

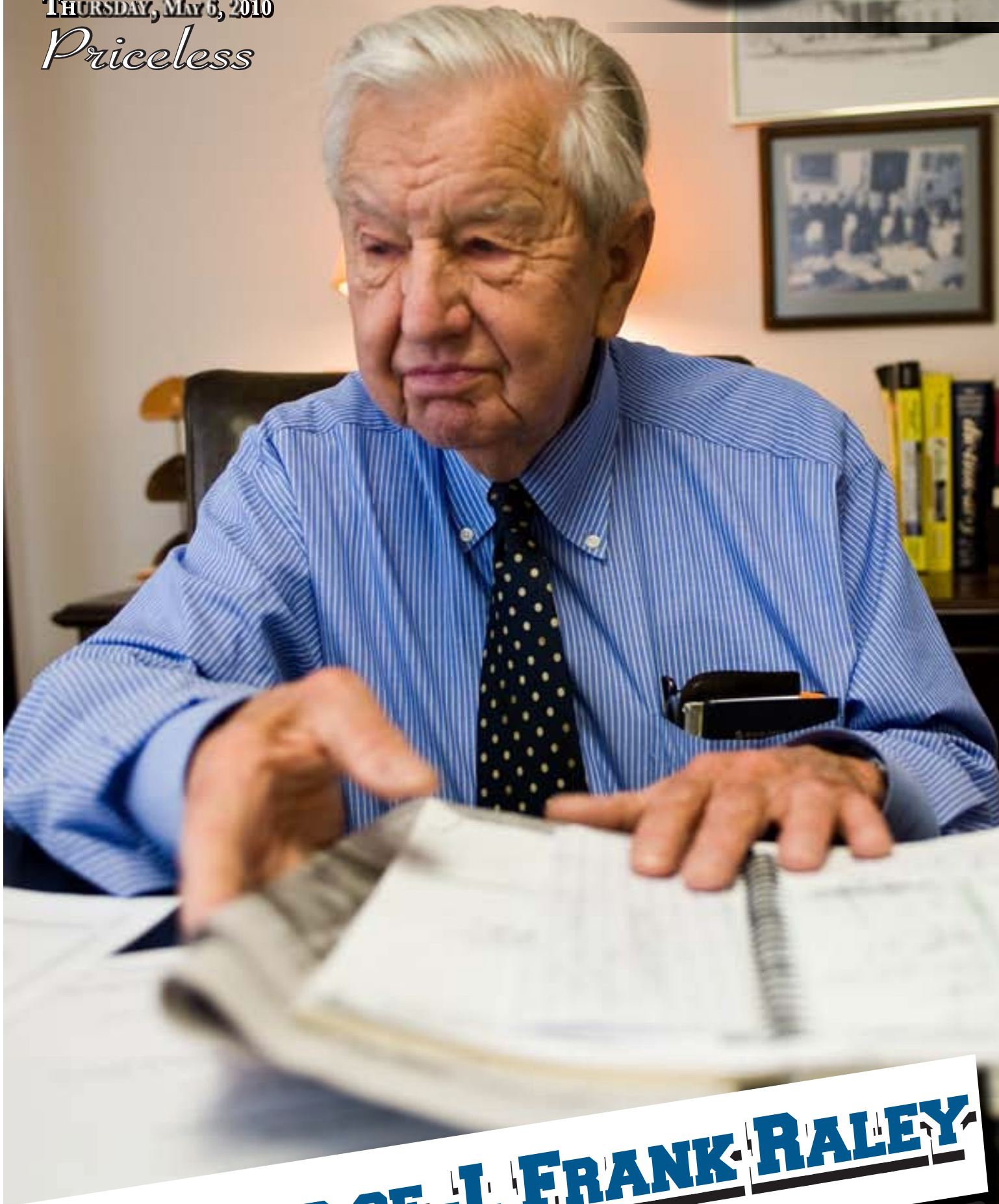
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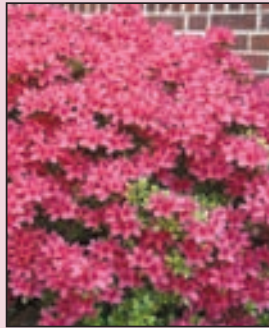
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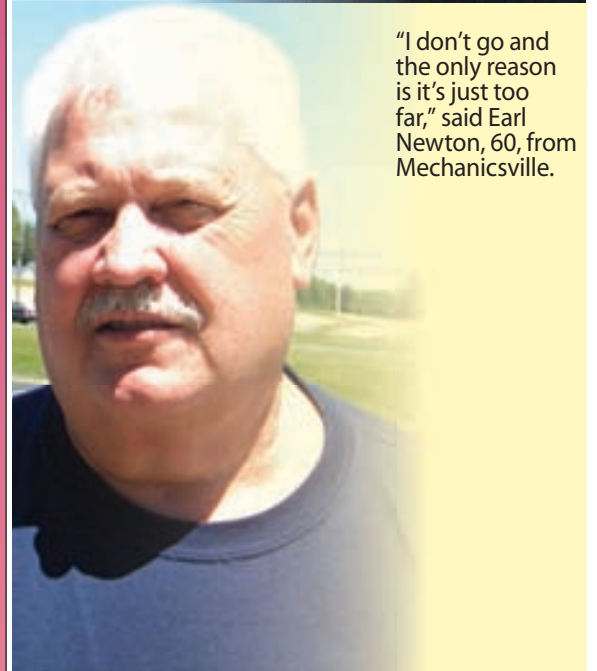
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## Your Paper... Your Thoughts

Do you ever use Point Lookout State Park for summer recreation?

"I went camping down there a few years ago, and I thought it was really nice," said Dave Nicholson, 52, from Mechanicsville, "but it's a lot different there than it used to be. When we used to go years ago it was really quiet ... and now you go down there sometimes and it's just wall-to-wall people, and unless you go off-season it's tough to move around."



"I don't go and the only reason is it's just too far," said Earl Newton, 60, from Mechanicsville.

"Not recently. I think I went a year or two ago," said Dan Combs, 23, who works locally for the census bureau. "The park itself is great, going down there and hanging out ... but I just don't have the time."



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## ON THE FRONT

J. Frank Raley, former delegate and state senator, discusses his long political career with The County Times.

## ON THE BACK

Veronica Peters struck out 10 batters as Leonardtown defeated Chopticon for the third time this year 7-2 Friday night.



### county

Thomas E. Stokel, Sr. drops a ballot in the ballot box during the Leonardtown election on Tuesday. Behind him is son Thomas Stokel Jr. SEE PAGE 4



### community

Gina Wirt, of Leonardtown, won the hat contest at the Kentucky Derby fundraising event for Hospice of St. Mary's at Sotterley Plantation on May 1. SEE PAGE 22

"There's always this tension with the property tax and the constant yield, but most don't care how the relief is accomplished, they just want some help."

- St. Mary's County Commissioner Dan Raley, about his efforts to reduce property tax rates.

## Weather Watch

| Day        | Weather           | High/Low | Wind | Clouds |
|------------|-------------------|----------|------|--------|
| Thu May 6  | Partly Cloudy     | 84°/58°  | 10%  |        |
| Fri May 7  | Mostly Sunny      | 77°/59°  | 20%  |        |
| Sat May 8  | Isolated T-Storms | 74°/51°  | 30%  |        |
| Sun May 9  | Sunny             | 67°/49°  | 0%   |        |
| Mon May 10 | Sunny             | 68°/50°  | 0%   |        |
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## Professor Kno-Y Schools The County Times



Photo by Sean Rice

By Sean Rice  
Staff Writer

Professor Kno-Y the clown stopped by The County Times' office in Hollywood this week to make sure the staff was aware that Cole Brothers Circus of the Stars will be at Leonardtown Fairgrounds on Monday and Tuesday.

While the Professor twisted up balloons for the staff — into a sword for salesman Gary Dean, an apple for re-

porter Guy Leonard and a Teddy bear for office manager Tobie Pulliam — he explained that Cole Brothers Circus is in its 126th year.

"We are America's oldest tented circus," Professor Kno-Y said. "We celebrated our 125 anniversary last year, and you would think, 'well the 125th, you can't do any better than that,' but I think this year is even better than what we did last year ... We've got all kinds of good things going on."

There will be elephants, camels, zebras, llamas, ponies, performing dogs, the flying trapeze, a motorcycle thrill show inside a globe and more, Kno-Y said.

For the first time in six years, tigers will be returning to the Cole Brothers Circus.

