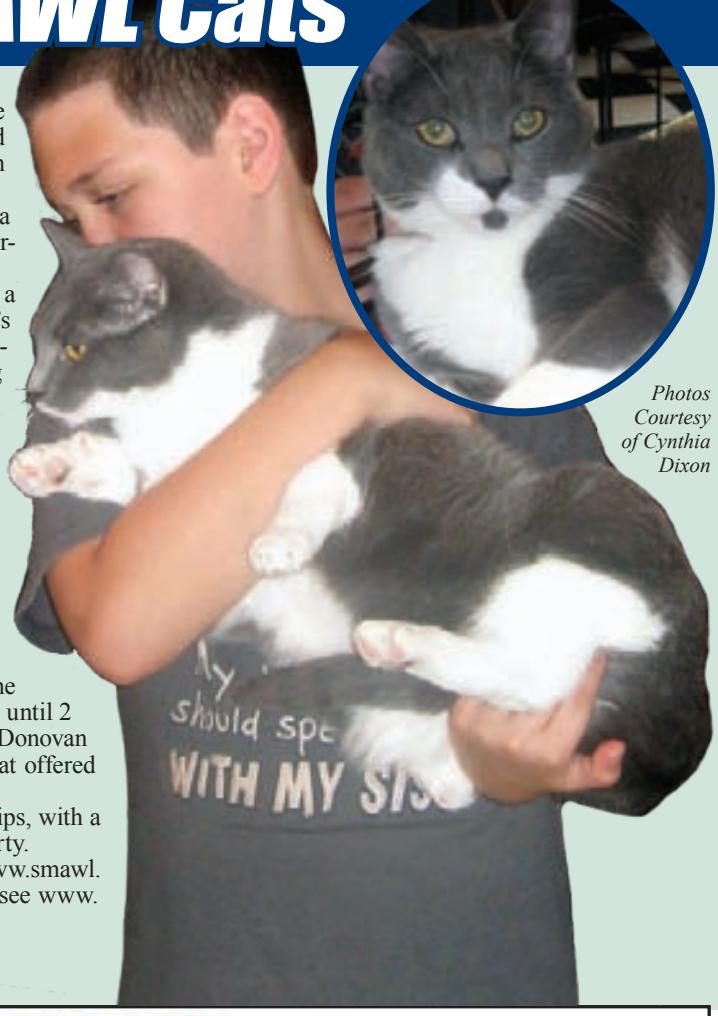
Werner said the benefit of having animals at places like Summerseat and Petco for adoption events is the more animals SMAWL can place, the more room there is for them to help animals.

The open house in July coincides with the summer hours at the farm where people can come in on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. May through October for self-guided tours. Donovan said last summer was the first season Summerseat offered the open houses.

The farm also provides a location for field trips, with a barn and various walking trails through the property.

For more information on SMAWL, visit www.smawl.org. For more information on Summerseat Farm see www.summerseat.org.

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Local Teen Earns Black Belt in Karate

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During the 4 1/2-hour test, Wood had to display proficiency in grappling and submission holds, defending against multiple attackers, and perform advanced kicking and falling techniques. She had to break boards with her fist and feet and by using jump kicks.

Wood, 14, is a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Margaret Brent Middle School and is the daughter of Monty and Jeanette Wood.

Royal Martial Arts features traditional martial arts, mixed martial arts, private instruction and tai chi, a press release states. Mike Wilson, the founder and featured instructor at Royal Martial Arts, has earned black belts in six different styles and has experience in hapkido, taekwondo, hapmudo, submission wrestling, kumdo, jiu jitsu, judo sambo and kook sool won.



Mackenzie Wood, 14, with instructor Mike Wilson, after earning her karate black belt at Royal Martial Arts.

Local EAA Pilots Take Youngsters For Free Flights



The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Southern Maryland Chapter 478 took approximately 85 young adults up for flight demonstrations during the group's annual Open House and Young Eagles Rally at the Chesapeake Ranch Estates Airport on June 11. The local EAA chapter will host another Young Eagles Rally at the St. Mary's County Airport the second weekend in September.



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Blue Star Memorial Unveiled on Solomons

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

In a ceremony Friday evening, the newest Blue Star Memorial in Maryland was unveiled at the Solomons Visitor Center.

The memorial in Solomons is the second in Calvert County and 15th in the state, said Phyllis Bonfield of the Calvert Garden Club.

Nancy Thompson, who has been working to get the Blue Star Memorial in Solomons for three years, said she started on her campaign when she found out it was a garden club that started the first memorial.

"This has been a real triumph for her (Nancy)," Bonfield said.

Thompson said her interest in the Blue Star Flags goes back to when she was a little girl and saw blue star flags in the windows of her neighbors. Sometimes the stars would turn to silver or gold, signifying the soldier has been wounded or killed in service to their country, Thompson said.

"World War II has a very special place in my heart," Thompson said.

She began by writing a letter to the Calvert County Commissioners for their permission to move forward with the project, which they gave along with their blessings.

"They were wonderful," Thompson said. It turned out getting approval from the County Commissioners was the easy part. The land by the visitor's center is owned by the state, and Thompson had to get permission from Maryland to put the memorial there. It was when the club began working on state approval that they hit a brick wall.

That changed when Thompson found out one of the garden club members is childhood friends with Maryland Senate President Mike Miller, and she was going to be at a party with him. Thompson said she wrote a note to Miller, and asked the garden club member to pass it on.

"He read the note and he said it will be done," Thompson said.

Four days later, the project was well underway.

"It's a very important historic event," Miller said.



Photo by Sarah Miller

Calvert County Commissioner President Susan Shaw, left, pulls the covering off the newest Blue Star Memorial, located at the Solomons Visitor Center.

"There are more patriots per square inch in Calvert County than any other jurisdiction in Maryland," Miller said.

Thompson said she is proud to be putting up one of a very few memorials country wide.

"I guess if they were a dime a dozen, they wouldn't mean as much," she said.

The marker cost \$1,250, and the county funded half of that price while the Calvert Garden Club fronted the other half. The club also put together a flowerbed to go around the memorial that they will be maintaining.

Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland second vice president and Blue Star Chairman Nicki Schwab said there are more than 2,100 Blue Star memorials throughout the country.

"Recently, there has been a resurgence in interest in Blue Star memorials," Schwab said.

She said this is beneficial because most of the memorials in Maryland are older and the new ones will bring attention to both the memorials and the meaning behind them.

This is especially true in Calvert County. During World War II, amphibious training was conducted in the area, and the Naval Air Station Patuxent River has seen servicemen and women go overseas for years, Thompson said.

For more information about the Blue Star Memorials, visit www.gardenclub.org/specialprojects/bluestarmemorial.aspx.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, July 7

• **Google Plex**

Charlotte Hall Library (37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall) – 1 p.m.

Teens are welcome to discover the world of Google Docs, apps and more. Learn what you can do. The possibilities are endless. The event is free and registration is required. For more information, call 301-884-2211 or visit www.stmalib.org.

• **Special Olympics Poker**

Bennett Building (24930 Old Three Notch Road, Hollywood) – 7 p.m.

\$5 - \$5 blinds cash game. Dealers will be provided and the high hand is paid nightly. Drinks will be free. Proceeds go to benefit the St. Mary's Special Olympics and the Center for Life Enrichment. People who would like to help with the Special Olympics should call Mary Lu Bucci at 301-373-3469 or 240-298-0200. For more information about the poker game, call Jim Bucci 301-373-6104 before 7 p.m. and 240-298-9616 after.