"We have one of the most rarest of all animals, a liger, it's a cross between a lion and a tiger, and it's the only performing liger in the circus in America," he said.

The performers are made up of several families, including the Walker family with the tigers and exotic animals and the Ponce family on the trapeze.

"We have families of entertainers who will be entertaining your family," Kno-Y said.

Tickets to the shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday are available at the Shipping Store on Rt. 235 in California, at the box office on the days of the show and through Cole Brothers' Web site, [www.gotothecircus.com](http://www.gotothecircus.com).

## Two Incumbents, One Challenger Win Town Election

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Incumbents Tom Collier and Leslie Roberts won reelection to the Leonardtown town council Tuesday night after 280 town residents cast their votes, while one challenger, Roger Mattingly, won one of the three contested seats to mark his first time on the governing body.

Incumbent Robert Combs lost his reelection bid. He missed being among the top three vote recipients by five ballots.

Mattingly received the largest number of votes with 206 ballots cast in his favor, while Roberts and Collier each received 146 and 126 votes respectively.

Of the two other challengers, Jim Hanley received 58 votes while Darren Meyer got 37.

Of the 280 ballots cast, two were disqualified as they had more than three markings denoting which candidates were chosen.

There are 1,524 registered voters in the town limits, according to town election information.

Leonardtown attorney J. Ernest Bell over saw the election May 4; polls closed at 7 p.m. and the final tally of all the votes was completed at 7:35 p.m.

"It was a pretty good turn-

out for a non-mayoral election," said Roberts.

Both Mattingly and Collier said that during their campaigning in the two weeks prior to the election that many town residents were unaware they had an opportunity to vote.

"A lot of them had no clue the election was going on," Collier said, who added he knocked on 370 doors in town to drum up votes.

Mattingly said that last day campaigning while camped out near the polls at the town offices helped secure votes for candidates who chose to.

"People said they'd vote for us because they saw us there," he said. "People didn't have a face with the name."



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## Longtime Fire Auxiliary Member Killed in Wreck

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

County sheriff's deputies are investigating a vehicle collision in Hollywood that claimed the life of a well-known member of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary.

The crash occurred at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Mervell Dean Road and Route 235.

Joan Mattingly Dean, 75, of Hollywood, was killed as a result of the crash, police reports stated when she failed to yield the right of way to a north bound 2004 MCI Fleet Bus as she was turning right off of Mervell Dean Road onto Route 235.

The bus collided with Dean's 2008 Chevrolet Impala, police reports state.

Dean was transported to St. Mary's Hospital where she was later pronounced dead; the passenger in her vehicle was transported with non-life threatening injuries as was the driver of the bus Angela Denise Adams, 41, of Laurel.

There were no passengers on the bus at the time of the accident.

Police reports state that there are no indications that speed, alcohol or drugs had anything to do with the collision.

Friends of Dean remembered her

as a dedicated member of the auxiliary at her local fire department.

Her husband, Russell Dean, who is also deceased, was a charter member of the firehouse and a past fire chief.

"She was very likeable and very helpful," said Leone Gatton, also a member of the auxiliary. "She'll be greatly missed."

Gatton said Dean was an active member in the organization for more than 10 years and remained an associate member in her later years.

Even though she was getting up in years, Dean would still help out at fire department functions.

"Sometimes she'd come up and help us and we didn't even have to call her," Gatton said. "She was up there in March stuffing hams for the [firehouse] dinner."

John Gatton, Sr., also a veteran member of the Hollywood fire department, said that Dean was well known for her abilities in the kitchen and her food was well liked at department get-togethers.

"She could make a fantastic apple dumpling, she was a good cook," John Gatton said. "She was a very nice lady."

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## Commissioners to Decide Who May Get Extra Budget Funding

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After being bombarded with requests for more money from various county agencies and non-government service providers after the April 27 budget public hearing, county commissioners now have the task of deciding who gets extra funds from an already lean budget.

While they have not made firm decisions yet on doling out the dollars, some on the commissioner board say that the Boy's and Girl's club of Southern Maryland should get some funding restored to it in the fiscal 2011 budget.

The Boy's and Girl's Club leadership asked commissioners last week for \$100,000 in the budget that they had received in prior years.

"They would've had it, but they failed to make their application on time," said Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly (D-Leonardtown). "The one that's notable to look at [for more funding] will probably be the Boy's and Girl's Club."

Board of Education employees were easily the largest group asking for more money from commissioners but the likelihood of them getting more than their requested \$76 million county funding was not high, Mattingly said.

Commissioner Daniel H. Raley (D-Great Mills) said that he also supported some restoration of funds to the after school programs

that the regional group administers.

"I've seen what after school programs can do," Raley said. "Will it be \$100,000... I don't know."

The fiscal picture for the county is also not completely set, Raley said, since St. Mary's will not receive its next disbursement of income tax revenues from the state until mid-May.

County officials only know that it will be below the levels they've received in recent years before the recession hit.

"The question is how far below," Raley said.

Going to constant yield property tax rate this fiscal year is also unlikely, Raley said, since projections show that more than \$4 million would have to be cut from the county budget to support the change.

Raley pointed to cut in the energy tax this year as a form of relief from taxes, but said his idea of reducing the property tax rate by one-to-one-and-a-half cents instead of a full constant yield was quickly forgotten this budget cycle.

"I couldn't even get a second," Raley said. "There's always this tension with the property tax and the constant yield but most don't care how the relief is accomplished, they just want some help."

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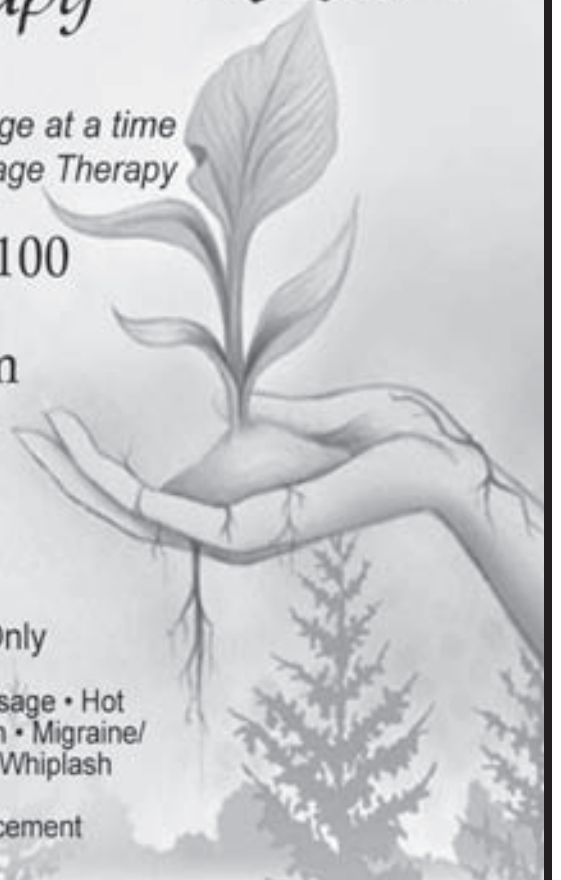
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# County News

## New Medical Center in California Set to Open By End of Year

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A new primary health care facility planned by Shah Associates, a local consortium of physicians, is set to be finished in late 2010, said Dr. Vinod K. Shah, head of the group.

Shah, family members, physicians and elected officials attended a ground breaking for the site near the intersection of Buck Hewitt Road and Route 235 April 30.

"It will complement the community and compliment the [St. Mary's] hospital," Shah told The County Times. "In the southern part of the county there's nothing really that signifies medical services.

"This place will be able to accommodate 20 doctors."

Shah said that the new J. Patrick Jarboe Medical Center, which will be located on Shady Court in California, will include space for family practices, urgent care facilities, pediatricians and other specialties, Shah said.

The latest building project is in addition to the group's expansion plans for their primary Philip J. Bean Medical Center in Hollywood.

The plan for that site is to nearly double the size of the building to accommodate more patients and critically needed doctors, which are in short supply in Southern Maryland.

Despite the current slow economic climate,

Shah said, the Bean Center expansion will still be completed by 2012.

"The Bean building project is going to be done," Shah said.

The Jarboe building will have three stories, Shah said, and be about 25,000 square feet in



Rendering of J. Patrick Jarboe Medical Center

size.

The building will also be set up to handle patient medical records like x-ray tests electronically so that doctors can access them quickly, Shah said.

The Shah group chose to name the new facility after Jarboe for the long years of service he has given to the community in the medical field.