Friday, July 8

• **Chick-fil-A Cow Appreciation Day**

Chick-fil-A (45150 First Colony Way, California) – 6:30 a.m.

It's time to break out your cow-spotted apparel and leave your wallet out to pasture. On Friday, July 8 Chick-fil-A restaurants nationwide will celebrate the chain's annual Cow Appreciation Day event by offering a free meal to any customer who visits one of its Mall or stand-alone Restaurants fully dressed as a cow. Customers dressed "head to hoof" in cow attire will be rewarded with a free Chick-fil-A meal which includes an Entrée of choice, a side item and a 20 oz. beverage of choice. For those "too chicken" to wear full cow costumes, Chick-fil-A will award a complimentary entrée to customers dressed in partial cow attire, such as a spotted scarf, purse, hat or other accessory. Chick-fil-A created a website dedicated to the occasion, www.cowappreciationday.com, which can be found on our facebook page, Chick-fil-A at First colony Center. On this website you can find costume ideas, downloadable spots, masks, and other bovine themed accessories. Chick-fil-A at First Colony Center will have a costume contest that will be decided by our facebook fans. The categories are, Best Calf (kid cow), Best Cow (adult), Most creative cow, and Best Dressed Herd (3-10). We will also have games and photo ops. Prizes will be awarded for every 100th customer.

Saturday, July 9

• **Yard Sale**

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall (21110 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown) – 7 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a yard sale with lots of good items. For more information, call 301-475-9747.

• **Asbury Solomons Sale**

Asbury Solomons Retirement Community (11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons) – 9 a.m.

There will be a sale at Asbury Solomons Retirement Community in the auditorium. This will include Betty's Closet a resale clothing and a section with never worn and almost new clothing and accessories. There will also be books on sale from the Asbury Library. All sales proceeds will benefit the Asbury Solomons Benevolent Care Fund. For more information, call 410-394-3483.

• **Point Lookout Lighthouse Open House**

Point Lookout Lighthouse (11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland) – 10 a.m.

The Point Lookout Lighthouse will be open to visitors. Docents from the Point Lookout Lighthouse Preservation Society will be on hand to answer your questions. No charge to enter the lighthouse, however standard park entrance fees apply, \$5 per person in-state and \$6 per person out-of-state. Donations are greatly appreciated and all funds go toward restoring the lighthouse to the 1927 time period. For additional information, visit www.PLLPS.org. People interested in volunteering at the lighthouse should email volunteer@PLLPS.org.

• **River Concert Series Brass Ensemble**

Leonardtown Square – 7 p.m.

The St. Mary's River Concert Series Brass Ensemble will perform music from Bach to Rock on location in the Leonardtown Square. Bring a lawn chair. For more information, call 301-475-9791.

Sunday, July 10

• **All You Can Eat Breakfast**

Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Hall (45245 Drayden Road, Valley Lee) – 8 a.m.

The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, sausage links, ham, hot biscuits, cream chipped beef and spiced applesauce. Price of admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children over the age of 5. For more information, call 301-994-9999.

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Cedar Lane Resident Turning 100 Friday



At 1 p.m. Friday, the residents and staff of Cedar Lane Senior Living Community will join in celebration of the 100th Birthday of Cedar Lane resident Mary Hammett who was born in Ijamsville, MD on July 8, 1911 in the manager's house of Price's Distillery.

Hammett's father was the manager of the distillery in Ijamsville which was shut down in 1919 due to the fact that all the grain was going to the war effort of WWI, a press release from Cedar Lane Apartments states.

At the age of 8 Hammett moved with her family to Morgantown, WV where she finished high school. After her father passed away while she was a senior in high school, her mother moved the family to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. Hammett attended Allegheny College in Pittsburgh and completed their nursing program in 1933. She passed the state board in Pennsylvania and moved to Washington D.C. Despite the depression she found a job at a hospital where she worked for 10 years.

Introduced by friends, Hammett married her husband David on July 15, 1938, in Washington D.C. She worked the day shift and took night calls in the operating room. She retired in 1945 because she couldn't find adequate child care. She said the hospital was supposed to set up a nursery but it never came to fruition. After daughters Suzanne and Elizabeth were born, the Hammett's moved back to St. Mary's County, David's home, where David was employed at the new Patuxent River Naval Base. Two sons, David, Jr. and Thomas were born to complete the family.

One of her fondest childhood memories is visiting the coal mine in Western Maryland which was owned by her grandfather and his brother.

"You had to finish four years of school before you could go into the mine" she said.

Women were not allowed in the mines but Hammett was able to sneak in at the age of 10 by dressing as young boy in overalls.

Hammett attributes her longevity to being a picky eater and said if she had to do it all over again, she would still become a nurse and would especially like to work in the operating room.

Ravens Win Adult Flag Football Championship



The St. Mary's County Adult Flag Football League champion Ravens: kneeling, Jackie Snyder, Kevin Meyer and Jay Turen; standing, Kevin Johnson, Shawn Snyder, Steve Zumpano and Monty Wood.

The Ravens defeated the Redskins 44-7 under the lights June 17 at Dorsey Park to win the St. Mary's County Adult Flag Football League's 2011 spring season Super Bowl.

Kevin Johnson returned two interceptions for touchdowns and caught three TD receptions from quarterback Monty Wood to earn Most Valuable Player honors. Jay Turen and Shawn Snyder also scored.

The Ravens, coached by Steve Zumpano, finished the spring season undefeated.

The adult league is part of the St. Mary's County Youth NFL Flag Football League, which is sponsored by the National Football League and affiliated with the American Youth Football Organization. More information on the league can be found at www.stmarysflagfootball.org.

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• **Quality Auto Body and Collision Fundraising Event**

Quality Auto Body and Collision (38592 Brett Way, Mechanicsville) – 10 a.m.

Quality Auto Body & Collision is hosting a fundraising event to benefit Adam C. Lumpkins, a four year old boy who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. The event will be in the form of a car show. There will be a DJ and several items donated from local business owners to raffle and auction off. For more information, call 301-884-4004.

• **Leonardtown Arts Center Second Sunday Event**

Leonardtown Arts Center (22660 Washington Street, Leonardtown) – 12 p.m.

The Leonardtown Arts Center is starting a new monthly event. Second Sundays will feature a "Meet and Greet" with the artists, a reception, music and more. This July 10, Missy Bell and members of the Newtowne Players will present scenes from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 301-475-2859.

• **Sotterley Speaker Series - Slave Cabin Project**

Sotterley Plantation Barn (44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood) – 1 p.m.

The night prior to Joseph McGill's Sunday presentation, he will spend the evening in the original 1830's Slave Cabin. For the last year, McGill has been making his way through the Southeast sleeping in these historic structures in order to honor the memory of all the people who lived in these cabins and to bring much-needed attention and resources to slave cabin restoration.

Monday, July 11

• **Patuxent River Quilter's Guild Meeting**

Good Samaritan Church (20850 Langley Road, Lexington Park) – 6:30 p.m.

This month is the Ice Cream Social plus we a speaker from Hospice of St. Mary's. Bring a topping and your latest quilted creation and join us. Don't forget an item for the food pantry. For more information, contact Carol Evans at caroljevans@erols.com.

Tuesday, July 12

• **Vacation Bible School**

Shepherds of the Bay Lutheran Church (9463 H.G. Trueman Rd., Lusby) – 6 p.m.