"We've rarely ever seen a human being who is so kind, so caring, so dedicated, so concerned. I've learned a lot from him, and I hope that we'll be able to strive ... we could not have named a center better," said Dr. Uhmed K. Shah.

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## New Team Will Assist in Sexual Assault Cases

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Human services and law enforcement officials say that a new team being formed to respond to victims of sexual assaults will aid the healing process and get help to them faster.

Currently victims of sexual assault would have to answer a battery of questions about the incident and that can cause the victim the trauma of the event over and over again.

With the soon-to-be-activated Sexual Assault Response Team, Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said medical professionals would work together with law enforcement officers when a sexual assault was reported to minimize that trauma.

"We're eliminating the re-victimization, the repetitiveness of it," Cameron told The County Times. "It's a focused management approach. It's the right thing to do."

Kathy O'Brien, director and CEO of Walden Sierra, Inc., one of the county's main crisis counseling providers, said that the new team would include staff from her organization on call 24 hours a day to respond to victims.

"It broadens support to the victims so that early in the process they have people supporting them," O'Brien said.

The team is also set up to respond even though the state no longer requires that a report of a sexual assault would be investigated by law enforcement.

Under the new restrictive reporting rules that have been in force in Maryland for a little

more than a year, victims can continue to get support and help from a group like the SART team and have detectives hold off on an investigation.

Advocates say that the restrictive reporting option can help victims make the decision to get help while avoiding the trauma of taking the case to prosecution at trial.

If the victim chooses to pursue prosecution, evidence gathered and saved at the hospital by sexual assault evidence specialists can then be used in the investigation.

Cameron said that so far his agency has not had to investigate any cases that involved an anonymous victim and that once it happened it would test whether the restrictive reporting option helped or hindered the investigation.

O'Brien said that the increased coordination the SART team would provide would allow victims quicker access to help, which was critical for their recovery from the physical and emotional trauma.

Both Cameron and O'Brien said that sexual assaults were prevalent here in St. Mary's County, as they were nationwide.

National statistics provided by Walden Sierra state that one in six women have been sexually assaulted sometime in their life, the margin widens for one in 33 men.

"I think there's five to 10 times the number of people who've been sexually assaulted than the numbers show," O'Brien said.

Walden Sierra reported that they assisted 66 victims of either a sexual assault or a rape in fiscal 2008, 80 victims in fiscal 2009 and already have helped 72 through March of fiscal 2010.



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## Leonardtown's First Friday Includes New Winery Sneak Peek

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Come out and enjoy a free evening of art, entertainment, and specials. Don't forget to visit the participating shops in Breton Bay Marketplace, the Maryland Antiques Center, and Leonardtown Centre.

The Port of Leonardtown Winery will be holding a soft opening during this May First Friday - the tasting room will be open on May 7, from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.LeonardtownFirstFridays.com](http://www.LeonardtownFirstFridays.com).

## New Catholic Shop Open in Leonardtown

By Andrea Shiell  
Staff Writer

The former site of Tea 'N' Scones on Washington Street in Leonardtown Square is home to a new shop, Heavenly Presents, a non-profit staffed with volunteers selling all manner of Catholic items, from first communion and christening items to books, statues, jewelry, memorabilia and, of course, bibles.

"Of all the bibles I really like the Catholic answer bible, because it has these purple pages that tell what we believe in and why we believe in it, and why we do certain things," said Manager Pat Copsey, smiling as she showed some of her items to customers on Friday.

In the process of opening up Heavenly Presents, which has relocated from its former site on Pope Street, she explained that she had not had time yet to put all of her items on display, but loose ends would be coming together soon.

"We're a non-profit Catholic ministry," she said, explaining that the mission of The Bread of Life Center for Peace, the shop's funding organization, involves evangelizing both Catholics and non-Catholics, as well as funding pilgrimages and offering services to the Catholic market in St. Mary's County. The store has been in business since 1997, and the organization has run its shop on Pope Street (now the Cutting Edge beauty salon) since 1998, using much of its proceeds to fund programs offered through the Bread of Life ministry.

"We've sponsored pilgrimages to Fatima, EWPN and some shrines ... we have been officially in business since 1997, and we've had our



Heavenly Presents, which relocated from its old location on Pope Street, has just opened up its new store in Leonardtown Square.

store open in Leonardtown since 1998.

"I used to tell people that we were a hidden treasure," said Copsey, "and when people would complain that it was hard to find us ... I said we'd grow up and someday we'd have a real store, so here we are. This is our real store."

According to Copsey, having a shop in the middle of downtown Leonardtown is a dream come true, and she hopes that extra traffic will bring her extra volunteers so she can expand the shop's hours. For now she said she's just happy to be working for something so close to her faith, which she hopes to share with others.

Heavenly Presents is located at 22697 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, with extended hours on Friday for those who call in advance. For more information, call 301-475-9770 or go to [www.breadoflifecenter.org](http://www.breadoflifecenter.org).

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### Commissioners of Leonardtown Fair Summary of Ordinances

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed, and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No.145, the Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and Ordinance No. 146, Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning Map. A fair summary of these ordinances will follow:

Ordinance No. 145 - In 2004 the Commissioners of Leonardtown adopted a Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Leonardtown as required by Article 66B of the Maryland Annotated Code. Updates to the Comprehensive Plan were based upon changes in circumstances and conditions that have taken place in and around the Town, the County and the State since 2004.

Ordinance No. 146 - As a result of the revisions and updates to the Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Commissioners of Leonardtown have adopted an update and revision to the Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning Map.

Ordinance No. 145 and 146 will become effective May 13, 2010. Full text of these ordinances may be obtained at the Town Office at 41660 Courthouse Drive, Leonardtown, MD.

By Authority: Laschelle McKay,  
Town Administrator

5-6-2010

## Letter To The Editor - Community Thanks

We would like to thank all those involved in the tenth annual "Earth Day Celebration on the Square" in Historic Leonardtown on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The sun shined on us while thousands of people visited Leonardtown Square and Leonardtown Wharf for the best Earth Day yet! We saw some wonderful exhibits, and numerous environmental and community organizations were on hand to provide useful information to help us understand the importance of taking care of the Earth and demonstrating how our daily actions impact the planet.

For all their help and support, we would like to thank the following people/groups: American Cancer Society; Artsy Fartsy Jewelry; Bob Augustine; Jesse Bauer; The BayNet; Ernie Bell; Blue Sky Puppet Theatre; Brewing Grounds; Joe Bucior; Dan Burris; Café des Artistes; Catfish Joe; Cedar Lane Apartments; Celtic Society of Southern Maryland; Chesapeake Spinners and Weavers; Christine McCambridge, Artist; College of Southern Maryland (CSM); Community Mediation Center of St. Mary's; Colleen's Dream; Jennifer Cooper and Carl Reichelt; Corner Critters; Cosca Regional Park Birds of Prey Show; Country Style Crafts; Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust; Crazy for Ewe; Daughters of Veda Middle-Eastern Dance Troupe; David's Flowers; Democratic Club of St. Mary's County; Teri Dimsey; Discover U Children's Museum; Helen Dorsey; Barbara Dotson; DRN Environmental Solutions; El Cerro Grande; Elms Environmental Education Center of the St. Mary's County Public Schools; Father Andrew White School; Fenwick Street Used Books & Music; Folk Salad Trio; Feral Cat Rescue; First Missionary Baptist Youth Choir; Fractal Folk - Krys Baker; Friends of Myrtle Point Park; Forever Eden; Katherine Stormont of Full Stride Communications; Fun in the Making; The Good Earth Natural Foods staff; Green

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## Editorial:

### Fifteen Local Growers, One Fantastic Winery

These words recently appeared in advertisements announcing the May 21st opening of Port of Leonardtown Winery. At first glance most people will think this is a nice additional business to the area. When you dig a little deeper you will quickly see that it is so much more than that. This facility has been many years in the making. Once just an idea conceived by then President of the County Commissioners, Thomas McKay and Leonardtown Mayor Chip Norris as they walked the old abandoned State Highway garage located along Rt. 5 in Leonardtown. The idea for this facility grew out of the vision of making grape growing a viable alternative crop to tobacco for local farmers and the ever pressing need to explore alternative industries such as tourism in this heavily military dependent local economy.