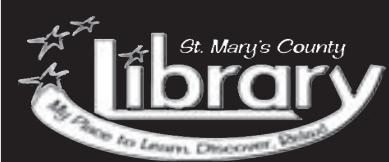
Travel through Outer Space while learning Bible stories July 11-15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Bay new church building. Children ages 4 through eighth graders are welcome. Registration is free. To register early call 410-231-2075 and leave message. For more information, visit www.shepherdofthebay.com

Wednesday, July 13

• **Free Line Dance Lessons**

Hotel Charles (15100 Burnt Store Road, Hedgesville) – 7 p.m.

The Boot Scooters of Southern Maryland are offering free Line Dance Lessons at Hotel Charles. The lessons will be followed by the regular weekly practice session. Anyone interested in more information about these lessons or interested joining the Boot Scooters of Southern Maryland can contact us through link on their website at <http://www.boot scootersonsmd.blogspot.com/>.



Library Items

• St. Clement's Island stories to be told

The audience will travel back in time and listen to three ladies of years past tell their stories about St. Clement's Island. St. Clement's Island Museum Staff will present this free program at Charlotte Hall on July 7, at Lexington Park on July 20 and at Leonardtown on July 28. All three begin at 6:30 p.m.

• Teens have a minute to win it

Teens will try to complete six sixty-second challenges using household items in the library's version of the Minute to Win It game. Leonardtown's will be on July 7 at 2 p.m., Charlotte Hall's on July 18 at 1 p.m. and Lexington Park's on July 22 at 2 p.m. Registration is requested.

Teens can sign up and participate in the teen summer reading program. They have the opportunity to win a digital camera, flip camera, iTunes gift card and more in the grand prize drawing.

The next TAGs (Teen Advisory Group) meetings will be on July 12 at Lexington Park at 5:30 p.m. and on July 14 at Charlotte Hall at 5 p.m. and at Leonardtown at 6 p.m.

• Movie matinee offered

Lexington Park will show a musical about a daughter of a riverboat captain who falls in love with a gambler on July 8 at 1 p.m. The movie is free and popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bag lunches are encouraged.

• Uncle Pete to perform free concert

Uncle Pete, singer-songwriter, will present an interactive musical concert at the July

11th Professional Performance. Charlotte Hall's program will be at 10 a.m. at Encounter Christian Center, Leonardtown's at 12:30 p.m. at Leonardtown Elementary School and Lexington Park's at 3 p.m. at Lexington Park Library. His performance is being funded in part by a grant from St. Mary's County Arts Council and matching funds from Friends of St. Mary's County Library.

Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food banks.

• Weekly activities offered for children

Each week children ages 4-12 can drop in and make a free craft from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days: Tuesdays and Thursdays at Charlotte Hall; Wednesdays at Leonardtown; and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at Lexington Park.

Children can hunt for pictures hidden around the library in the One World Many Stories Scavenger Hunt to earn a prize. The summer reading program is underway and they can pick up a game board and complete fun reading activities to earn prizes and a book.

• Space available in computer classes

Children ages 9-12 can register for a basic Word computer class to be held July 14 at Lexington Park and July 21 at Leonardtown. Both start at 2 p.m. Space is also available for an adult online genealogy computer class scheduled at Lexington Park on July 12 at 5:30 p.m. The class will cover free websites to use in genealogy searches plus other genealogy resources. Registration is required.



St. Mary's Department of Aging Programs and Activities

• Senior Citizen Farmers Market Coupons

Senior Citizen Farmers Market Coupons will be distributed on the following schedule:

Garvey Senior Activity Center on July 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Loffler Senior Activity Center (SAYSF Church) on July 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Northern Senior Activity Center on July 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a Federal assistance program. You must be 60 years of age or older. Income eligibility limit is \$20,147 annually for a household of one, \$27,214 annually for a household of two. You must sign a statement that you are eligible for this Federal Program, acknowledging that false information could result in civil or criminal prosecution. For more information, call Kathy at 301.475.4200, ext. 1072.

• Sign up due for 'Evergreen' Tote Basket

On Tuesday, July 19 & 26, 1-4 p.m., a basket weaving class will be held at the Northern Senior Activity Center. The featured basket will be an 'Evergreen' tote - its 12" long, 5" wide, and 9" high and woven of natural and dyed reeds. The sturdy handles are made of fabric called 'Shaker tape'. It is a handy size and very attractive with a plaid stripe to match the handle. Cost is \$35, all weaving materials and supplies are provided. To reserve your spot for this two-session class, please drop-off payment to the Center by July 15. Call 301-475-4002, ext. 1003 for more information.

• Garvey Senior Activity Center Breakfasts

On Tuesday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. the Garvey Center staff will serve an egg scrambler with sausage, cheddar cheese and tomato, hash browns, toast, and milk/coffee/tea. Cost: \$2.00.

• Free Skin Cancer Screening

Dr. Kumar and PA Sangha from MD Dermatology will be at the Interim Loffler Senior Activity Center (SAYSF) on Wednesday, July 20 from 10 a.m.

Loffler Senior Activity Center (SAYSF), 240.725.0290; Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301.475.4200, ext. 1050; Northern Senior Activity Center, 301.475.4002, ext. 1001; Ridge Nutrition Site, 301.475.4200, ext. 1050.

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Northern		9 - 10 a.m.		9 - 10 a.m.		10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, 301.475.4200, ext. 1050

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College of Southern Maryland senior aquatic wellness classes are underway and continue through Aug. 18 at the Leonardtown Campus Wellness and Aquatics Center. The classes are for senior adults and those who are medically referred.

On land, Marian Proctor of Mechanicsville keeps a cane at hand. In the water, she is free to walk, high-step and kick-up her heels unencumbered.

"In the pool, I don't feel any pain," Proctor said.

A student in the College of Southern Maryland's Senior Aquatic Wellness class that meets at the Leonardtown Campus Wellness and Aquatics Center, Proctor and her classmates are learning the benefits of water exercise through group instruction and in-the-pool workouts.

"Clients who are unable to exercise on land, are unburdened and can exercise more comfortably in the pool," CSM Aquatics Instructor Gwyn Hein, who has been a certified water aerobics instructor for 17 years, said in a press release.

Exercising as a class creates a sense of community and provides external motivation for students who may not have the discipline to work-out on their own, Hein said. She uses the Harvard Wellness Newsletter to spark in-class discussion on arthritis, diabetes, cardiac and respiratory issues, and provides in-pool examples for those conditions.

At 78, Proctor has back pain and an arthritic knee that is a candidate for knee replace-

ment surgery. "I declined to have the surgery because of my age," she said.

Exercise is difficult, she added, but necessary to maintain a good quality of life.

"After my first class, I walked out feeling so much better," said Proctor. "This is the only exercise I get, so I try not to miss it."

Senior aquatic wellness classes are underway and continue through Aug. 18. The classes are for senior adults and those who are medically referred. In addition to teaching overall fitness and health, the class teaches the positive impact of exercise in the water on arthritis and cardiovascular function. The class consists of lecture and discussion, and guided aquatic exercise.

Classes meet Tuesdays 8:45-10 a.m. or 1-2:15 p.m., or Thursdays 8:45-10 a.m. or 1-2:15 p.m. Tuition and fees are \$120. The \$75 tuition is waived for students age 60 years and older.

Proctor signed up for Tuesday mornings at the beginning of the session and recently added a Thursday morning class. "At \$45 a class, it's a bargain," she said.

For information or to register, visit www.csmd.edu/OnlineServices/coned/registration.html, or contact Alex Smith, 240-725-5499, extension 5576, or asmith1@csmd.edu.

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To schedule a presentation or more information contact Jennifer Hunt, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200 ext. 1073 or Jennifer.Hunt@stmarysmd.com.

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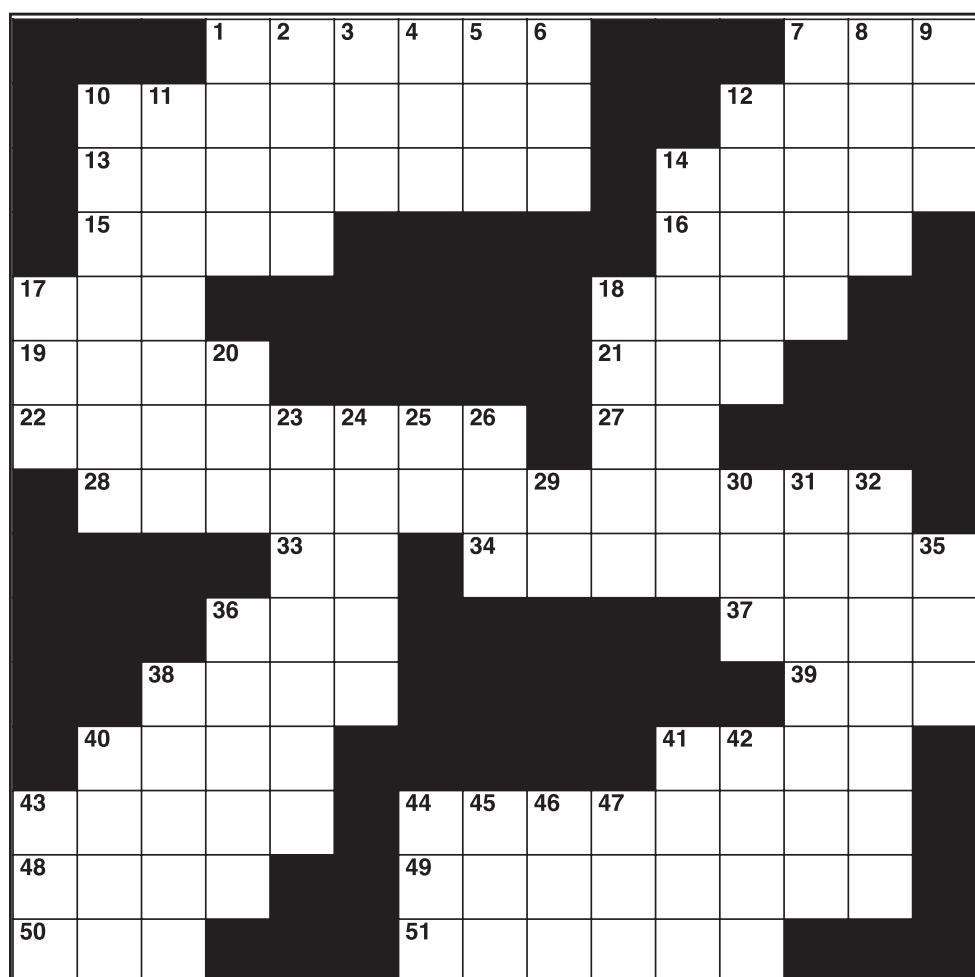
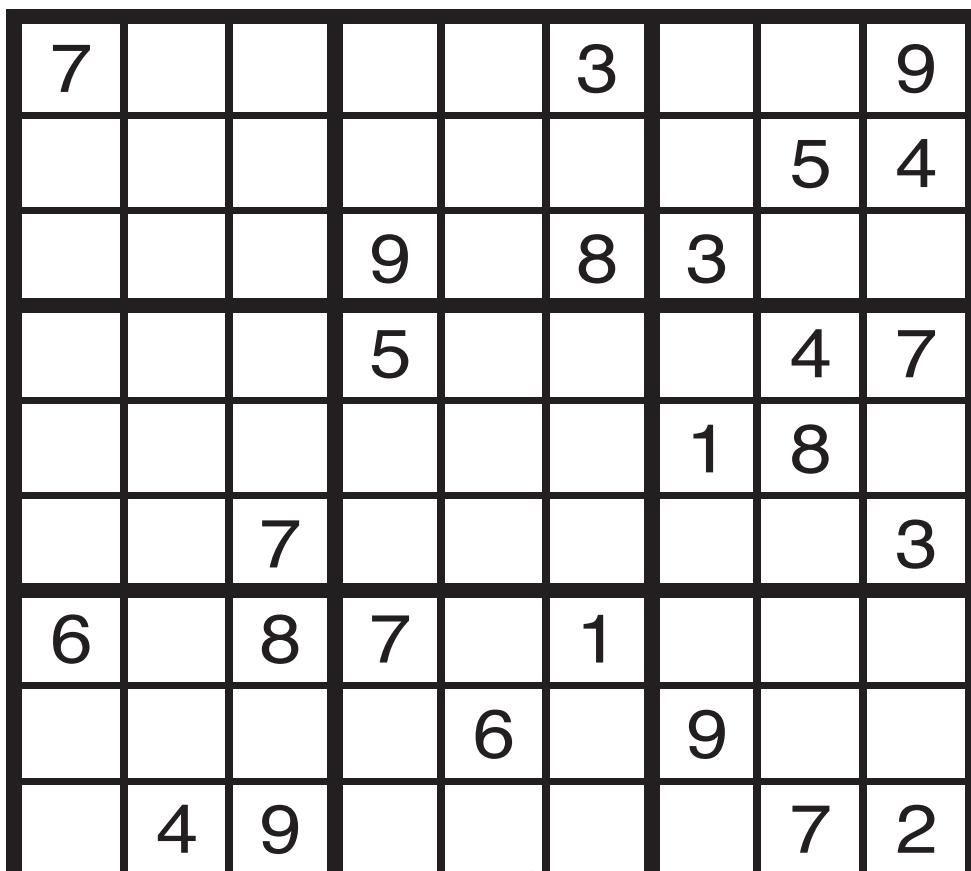
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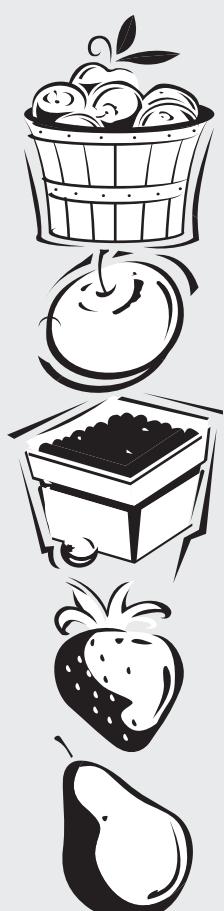
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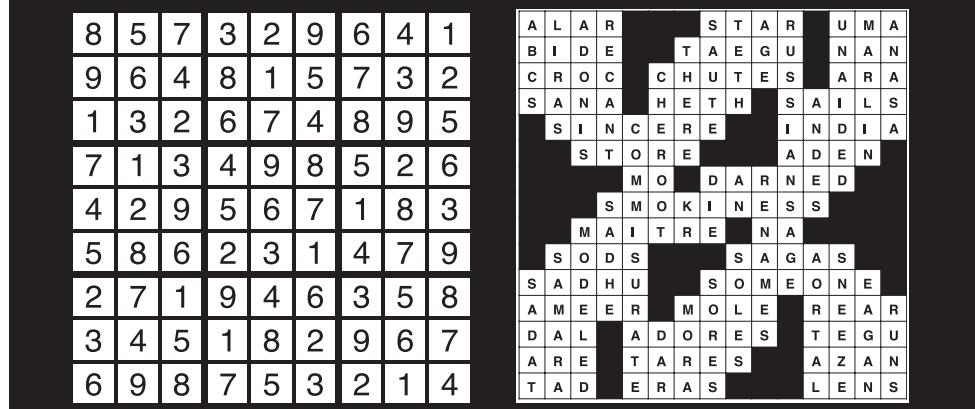
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Last Week's Puzzles Solutions