In 2006 as the idea grew the Town pledged use of the building to establish a winery and the Board of County Commissioners pledged \$500,000 toward construction of a local winery. Since then the total budget with grants and town and county contributions reached \$660,000. Discussions began with a fledgling group of local grape growers to establish a cooperative that would provide a guaranteed market for locally grown grapes. Local government would facilitate the construction of the production facility but the cooperative of local growers would be tasked with the operation of the winery. The Cooperative has evolved into a core group of dedicated members over the last several years all working tirelessly to accomplish a common goal, opening a successful winery. Drawing on the varied experience of each of the members the cooperative is ready to embark on the next phase of this major undertaking, opening to the public.

Last fall the bulk of the approximately 30 tons of grapes that were harvested were locally grown by fifteen local farmers. In mid April 18,600 bottles of six varieties of wine were bottled by the Cooperative, with another round of bottling of three additional varieties scheduled for July. This was an amazing process to witness as many hours of hard work produced the final product that has been in the making for a number of years. The public will be the judge of their success. Everyone will benefit from the tourism dollars that this impressive facility will bring in.

The Port of Leonardtown Winery will be the last stop on the Patuxent Wine Trail, a trail of five wineries in Calvert County that will now lead to St. Mary's first winery, Port of Leonardtown. The Winery will be open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 6 pm. It will also be open until 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month during Leonardtown's First Friday events, beginning this Friday, May 7th for a sneak preview.

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is a proud example of local and municipal governments working together with citizens to provide real solutions. This endeavor has the potential to lead the way in Southern Maryland for a thriving market for local grape growers as well as a major boost to the vital tourism industry. Cheers to a successful venture for all!

Public Schools Green School Program; Richard Tarr and St. Mary's County Department of Public Works; St. Mary's Rod & Classic Car Club; Sr. Deputy First Class Peg Smolarsky and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department; St. Mary's Hospital Health Connections; St. Mary's River Watershed Association; St. Mary's Ryken Cross Country; St. Mary's Ryken High School Sailing Team; St. Mary's Soil Conservation District Envirothon Program; Debbie Schultz; State's Attorney's Office Community Service Program and Volunteers; Rev. Lori Staubitz; Summerseat Farm; Theory-In Motion; Toney Design; Tri-County Animal Shelter; University of Maryland Cooperative - St. Mary's BayWise and Master Gardeners; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Chesapeake and Singers; Juggler Claire van Beek; Walden Sierra; Carol Wathen; Paul

Waxman; Bobby Wentworth; White Marsh Elementary School Recycling Club; Sean Wickers; Winegardner Motor Company; Ye Olde Towne Café; the Town of Leonardtown; the Commissioners of Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Business Association; and Leonardtown Businesses and Merchants.

If anyone has been omitted, please forgive me. Again, thanks to all who participated in any way and to the spectators who came out and enjoyed our 2010 Earth Day event. We hope you will return with us next year on Sunday, April 17, for our eleventh annual Earth Day in Historic Leonardtown!

Valerie Deptula, Earth Day Chairperson  
Leonardtown Business Association

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## Briefs

### Man Charged With Assaulting an Officer

On May 3, 2010 at 12:40 am Cpl. Keith Moritz advised he was behind a blue Dodge Caravan possibly operated by a intoxicated driver. The vehicle was traveling on Carmen Woods Drive and Westbury Blvd. in Great Mills. Corporal Moritz activated his emergency equipment in an attempt to stop the vehicle; however the operator, identified as Joseph Louis Herbert, Jr. 53, of Mechanicsville allegedly attempted to evade Cpl. Moritz and attempted to strike Cpl. P. Handy as he was standing outside of his vehicle. The vehicle continued to flee from Moritz. Herbert threw several baggies of suspected CDS from the vehicle. The pursuit eventually ended on Sayre Drive in Great Mills. Herbert refused to comply with orders to step out of the vehicle, police allege. was extracted from the vehicle and taken into custody after a brief struggle. A computer check of Herbert indicated he wanted for an assault on a corrections officer. Herbert was charged with first degree assault, second degree assault, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

### Woman Charged With Biting Victim

On April 30, 2010 Cpl. Joseph Somerville responded to a residence on Hancock Drive in Mechanicsville where an investigation revealed Christine Dana Beasley, 38 of Mechanicsville was in a verbal dispute with the victim which escalated into a physical assault when Beasley allegedly bit the victim on the arm. Beasley was arrested and charged with second-degree assault.

### Three Charged With Marijuana Possession

On April 30, 2010 at approximately 9:00 p.m. Sgt. Eric Walker along with Cpl. Keith Moritz were conducting a patrol check of Nicolette Park in Lexington Park. The park closed at dusk and there are no trespassing signs posted at the entrance of the park. Walker located an occupied 2006 Hyundai passenger vehicle in the park after closing. The vehicle was occupied by Nathaniel Woodson Brown, 22, of Lexington Park, Britain Jeremy Gill, 21, of Patuxent River, and Davon Lamont Gill, 20 of Charlotte, North Carolina. A St. Mary's County Sheriff's canine unit responded to the scene. The occupants of the vehicle were asked to exit the vehicle and the canine scanned the vehicle. As the occupants were exiting the vehicle deputies noticed two small clear baggies containing suspected marijuana. All three occupants were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance – suspected marijuana.

## Teacher Charged In Student Sex Abuse Case

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer



Jason Paul Hollinger

County investigators charged a teacher at Margaret Brent Middle School April 30 with sexually abusing a then 13-year-old farmer student there, police reports state.

Jason Paul Hollinger, 36, of Lusby was incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention Center on \$100,000 bond, but later posted bail and had since been released Monday according to on-line court records.

According to charging documents filed against him by Cpl. William Raddatz, a senior detective with the county's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Hollinger inappropriately touched the female victim while he was driving her home from a school park back in February.

The act was apparently confirmed both by the 13-year-old victim and Hollinger, charging documents allege.

Detectives also say that Hollinger had previously committed another alleged sexual offense back in July of 2009 when he was with the victim in her home basement and kissed and fondled the victim inappropriately, charging documents

allege.

Both offenses occurred in Mechanicsville, court papers state.

The victim is no longer a student at Margaret Brent Elementary School, police and school reports state.

According to a press release from the St. Mary's County Public School System, Margaret Brent Middle School staff received a call from parents of the former student worried that a teacher there had been involved in an illicit sexual relationship off of school property.

The staff started their investigation and placed Hollinger on administrative leave April 28, two days before he was arrested.

Hollinger faces charges of child sexual abuse, and two counts of fourth degree sex offense.

This is not the first time in recent memory that the school system has had to confront accusations of alleged sex offenders working in its ranks

In 2008 two men, one a former substitute teacher and the other a volunteer with a marching band, were charged with sex offenses.

David Guillemette, was charged with molesting a child he had close contact with away from school and Scott Strandberg, a drum line coach at Leonardtown High School, was charged with a sex offense against a student who attended the school.

Stranberg's arrest prompted the school system to begin background checks on volunteers; school officials state that Hollinger had no criminal record prior to the charges against him and had completed anti-child abuse and sexual harassment training after first being employed.

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## Fire Marshals Investigate Car Arson, Accidental House Fire

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Regional investigators with the State Fire Marshal's Office are looking for suspects in another arson case that destroyed a car in Mechanicsville May 1.

According to fire marshal information regarding the crime, the unknown suspect or suspects set fire to various places in the passenger side of a green 2001 Toyota Highlander causing \$12,000 in damage.

Fire marshals have made no arrests in the case that took eight firefighters from Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department 15 minutes to control.

The fire was discovered by a passerby at about 1:38 a.m. after it was ignited near a driveway.

Detectives believe the fire was set using an open flame, reports stated.

Later that evening fire marshals declared that a house fire in Valley Lee was an accident, though it caused an estimated \$350,000 in damage.

Firefighters from Leonardtown, Bay District, Hollywood, Ridge, Avenue and Second District volunteer fire companies all took part in controlling the blaze, which took 50 firefighters one hour to knock out.

No one was hurt as a result of the blaze, fire marshal's reports stated.

Detectives stated in reports that they believe the fire started as a result of an electrical problem at an exterior light fixture.

The owner of the home on Tarrywyle Way saw the fire as it started and witnessed it spread from the outside of the structure up to the attic where it destroyed the contents, fire marshal reports stated.

The displaced owner of the home is receiving assistance from the American Red Cross



Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Photo

Southern Maryland Chapter.

The most recent arson over the weekend brings the total this year to six intentionally set blazes; so far fire marshals have made only one arrest in an arson that occurred on a boat in Mechanicsville.

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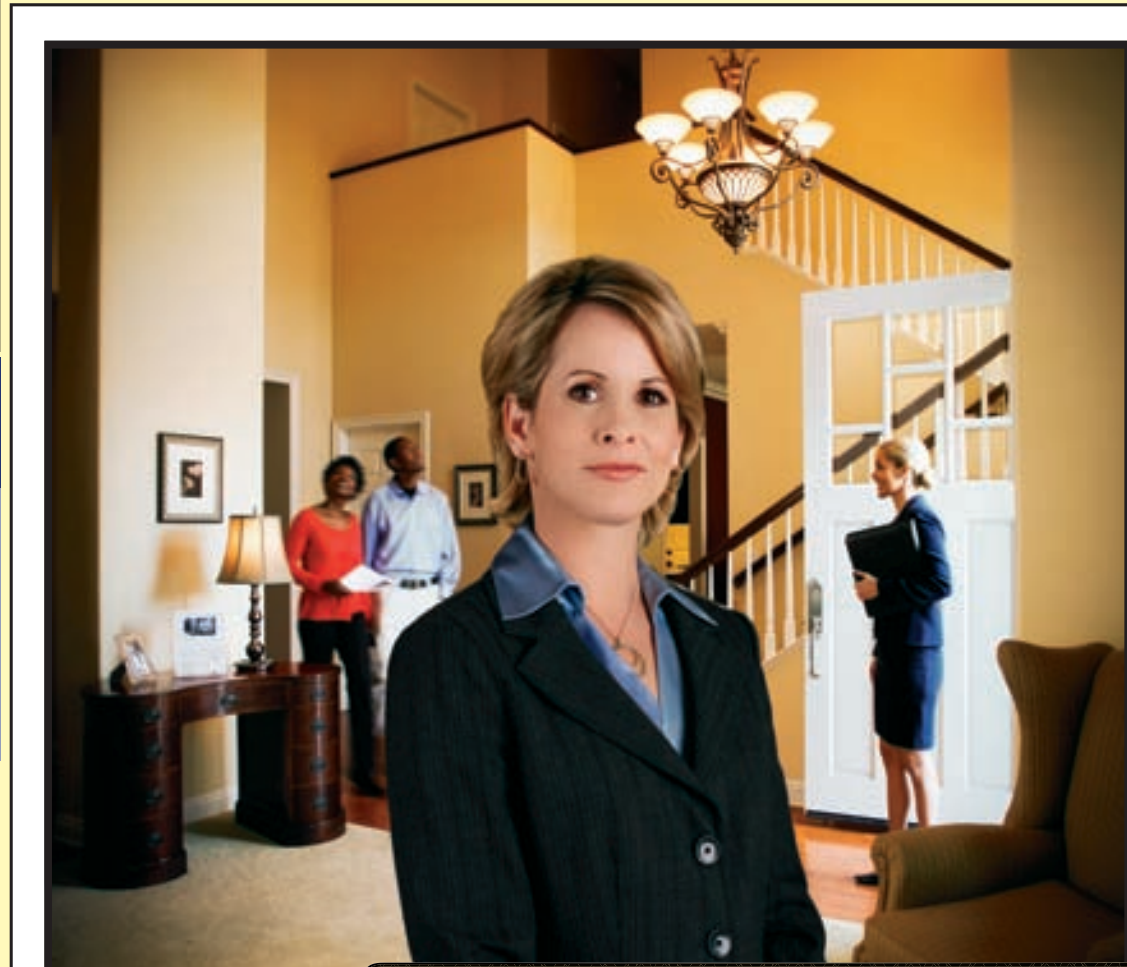
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## Harvest HAWK Completes Phase One Testing At Pax River

The Harvest HAWK equipped KC-130J Hercules completed Phase One testing at Naval Air Station Patuxent River and departed for the West Coast for required maintenance and to continue testing on NAVAIR's ranges at China Lake, Calif.

Harvest HAWK is a modular roll-on, roll-off weapons system for the KC-130J consisting of a

The Test Team, composed of personnel from Air Test and Evaluation Squadrons 20 (VX 20) and 23 (VX-23), Operational Test Squadron 1 (VX-1), Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352), Lockheed Martin, and engineers from the Joint Attack Munitions Systems (JAMS) project office, NAVAIR AIR-5.1 Integrated Systems Evaluation, Experimentation, and



The prototype Harvest HAWK weapons systems equipped KC-130J sits on the ramp in front of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 20 (VX-20) at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. U.S. Navy photo by Liz Goettee.

Fire Control Console in the aircraft's cargo compartment, the Target Sight Sensor (TSS) mounted in the left under wing fuel tank and a launcher for four Hellfire missiles mounted on the left hand refueling pylon.

NAVAIR is working a complimentary effort to test and deploy the Standoff Precision Guided Munition (SOPGM) as a stand alone capability for Harvest HAWK. The 30 mm cannon, which will be mounted in the left side troop door, has been deferred to a later block upgrade.

Test (ISEET) department, and NAVAIR AIR 4.6 Human Systems department, conducted the tests during this phase of Harvest HAWK testing.

The Harvest HAWK equipped KC-130J from VMGR-352, "The Raiders" from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., arrived at Pax River on Mar. 17.

The first Harvest HAWK equipped KC-130J is scheduled to deploy by summer 2010 equipped with the TSS, Hellfire and SOPGM.



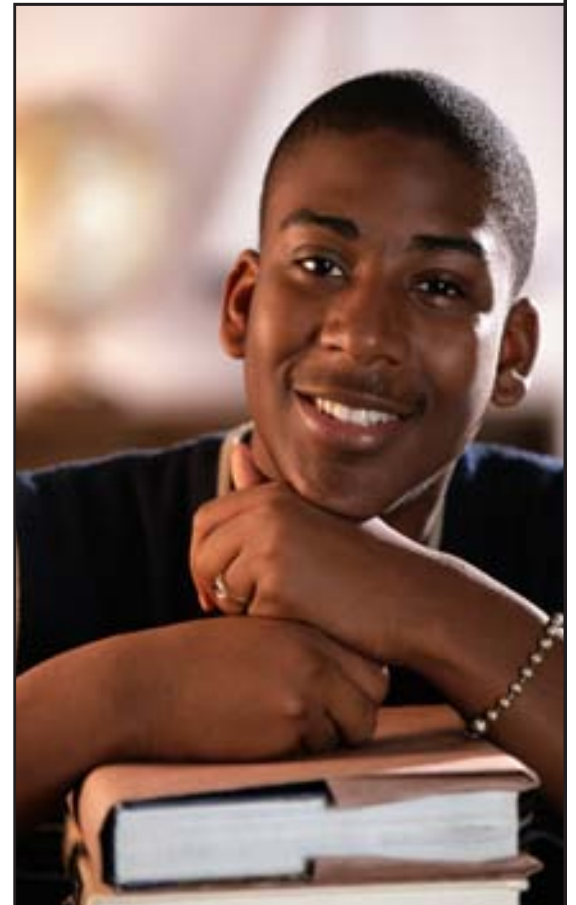
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## John Gallagher, Jr., 56

John Corde Gallagher, Jr., 56 of Lexington Park, MD died March 31, 2010 at his residence.

Born May 11, 1953 in Butler, Pennsylvania.

John was retired from the U.S. Navy. He was a Sr. Test Engineer for Lockheed Martin Systems.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Gallagher of Lexington Park, MD and daughters; Catherine and Victoria Gallagher both of Lexington Park, MD.

A Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 2 p.m. in Arlington National Cemetery.

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

## Joseph Long, 87



Joseph Benedict Long (Joe) 87, of Cedar Lane Apartments in Leonardtown, MD formerly of Mechanicsville, Maryland died April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hospice House of Saint Mary's County. He was the son of the late Martin S. Long and Mary Elizabeth Russell, born in Oraville, Maryland on December 23, 1922. Joseph was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Bart Long, Aaron Long, Dick Long, Lester Long, Mary Johnston and Rita Pilkerton; he is survived by his nieces and nephews. He graduated from Margaret Brent High School and Strayer Business College.

After graduation, he entered the U. S. Army in 1943, served in the Pacific, on the Island of New Guinea, the Philippines and the Solomon's. Joseph was a Radar Specialist and Truck Master until his discharge from the Army in 1946. Upon his discharge he tried farming the family farm before going to work for Burch Oil Company. Joseph worked there until retiring. Upon retiring he enjoyed breeding and raising rabbits for show. He also belonged to a pigeon club and enjoyed racing his birds. Joseph enjoyed traveling with his nephew Ray and spending time with the Cusic family. He enjoyed growing flowers and was an avid reader. Joseph was a lifelong resident of Saint Mary's County. The family received friends on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at Mattingley - Gardiner Funeral Home. Prayers were said. Services were held in the funeral home on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010., officiated by Father John Dakes. Burial was at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Pallbearers were J.H. Cusic, Ronald Cusic, Charlie Pilkerton, Mike Pilkerton, R. T. Johnston and John Spalding. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of St Mary's, P.O. 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650. To send a condolence to the family please visit our website at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A.