By Linda Reno
Contributing Writer

John Baptist Gough, son of James and Susanna Gough, was born in St. Mary's County in 1764. In April 1781, at the age of 17 he became a soldier, volunteering under Capt. John Greenwell. His first six weeks were spent here guarding the shores of the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay "from the depredations of the British fleet... I was frequently marched during my six weeks of service to the banks of the Potomac river and Chesapeake Bay banks but in these expeditions was in no engagements though it was necessary to keep in arms with a view of detaining the British from landing or repelling the attempts of small parties of British when landed to commit depredations upon the property of citizens."

In June or July, his company was ordered to Annapolis where they were attached to the 4th Maryland Regiment and

marched to Little York in Virginia, arriving in September. Gough said that "from the commencement of the erection of fortifications by the American Army, he was engaged 24 hours on and 24 hours off duty.... he was present under arms when Lord Cornwallis marched out and delivered his sword to the American General Lincoln... I was at the siege of York and assisted in taking that place and was present when Cornwallis surrendered." [Gough was mistaken as Lord Cornwallis did not personally surrender].

After the British had surrendered, Gough and the 4th Maryland Regiment were "detached to guard 400 British, 500 Hessians and 500 Highlander prisoners." They marched these prisoners to Winchester or Leesburg, Virginia where they were turned over to the Virginia Militia. From there, the Marylanders marched to Annapolis "and there having deposited their arms were on or about the twenty second of December, 1781... discharged."

He said that while he was at Yorktown he recalled having seen General Washington, General Lafayette, General Anthony Wayne, Baron Von Steuben and General Lincoln.

Between 1781 and 1784, Gough married Elizabeth Heard,



Surrender of Lord Cornwallis by John Trumbull

Kentucky (now Washington County). In 1814 he moved to Shelby County, Kentucky (where he lived later became Spencer County). In April 1832 he moved to Randolph County, Illinois, leaving there in October 1833 and moving to Perry County, Missouri where he was then living.

The painting shown here is in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. American General Benjamin Lincoln mounted on a white horse, extends his hand toward the sword carried by the surrendering British officer. To the left are the French officers. On the right are American officers among them are Lafayette and Colonel Jonathan Trumbull, brother of the painter. George Washington stayed in the background because Lord Cornwallis wasn't present for the surrender.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind



Evil is as evil does...or receives.

By Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer

***I mentioned last week how I have been using and enjoying some of the presents from my birthday. A minor correction must be made however. I had been faithfully using my wrinkle cream for over a week, when I remarked to my husband one night, "You know, I really think I am seeing a difference in my complexion and crow's feet after putting this cream on every night. But I don't know if I can stand using it anymore because it is so sticky. It stays that way until I wash my face in the shower each morning." He asked, "Did you read the directions? "What directions? It's a cream – you spread it all over your face and throat. I don't rub it in my eyes or anything." He countered with, "I'm just saying..."

The next morning I thought, well, let me get the new, shiny magnifying glass I received and check out the very fine print on the back of the tube. I read just what I thought; wet face, massage on face and neck gently, and then rinse thoroughly... Wait a minute, wet face, rinse thoroughly? I quickly turned over the tube and saw that printed under the "Healthy Skin Anti-Wrinkle Anti-Blemish" lines in fairly large letters in a bright orange box was one word: cleanser. I didn't even need my magnifying glass for that. Ooh, I guess I better check the hair remover, and that other thin tube of stuff I thought was hand cream. I did wonder about that long, tapered stopper though. Maybe I don't want to know – my hands are so soft.***

Since my wonderful children were in on all that birthday hilarity, I think I will be evil, which means I have a big decision to make: What is the best way to embarrass my youngest son, Ryan for his birthday on the 6th? I can only do this with Ryan. My oldest son is not as keen on getting really big embarrassing surprises. I still do it of course, just not on the same scale as Ryan. But this year all truces are off – no holds barred.

I don't know why I feel the need to do

this to my children. I suppose it's because (wait a minute, let me lay down on the couch while I explain) my Mother embarrassed me on my birthdays. She would have whole restaurants sing to me, or cook up other great birthday surprises, she even had entire bingo parlors sing to me. Anywhere we were, she had it announced, especially when we were anywhere that there was a loudspeaker or a microphone. I'm just trying to pass on family traditions and the childhood trauma that accompanies it. I felt it, I was embarrassed, I must pass this on to someone. And who better than your children, they still have to be in contact with you – which is different with a friend. They can walk away and never look back. But a child, especially in their twenties, has that feeling of family obligation, and might eventually forgive you...at least until their next birthday.

So, I might call Ryan's work and see if they will all sing to him, or I could drop by a cake – no, we will probably have one at dinner. Dinner! That's it! I'll have the Outback servers sing to him. I could tell all his friends to send him crazy birthday texts today, no then he might get fired looking at texts all day. I could go in and sing to him, no then he'd really get fired and I would get banished from Lowes forever. I could... You know, I might not have to employ any of these tactics. I suppose when he finds out that I've written about him – that should be embarrassment enough. Or... if you see Ryan at Lowes soon tell him "Happy Birthday, and that his Mother loves him and hopes she will be forgiven". Okay, I have to start planning for my oldest son's birthday next March. Embarrassment must be how Erma Bombeck's kids felt all the time. There probably is therapy group for children of columnists. I'll sign them up.

To each new day's adventure,
Shelby

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Book Review

"The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth" by Alexandra Robbins

c.2011, Hyperion

\$25.99 / \$27.99 Canada

436 pages, includes notes

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Contributing Writer

Aliens have stolen your teenager. How else could you explain that your free-spirited, happy, formerly-school-loving child has suddenly morphed into a mime with a dark mood? What other reason could there be for her Saturday nights home, his disinterest in friends, their dread of school days that are weeks away?

You've got your suspicions. You lived through high school, too: social jostling, too-tight cliques, self-consciousness, embarrassment, ostracism, teasing. It supersedes everything, causes angst, and you remember it well.

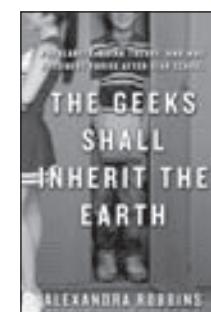
But you turned out okay, and after you've read "The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth" by Alexandra Robbins, you'll understand that your teen will, too.

Movies are based on it. School administrators try to lessen it. But ask any high school student, and you'll get an earful about cliques, fitting in (or not), and popularity – likely, much of it gloomy.

Robbins calls the kids who don't fit – the emo kids, nerds, geeks, loners, bandies, freaks, and such – the "cafeteria fringe." Those are the kids who eat alone because the in-crowd won't allow them seats at the "good" lunchroom tables.

But, after thinking about her own classmates, post-graduation, Robbins devised a theory about cafeteria fringe kids. She calls it Quirk Theory, explaining that "... the differences that cause a student to be excluded in school are the same traits... that others will value... or find compelling about that person in adult-hood..."

To prove Quirk Theory, Robbins spent a school year following a gamer in Hawaii; an Illinois loner; a popular girl in New York; a "weird



girl" in Georgia; a Pennsylvania band geek; a nerd in Virginia; and a California "new girl."

Robbins studied peer labeling and how quickly it happens – often, for no solid reason. She examined popularity and how it can positively be a negative. She questioned why popular kids can be mean; why differences are condemned yet conformity is as important as individualism within a clique; and how teachers' behavior sometimes mirrors that of their school's halls. And she shows how today's nerd is tomorrow's CEO.

Then Robbins challenged her seven subjects. Could they ignore and overcome their own labels to make friends with kids from other groups?

It's hard not to have your heart broken when you're reading "The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth."

With the seven people whose stories she presents, author Alexandra Robbins shows us what it's like in high schools around the country, which is (no surprise?) the way it's always been, but worse. No matter where you fit in as a teen (or didn't), you'll ache to see yourself with a reverse telescope.

You'll especially ache if you have a teenager, but Robbins doesn't leave her readers hanging. She gives end-of-the-book advice for students, parents, and teachers who want to overcome cafeteria fringe-ness. And I don't think I'm ruining anything by telling you that you'll also be rewarded with seven triumphant, happy endings.

Preps, dorks, nerds, and anybody who cares about them can't go wrong by reading this book. For you, "The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth" just... clicks.

Thursday, July 7

- **Dave Norris**
DB McMillan's (23415 Three Notch Road, California) – 5 p.m.

- **Fraternal Order of Police Poker Tournament**
Fraternal Order of Police (21215 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills) – 7 p.m.

- **Special Olympics No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Night**
Bennett Building (24930 Old Three Notch Road, Hollywood) – 7:30 p.m.

- **All You Can Drink Ladies Night with DJ Chris**
Big Dogs Paradise (28765 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville) – 8 p.m.

- **Live Music with Freddie Long**
Ruddy Duck Brewery (13200 Dowell Road, Dowell) – 8 p.m.

- **Open Mic Night**
Cadillac Jack's (21367 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park) – 8 p.m.

- **Happy Hour**
Toot's Bar (23971 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood) – 9 p.m.

Friday, July 8

- **Dave Norris**
DB McMillan's (23415 Three Notch Road, California) – 5 p.m.

- **Live Waterside Entertainment with Dylan Galvin**
Holiday Inn Solomons (155 Holiday Drive, Solomons) – 6 p.m.

- **Randy Richie on Piano**
Cafe Des Artistes (41655 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown) – 6:30 p.m.

- **Live music with Mike and Berry (Just Us)**
Ruddy Duck Brewery (13200 Dowell Road, Dowell) – 7:30 p.m.

- **Hot Rods and Old Gas Open Blues Jam**
Fatboy's Country Store (41566 Medley's Neck Road, Leonardtown) – 8 p.m.

- **Joe Martone Jazz Band**
Chef's American Bistro (22576 Macarthur Boulevard, San Souci Plaza suite 314, California) – 8 p.m.

- **All You Can Drink Night with DJ Chris**
Big Dogs Paradise (28765 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville) – 8 p.m.

- **The Redwine Jazz Band**
The Westlawn Inn (9200 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach) – 8 p.m.

- **DJ Charles Thompson**
Toot's Bar (23971 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood) – 8 p.m.

- **Modern Day Aints**
Memories Nightclub and Bar

- **Alive-n-Kickin'**
Gilligan's Pier (11535 Popes Creek Road, Newburg) – 9 p.m.

- **Anthony Ryan Country**
Hole in the Wall Tavern (24702 Sotterley Road, Hollywood) – 9 p.m.

- **Karaoke On Demand with DJ KJ Steadyrockin'**
Cadillac Jack's (21367 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park) – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 9

- **Sam Grow Band**
Gilligan's Pier (11535 Popes Creek Road, Newburg) – 2 p.m.

- **Fair Warning**
DB McMillan's (23415 Three Notch Road, California) – 6 p.m.

- **Randy Richie on Piano**
Cafe Des Artistes (41655 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown) – 6:30 p.m.

- **Special Olympics No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Night**
Bennett Building (24930 Old Three Notch Road, Hollywood) – 7:30 p.m.

- **Live Music with Groove Span (Jenn Ann Cooper)**
Ruddy Duck Brewery (13200 Dowell Road, Dowell) – 8 p.m.

- **Anthony Ryan Country**
Toot's Bar (23971 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood) – 8 p.m.

- **Frankie and the Actions**
Apehangers Bar and Grill (9100 Crain Highway, Bel Alton) – 9 p.m.

- **Mo Jo**
Cryer's Back Road Inn (22094 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown) – 9 p.m.

- **Over the Limit**
The Blue Dog Saloon (7940 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco) – 9 p.m.

- **Kneel to Zod**
Memories Nightclub and Bar (2360 Old Washington Road, Waldorf) – 9 p.m.

- **The Fuzz**
Gilligan's Pier (11535 Popes Creek Road, Newburg) – 9 p.m.

- **Karaoke On Demand with DJ KJ Steadyrockin'**
Cadillac Jack's (21367 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park) – 9:30 p.m.

- **No Green JellyBeenz**
Vera's White Sands Beach Club (1200 White Sands Drive, Lusby) – 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 10

- **The Worx**
Gilligan's Pier (11535 Popes Creek Road, Newburg) – 3 p.m.

For family and community events, see our calendar in the community section on page 22.

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Line Dancing A Hit in St. Mary's County



Syncopated Rhythm gets ready to dance.

Submitted Photos

By Sarah Miller
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County is home to several line dancing groups, who are proving that it is something for people of all ages to get into

"It's something we just love doing," said Leslie Wohlers, a member of the Southern Maryland Boot Scooters.

She said she is the only original member of the team still dancing, and she has been with the Boot Scooters since 1995.

Bob Phipps founded the Boot Scooters, and Wohlers said the team kept on after his death in his memory. The team tee shirts even have his name printed on them.

The Boot Scooters practice every Wednesday at Hotel Charles from 7:30-9 p.m. For the first half hour, the team gives line-dancing lessons to anybody interested in learning to line dance. Wohlers said the lessons are good recruiting tools, and they generally have a handful of regulars who come out. Some of the regulars enjoy dancing, but they aren't interested in joining the group and they can get the best of both worlds on Wednesday nights.

"We actually have gained quite a few members through that," Wohlers said.

There is no price to be in the group outside the tee shirts for performances, which are \$15 a piece. Wohlers said there are approximately 25 active members in the Boot Scooters, and the ages of the members go from 12 years old to people in their late 50s and 60s.

Line dancing appeals to all generations, Wohlers said, and to all types of people. Some join because they want something to do socially and others join to get exercise. Contrary to popular belief, Wohlers said the Boot Scooters dance to more than country music, adapting the dance and style to suite the place they are performing.

The Boot Scooters are getting ready for their busy season. They perform all over the tri-county area and beyond and at nursing homes, assisted living facilities and state and county fairs.



The Boot Scooters are ready to go.