## Betty S. Williams McGrath, 86



Betty S. Williams McGrath, age 86, of Lady Lake, Florida passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at Cornerstone Hospice in Sumterville, FL on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Born in Middletown, PA, she was the daughter of the late J. Russell Stober and Ruth Krodel Stober. She was the loving wife of Francis W. McGrath with whom she moved to Hollywood, MD, then retiring in 1984 to Myrtle Beach, SC until moving to Florida in 2006. She was a telephone operator for the Naval Supply Systems Command in Mechanicsburg,

PA. Betty's life was defined by her devotion to her family and friends. She was a homemaker, made the best coconut cake in the world, loved playing cards and board games, and enjoyed being at the beach. She had great fun catching, cooking, and eating Maryland blue leg crabs. She was a member of the Square and Round Dancer's Club and many card clubs.

Betty was a Christian by faith and very active in her church. She served as a Bible Study leader, Sunday School teacher for many years, coordinator for the church's recycling for missions program, and participated in the Shoe Box mission.

Surviving besides her husband are her children: George Williams, husband of Mary Ann of Elizabethtown; Lynda Tymchak, wife of William of Peach Bottom; Jay McGrath of California, MD; and Dara Shank, wife of Dennis of Carlisle; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lynn Williams; a brother, Charles R. Stober; and a sister, Mildred Strawser Solada.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her memorial service at St. Peter's Church at the corner of N. Union and High Sts. in Middletown, PA on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon with Pastor J. Richard Eckert officiating. A visitation time will be held one hour prior to the memorial service. Interment will immediately follow in the Middletown Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory of The Villages, FL. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com/villages/obituaries.php](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com/villages/obituaries.php). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Betty's memory to a local hospice or where Betty was cared for at the Cornerstone Hospice, 2452 CR 526E, Sumterville, FL 33585.

## Deborah Pilkerton, 50



Deborah Ann Pilkerton, 50, of Callaway, MD died April 26, 2010 at her residence.

Born July 4, 1959, she was the daughter of the late Bernard "Buck" A. Redman and A. Arnetia (Knott) Redman.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Joseph L. Pilkerton, children; Brian D. Goode (Ann) of Leonardtown, MD, Stacey L. Goode (Alvaro) of Callaway, MD, Darrell W. Goode of Callaway, MD, Joseph G. Pilkerton (Pam) of Leonardtown, MD and Ann Pilkerton of Ellicott City, MD, grandchildren; Brittany, Brooke, Alexis and Lacey Goode, siblings; Jimmy Redman (Sue) of Callaway, MD, Mike Redman of Callaway, MD, Pat Redman of Callaway, MD, Phyllis Dyson of Jacksonville, FL, Jean Parks (Arty) of Park Ridge, NJ and Johnny Redman (Pat) of Stanwood, WA. In addition to her parents, Deborah was preceded in death by a brother, Bubby Redman.

Family received friends for Deborah's Life Celebration on Friday, April 30, 2010 in the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A service was held. Interment was private.

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

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

## Roger Vallandingham, 57

Roger Lee "Bummie" Vallandingham, 57, of Mechanicsville, MD died April 26, 2010 at his residence. Born July 24, 1952 in Leonardtown, MD he was the son of the George Francis and Margaret Shirley Vallandingham. He was the loving husband of Sandra Lee Vallandingham of Mechanicsville, MD and is also survived by his chil-



dren Christopher Wayne (Rebecca) of Colton's Pt., MD and Heather Marie Bozo (Justin) of Mechanicsville, MD and his step children Terry Lynn Williams (David) of Clements, MD and Tammy Marie Barrack (Shannon) of Great Mills, MD. 4 Grandchildren, 4 Step Grandchildren, his siblings George Lawrence (Laura), Francis Par ran (Pat), James Michael (Theresa), John A. (Linda), Timothy Allen, and Tammy Ann (Wade), and many many nieces and nephews. Roger Lee was a mechanic throughout his life. He loved Tractor Pulls and was a member of the Antique Tractor Association; he loved his many tractors, especially his D17 named Miss Delores, which was named after his dear friend Delores Callahan whom preceded him in death. Roger Lee also enjoyed oystering, crabbing and playing cards. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He was the type of guy that if you needed anything he was there. The family received friends on Thursday, April 29, 2010 in The Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Chapel, Leonardtown, MD, where prayers were recited. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, April 30, 2010 in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD Fr. William Gurnee officiated. Interment followed in Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD. Pallbearers were David A. Williams, Artie Guy, JR Wood, Nick Vallandingham, Bo Vallandingham and Terry Lee Nelson. Contributions may be made to assist with funeral expenses. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com) Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A.

## William Wood, Jr., 78

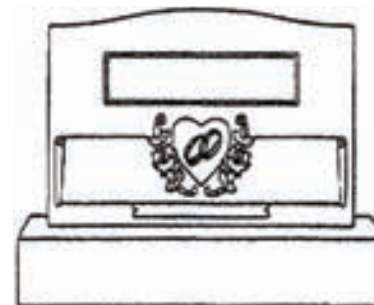


William Mitchell Wood, Jr. 78, of Leonardtown, MD formerly of Loveville, Maryland died May 2, 2010 at the Civista Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland. He was the son of the late William Mitchell Wood, Sr. and Ida Mae Jones, born in Loveville, Maryland on May 31, 1931. William was preceded in death by his brother,

Frances M Moore of La Plata, MD; he is survived by his wife Frances Cecilia Wood, brothers and sisters, William E Wood of Leonardtown, Timothy A Wood of Loveville, Donna M Dearstine of Helen and six grandchildren. William worked as a Correctional Officer for St. Mary's County Government for 20 years until retiring. He was a lifelong resident of Saint Mary's County. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at Mattingley - Gardiner Funeral Home from 5 - 8 p.m. Prayers will be said at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Morganza, Maryland on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 10 a.m., with Fr. Keith Woods officiating. Burial will be at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD. Pallbearers will be Joey Bowles, Kenneth Zimmerman, Loyd Winger, Tom Maynie, Wayne Dotson and Guy Tippet. To send a condolence to the family please visit our website at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A.



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# Gluten Free Does Not Mean Bland

## New Hope For Those With Gluten Intolerance

By Anna Chaney Willman

From pizza, to pancakes, apple pie to Twinkies, and just about every breakfast cereal, just about all of us run on gluten.

Eighteen years ago, I established Herrington on the Bay Catering. We have since hosted over 1,800 weddings and more than 2,200 picnics, reunions, birthday parties, and special celebrations. More than 400,000 guests have dined at a catered event at Herrington on the Bay.

Statistics show that an alarming number of people – at least 12,000 of my guests - are likely affected by gluten intolerances or celiac disease. About 3 or 4 years ago, I began recognizing a trend: an increasing number of guests requested Gluten Free meals to be served. It sent me scrambling to do research and made me wonder, wow, can you imagine life without gluten/bread? These poor folks!

And since then, it's hit home. My oldest son, who's now 8, is Gluten-Free (GF) today, meaning he cannot eat any foods that contain gluten. If he does, he experiences serious allergy-like symptoms. This has sent me on a mission to help others who are in the same situation.

### What is Gluten?

Gluten is a protein that is found in barley, oats, wheat, and rye. It lends elasticity to foods and works as a binding agent in almost all baked goods and hundreds of other processed foods.

Gluten goes hand in hand with wheat products. So how is it possible to eliminate wheat from your diet? And, is it really worth it? This boy of mine was introduced to life with pancakes, waffles, buttery noodles, donuts, pizza, freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, and the best home-baked breads you could wish for. For us, not eating these items on a daily basis was NOT an option.

In America, we have over 3 million people with formal diagnoses of Celiac Disease or Gluten Intolerance. An estimate of those undiagnosed, exceeds 12 million Americans. Celiac Disease and/or Gluten Intolerance can cause gut/digestive disorders, skin irritations, and can negatively affect the function of the neurological system, thus causing irritability and myriad behavioral issues. Gluten has been linked directly to Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention ADHD (hyperactivity), Autism, Aspergers Syndrome, Sensory Processing Disorder, and a host of other learning and psychological disorders.