Sports

St. Mary's Soccer Team Takes Gold in Special Olympics World Games

By Alex Panos
Contributing Writer

The St. Mary's County men's Special Olympics soccer team is bringing home the gold medal for the United States from Athens. It is the first medal a soccer team from the United States has ever won at the Special Olympics World Games.

The team finished in first place for the MF division, which also featured Spain, Austria, and Canada.

The soccer club used an inspiring rally to defeat Spain 2-1 in the championship game. Spain led 1-0 before the U.S. managed to score its first goal seven minutes later. They scored again with five minutes remaining in the game to seal the 2-1 victory.

Team captain Wesley Thompson led the emotional players in their celebration after capturing what has been his dream since St. Mary's County started its soccer program in 1998.

"This is something we've been trying to accomplish for a long time now," said St. Mary's County Director for Special Olympics Mary Lu Bucci. "We were able to win because we followed our training program and our game plan."

The USA team, comprised entirely of St. Mary's County natives between the ages of 17 and 29, played in a 5 vs. 5 tournament. Some of the athletes have been playing together for nearly 20 years, since they were 7 or 8 years old. This familiarity with one another has led to close cohesion and good chemistry that created what Head Coach Ken Cohen describes as a "very tight team."

Cohen shares coaching duties with John Toner, who has been coaching the soccer club for the last nine years. Cohen, who played semi-professional soccer, has been coaching

Midfielder Avery Long takes a shot during the championship round.



Team USA show off their gold medals.

Special Olympics since his days in graduate school. He has been with the St. Mary's team since August.

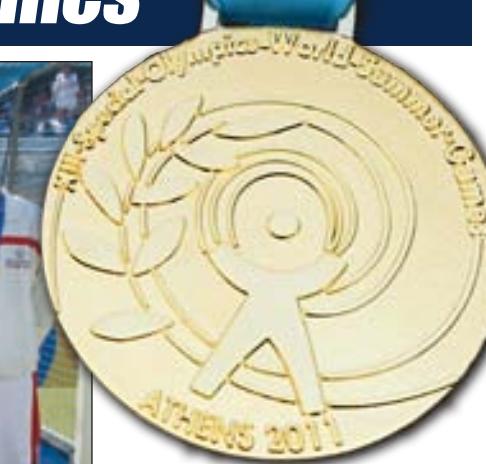
The coaches led the players through a training camp in San Diego before eventually leading the 12-day quest for the gold in Greece.

The team woke up at 6 a.m. everyday to catch the bus for the hour-long ride to the arena, even on the days when they did not play their first game until the afternoon. It was not uncommon to see members of the team sleeping on the cement floor in the stadium with nothing but pillows throughout the tournament, said Bucci, who returned to the United States with the team on Tuesday night.

Despite the challenging daily schedule, the United States still continued to always find a way to win. Including a perfect 4-0 record in the championship round, defeating Spain twice.

The players also enjoyed the experience of playing on such a large stage in a foreign country. For many of the athletes, traveling to Greece is a once in a lifetime experience, Bucci said. Once they saw the ancient ruins, they instantly became fascinated with the significance of the environment.

"It became a learning experience, not just about soccer," Bucci said, "After that, the whole scene became much more interesting."



While the trip was put in perspective, team officials remain in awe of the accomplishment of defeating the rest of the world.

St. Mary's County Special Olympics soccer coordinator Jim Bucci retired from coaching 10 years ago, but remembers coaching many of the athletes when they were children. He is impressed with what his former players have achieved.

"It's truly a remarkable accomplishment that the only team to ever represent the country from this county won the gold medal," Bucci said.



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Potomac Speedway

Zimmerman Romps to Third Street Stock Win Sunday at Potomac



Kurt Zimmerman celebrates his victory with his godson Jacob Storm.

By Doug Watson
Contributing Writer

Pasadena Md.'s Kurt Zimmerman was victorious in Sunday night's 25-lap Potomac/Winchester street stock challenge event. The win, for Zimmerman, was his third feature triumph of the season and his career 19th at Potomac.

Stephen Quade and Zimmerman brought the field to the initial green flag of the event. Quade got a good jump at the start as he darted into the race lead. Already a two-time Potomac street stock winner this season, Quade appeared as though he would score number three this night as he lead the first 20-laps of the event. Meanwhile, Zimmerman was hanging tough in second but could not get close enough to make the pass. Quade's undoing came when he came down to complete lap-20 as he bobbed in turn two – allowing Zimmerman to make what would eventually be the winning pass. Zimmerman would then go on to lead the final four-laps to post the win.

As Zimmerman took the checkered flag, heavy rain hit the speedway washing out the late model, limited late model and hobby stock features.

Eric Johnson would come from 9th to finish second, Eighteenth-starting Donnie Smith came home third, Winchester regular Mike Rose collected fourth and Quade would rebound from the lap-20 mishap to complete the top-five. Heats for the 27 cars on hand went Scottie Nelson, Mike Bennett and Stephen Quade with Billy Farmer claiming the consolation.

Heats for the 16 late models went to Jamie Lathroum and David Williams, with Ben Bowie and Glenn Elliott claiming limited late model qualifiers and hobby stock heats went to Jimmy Randall and Brian Adkins. Those three events will be made up at a later date.

Street Stock Feature Finish (25-laps)

1. Kurt Zimmerman 2. Eric Johnson 3. Donnie Smith 4. Mike Rose 5. Stephen Quade 6. Mike Latham 7. Ricky Edmonds 8. Troy Kassiris 9. Scottie Nelson 10. Sam Archer 11. Darren Alvey 12. James Sparks 13. Scott Wilson 14. Jimmy Jessmer Jr. 15. Teddy Dickson 16. Terry Staton 17. Mike Raleigh 18. Craig Parril 19. David Kaiser 20. Robbie Cairns 21. Mike Bennett 22. Kirk Evans 23. Mike Corbin 24. Billy Farmer DNQ- James Gray, Dale Reamy, Mike Grady Jr.

Blue Crabs Look to Make Second Half Push

By Alex Panos
Contributing Writer

The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs have made a few roster changes over the last few days.

On June 1, they resigned reliever Eduardo Murlan and activated infielder Kody Kirkland.

Murlan is returning to the Blue Crabs after a brief stint in the Atlanta Braves organization. He was fantastic earlier this season for Southern Maryland, posting a 1.39 ERA with the club, a Blue Crabs press release states.

Kirkland is making his first appearance for the Blue Crabs this year since injuring his right knee with the Houston Astros during spring training. Last season with Southern Maryland, he hit .303 with 11 home runs and 39 RBIs.