How do you know if you or a loved one has Celiac Disease or Gluten Intolerance? If you suspect this could be a problem, the quickest

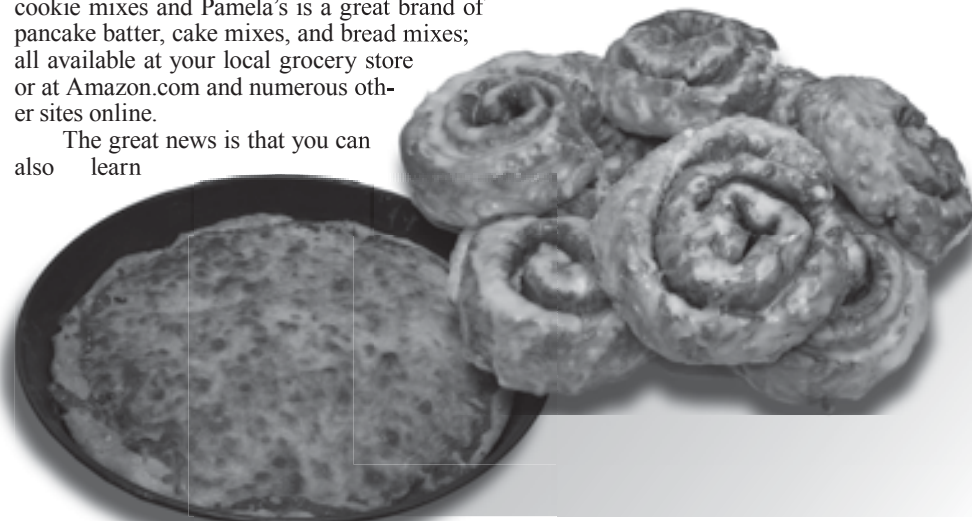
and easiest way to find out is to ask your doctor. There are medical tests available as well as clinical diagnoses. The web site, [www.celiac.com](http://www.celiac.com) provides answers to frequently asked questions and resources for everything from symptoms to recipes.

The good news is that even if you are one of the millions with this problem, you don't have to have a bland diet. Most grocery stores now carry GF foods from macaroni and cheese to cookie dough ice cream. PF Chang's and many restaurants now offer GF menus. Additionally, Betty Crocker offers GF cake, brownie, and cookie mixes and Pamela's is a great brand of pancake batter, cake mixes, and bread mixes; all available at your local grocery store or at Amazon.com and numerous other sites online.

The great news is that you can also learn

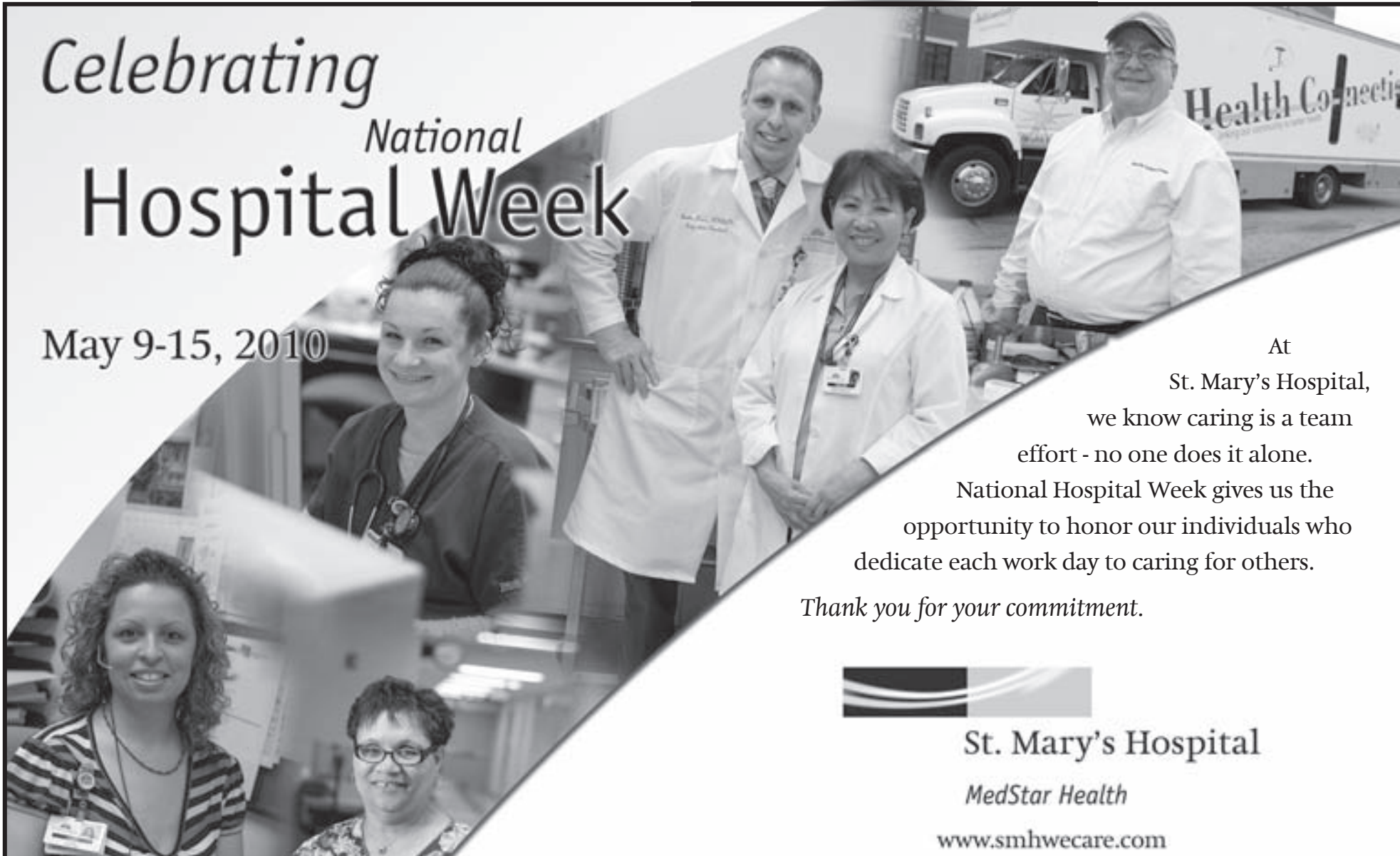
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*About the Author: Anna Chaney Willman is founder of Herrington on the Bay Catering in Rose Haven, Maryland.*



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## School System Receives Grant To Install Solar Panels

By Andrea Shiell  
Staff Writer

Two schools in St. Mary's County are scheduled to become more energy efficient as part of Governor Martin O'Malley's initiative to triple the amount of solar energy produced in Maryland over the next 12 months. As part of *Project Sunburst*, grant money has been awarded to install solar panels on 32 government buildings throughout the state, including George Washington Carver and Leonardtown Elementary Schools.

"We applied for the grant late in March 2010," said Larry Hartwick, Supervisor of Design and Construction for St. Mary's County Public Schools, going on to explain that the program, which is to be funded by federal stimulus dollars, is set up to provide financial incentives for converting to renewable energy sources.

"The idea is to provide some financial incentive to increase the number of solar generating facilities in Maryland," said Hartwick. "The financial incentive from MEA is \$1,000 per kilowatt ... so for us we looked at a number of schools. One of the requirements were schools with relatively new roofs," and Leonardtown Elementary and GW Carver Elementary were selected as a result.

"Judging by those two and the size of the roofs, we figured we could essentially put in 497 kilowatts of photovoltaic panels," he said, explaining that the panels themselves are "generally 2 feet wide by maybe 4 or 5 feet long," and the MEA grant will save the school system roughly 25 percent of the expected cost of purchase and installation.

"We are extremely excited to receive the *Project Sunburst* grant," said Superintendent Michael Martirano. "This gives us the opportunity to put into operation a photovoltaic project that will make a contribution to sustainability through the utilization of our natural resources, and allows us to demonstrate to our community our efficient and effective use of resources."

"When installed, these panels will generate the amount of electricity that is equivalent to the average consumption of 250 homes," said Hartwick, later adding that the new system will be similar to the one at the newly constructed Evergreen Elementary School, but that the total number of panels would be 100 times greater than the system at Evergreen.

"We get the savings of a reduced electricity rate, and we get the protection against future increases in electric rates due to increases in fossil fuel prices," he said, "and the private company that installs and maintains the solar panels is able to take advantage of tax credits ... so it's a real win-win scenario."