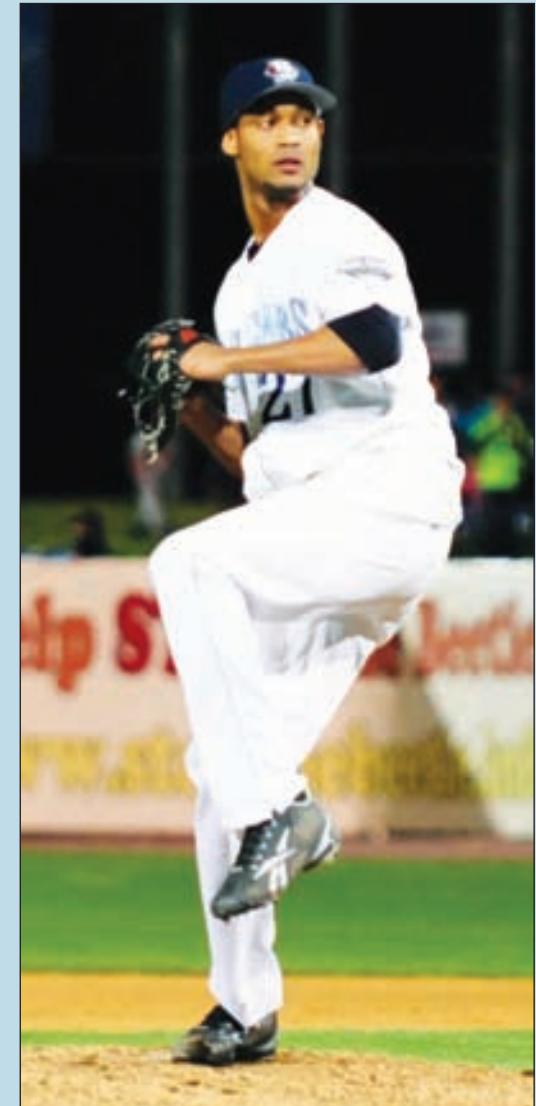
After activating Kirkland, the Blue Crabs traded infielder Ignacio Suarez to the Lancaster Barnstormers for future considerations. Suarez, who was signed on June 21, hit .275 in 10 games this season.

The Blue Crabs were forced to place leadoff hitter Adam Godwin on the DL Saturday July 2 (retroactive to June 24) with a broken right thumb. The .313 hitter is expected back in 4-8 weeks.

Meanwhile on the diamond, the Blue Crabs are looking to build on their 16-strikeout game on Friday and 12-3 shellacking of the Road Warriors on Sunday, which featured three home runs by left fielder Casey Benjamin. The Blue Crabs also had a season high 17 hits in that contest.

However, despite a season high in attendance for their 4th of July home game against Bridgeport, the Crabs squandered a 3-0 lead and fell to the Blue Fish 5-3.

The Blue Crabs rallied to take the last two games of the series, coming back to win on Tuesday 11-9 and then defeating Bridge-



port again 10-2 on Wednesday afternoon.

After enjoying an off day on Thursday, Southern Maryland travels to Camden to take on the last place River Sharks this weekend in a three game series before the all star break.

Currently, the Blue Crabs are in 2nd place, 4 games back of the Liberty Division leading Long Island Ducks.

Horizon Wrestling Returns to Leonardtown

Horizon Wrestling Alliance returns Sunday, July 17 with another high-flying wrestling event at the Leonard Hall Drill Hall, 23150 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown, with a 3 p.m. bell time.

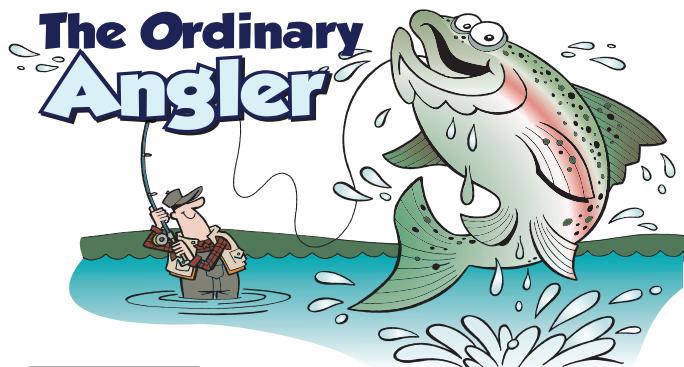
Featuring many of the televised stars of Ring of Honor and several Southern Maryland natives, including:

- Great Mills High School Alumnus and Ring of Honor standout Grizzly Redwood vs. fellow Ring of Honor star Rhett Titus;
- Great Mills High School Alumnus and Ring of Honor graduate Professor Milo Shizo vs. international wrestling star "The Panama City Playboy" Adam Cole;
- Ring of Honor star Pelle Primeau vs. The Latin Dragon;
- A battle royal to determine the #1 seed for the HWA championship tournament;
- Also featuring international wrestling stars Greg Excellent, The Hellions (Alex Payne, Shane Hagadorn, & Ernie Osiris) & Calvert County's Nate Stein, as well as St. Mary County natives Mike Mayhem and Roger Buckley, Baltimore's Harm City Fight Club, Kindred, Black Wall Street, and many more.



Doors open at 2 pm. The Leonard Hall Drill Hall is an air-conditioned facility. For more information, visit the Horizon Wrestling Alliance site at HWAWrestling.org

Fishing Reports



By Keith McGuire

Fishing reports are difficult to do this time of year. Everyone is chasing a particular species of fish and usually finding what they are searching for. Fishing methods are becoming more diverse as the season progresses.

On the saltwater side, white perch are falling to small spinner baits cast around the shore lines. Bloodworms, night crawlers, peeler crab and other baits are coaxing white perch away from oyster bars and other structures. Nearer to the Bay, anglers are catching spot, some very willing croakers, and other bottom feeders. The cow nosed ray seems to be everywhere and tests the fighting talent of many anglers unlucky enough to hook one.

Flounder are still hard to find. Sea trout haven't been around for years and no one seems to know why. I haven't heard any reports of red drum yet, and the black drum have finished their annual migration into the upper reaches of the Bay.

Stripers are hit or miss in most locations, but there have been rather consistent reports of breaking fish from Buoy #77



Four twenties for dinner.

and north to the Cove Point LNG Dock. Also, live-lining for stripers is doing quite well in the same area.

There have been spotty reports of bluefish catches in the area. No one is catching them consistently, which represents a slow start for bluefish this year.

All in all, a good season is underway. It is possible to catch multiple species of fish on every trip. Anglers are frequently catching their limits of stripers early in the day with plenty of time to fish for croakers, spot, white perch and other fish.

Live-lining small spot for rockfish is a fun thing to try if you've never done it before. Catch eight or ten small spot and

keep them alive in your live-well. Or, you can rig a bubbler in a bucket or small cooler and change the water frequently. Then go out to the Cove Point LNG Dock and anchor near the live-lining fleet that you will see there just outside the restricted zone.

The most fun can be had with these fish if you use a medium action 6 – 7 foot spinning rod. Use a small sinker no bigger than $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce rigged on a fish finder or sinker slide above a barrel swivel. Tie a 3 or 4 foot length of monofilament or fluorocarbon on the other ring of the barrel swivel, and then a 4/0 or 5/0 non-offset circle hook.

Hook one of the small spot on the circle hook the best way you know how and set it in the water at the side of the boat. Let some line out so the spot can go down to where the stripers are, and hold on! There's no need to cast in this situation.

The non-offset circle hook is to benefit the fish. When stripers are feeding on small spot, they quickly swallow them whole. In this situation, other types of hooks will be swallowed with the bait and hooked deep in the fish's gullet. The non-offset circle hook has a better chance of pulling out of the fish's gut without hooking and will then hook in the fish's jaw, allowing for easy and quick hook removal. If the fish is too small and returned to the water, it will – in all likelihood – live to be caught again someday.

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Keith has been a recreational angler on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for over 50 years; he fishes weekly from his small boat during the season, and spends his free time supporting local conservation organizations.

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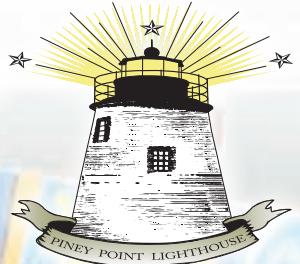
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