Grants for *Project Sunburst* are being awarded to selected government entities at a rate of \$1,000 per kilowatt (kW) on photovoltaic (PV) systems installed on public buildings. Other award recipients under *Project Sunburst* range from public school systems throughout the state, to the Salisbury Fire Station, the City of Baltimore Convention Center, and the Maryland Port Authority Marine Terminal, and were selected based on the quality of proposed locations, size, geographic diversity, and ability to successfully execute projects quickly.

As part of Gov. Martin O'Malley's push to create green jobs in Maryland, this project is expected to create nearly 100 new jobs over the course of this year. The grant requires the school system to have the newly installed solar panels operational by April 2011.

"We are in the process of writing a request for proposals for these solar development companies to provide us with their proposals," said Hartwick, explaining that SMCPS is planning to award a contract in August 2010.

The governor's goal is to have 20 percent of Maryland's energy supplied by renewable sources by 2022. For more details on *Project Sunburst*, or to access the entire list of grant recipients, visit [www.governor.maryland.gov/pressreleases/100422.asp](http://www.governor.maryland.gov/pressreleases/100422.asp).

## SMCPS Boosts Buying Power

By Andrea Shiell  
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Board of Education voted on Wednesday to join the school system with the BuyBoard Purchasing Consortium, a National School District Purchasing Cooperative where government entities are able to buy from the cooperative's bid list.

Rhonda Meleen, Coordinator of Fiscal Services for the school system, said that the cooperative is just now starting, and there are currently only a few school districts involved, two of which are in Rhode Island, but the school system will gain more buying power as the cooperative grows.

"Basically this just gives us more buying power," she said. "How we benefit is by leveraging the power of nationwide buying. We can advertise before we award bids and the prices are also lower."

The BuyBoard system lists bids twice a year, in November/December and May/June, to advertise vendors and their products, and bids are evaluated based on purchase price, the reputation of the vendor, the quality of the product and its long-term cost. There is no cost for school systems to join. Vendors cover costs by paying participation fees, which fund rebates for participants and are based

on vendor sales made through the site.

"Vendors can apply for this and I would encourage them to do so," said Meleen, explaining that local vendors may gain clients and contracts from the cooperative.

As an initiative of the National School Boards Association in partnership with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, Meleen said in her presentation to the Board that the new system could save the school district money on procurement office costs, and there will be rebates offered through the cooperative, but it is currently not possible to estimate how much money the school system might save.

"We have no idea what to expect," said Meleen. "We'll just have to see what contracts are out there, so you can't really say right off the top."

Meanwhile Meleen said that the school system would monitor progress and update the public on how the new cooperative is doing.

"We'll be updating how it goes," she said. "It's really adding another place that we can purchase from to use the taxpayer dollars to their best advantage. We try to do that because we want to do our best for the school system and the kids."



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# J. Frank Raley Reflects on Politics in St. Mary's

By Andrea Shiell  
Staff Writer

*"I participated as a runner before I could vote, and when you were down here, the sides would have their people lined up giving out whiskey or money or whatnot to get votes ... they did a lot of that, whiskey and money." (J. Frank Raley, former Maryland State Delegate and Senator)*

J. Frank Raley, Jr. didn't say which candidate he first voted for, but at 83 years old, this St. Mary's County native said his experience growing up in a family of politicians (dating back to his great-grandfather) had educated him pretty early on the goings on of

delegate would become a political staple in the county, enjoying an almost cult-like popularity in the same community that protested his actions while in office.

One has to wonder what makes him so special.

*"I see him often, and I tell him 'look at what you've done, you've got clean, wholesome industry here, there are jobs ... He was unpopular at the time, mostly because he pushed all these unpopular changes that were necessary.'" (Judge John Hanson Briscoe)*

"Every campaign I was in we were bitterly opposed as either too liberal or too new," said Raley, referring to the waves of controversy that swept him out of office in 1966, after unpopular decisions placed him and his Democratic colleagues on the defensive.

One of the most unpopular moves on Raley's part was his opposition to unregulated slot machines, a stance that prompted a long and bitter debate and became a major factor in his defeat in the next election.

"It was so personal. I was a native and actually my father owned slot machines, and slot machines were a big thing in the county. They were everywhere ... if you went to the bathroom you'd see a slot machine," said Raley, laughing. "But the slot machines were really a problem. They weren't regulated at all," and they weren't providing revenues to the right places, he said. "It was a structural financial problem, and it certainly had an impact on the political system."

The tension between Leonardtown and the development of Lexington Park also complicated matters for Raley, who from 1963 to 1966 initiated the first broad development program for St. Mary's County, investing in bridges, roads, water and sewer facilities and infrastructure for Lexington Park as it developed along with the base, but support was scarce because the development would take resources and attention from Leonardtown.

"This was a time of change over in St. Mary's. Populations had started to grow big and we had to do things that had never been done; schools, roads, bridges, all these things were put into effect at that time," he said, adding that it had taken over 100 pieces of legislation to modernize the region.

"Although I was a state senator and working on the state's business, my first term was [spent] worrying about how to develop infrastructure here in St. Mary's County," said Raley, adding that both his infrastructure ambitions and his stance on public gambling (which he said he was in favor of controlling rather than abolishing) made for some awkward moments.

"I had some bitter words with some, and that was very difficult because we all knew each other," he said. "You couldn't get away from people who disagreed with you ... they lived right by you."

As the sting of opposition waned, however, Raley said he's had a lot of proud moments since his decisions have born fruit.

"Today you can see it," he said. "Our place is much more adequate and much more livable, and we have much better schools," not to mention the Economic Development Commission, which swept both houses with enough support to override the governor's veto.

*"I would say that [his biggest achievement] would be the establishment of the college as a four-year institution. That's a legacy that will live beyond him, and it's been important to generations of people." (Dr. Michael Cain, St. Mary's College of Maryland)*

Raley laughed when asked about his first involvement with St. Mary's College.

"It was a finishing school, this unusual weird kind of thing that the state was operating," he said. "It had come down through the ages and through the years until someone said 'we can't do that, we either need to close this up or change it.'"

Helping turn the college into a four-year liberal arts institution in 1966, Raley has counseled every college president since then.

One important brainchild of Raley's was also the Center for the Study of Democracy, which was established in 2002, though he admitted he'd like to see the lecture series focus on more local and controversial topics.

"It hasn't blossomed yet ... I would like them to go stronger - and I don't think they want to do it yet - but I'd like to see them go into criteria for what we're doing in our own state," said Raley, adding that he's not sure if the college would be willing to suffer political fallout as a result of addressing more contentious issues.

And Raley's political ties are valuable. They also helped him as he founded the Navy Alliance, which was formed to organize local and state governments to respond to the political needs of the base expansion.

This was badly needed, Raley said, because disjointed government agencies had become a hindrance to the sustainability of the Naval base, as well as the high tech jobs that have come with it.

"You have a little bit of government here, a little there, but that's something of a problem with coordinating. So the Alliance has done a lot of coordination. It was the first of its kind in the nation, but lots of them are doing it now," he said. "In fact, a lot of them came here to see how we'd done it."

*"His life-blood is really the community ... and as long as he draws breath, he will be engaged and worried about what we can do to improve the community." (Del. John Bohanan)*

Being out of office doesn't stop Raley from thinking like a politician, and that became all the more evident when he described what he'd focus on if he were running for office today.

"One of the things I'd give enormous amount of time to - which I didn't have time for in those days - would be the preservation of our land and our waters," he said. "The environment is a really big issue ... it's always there and it's always under attack, and it's one of the things where there's progress on it, but I'd push it a lot more."



Raley during his days as a State Senator

He also said he'd focus efforts on changing the structure of local government, moving from a charter system to code home rule.

"I would prefer to see it go under a structural change to home-rule," said Raley. "The county doesn't seem to want to do that. I tried to push it ... it would be more efficient ... we'd have a little bit more checks and balances because you'd have an executive and a legislative branch at the local level," he said.

But the political spotlight doesn't seem to suit Raley as well as working behind the scenes. And since his wife passed away last year, he still keeps his hours occupied by sitting on the boards for the Advisory Board Center for Strategic Analysis, Patuxent Partnership, Senate Representative Board, St. Mary's City Commission, the Navy Alliance Board of Southern Maryland, the Center for Democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and he serves as an advisor to his own general insurance company, Raley, Watts & Associates, which he ran for more than 50 years after leaving office.

"Now what I'm doing is taking care of my own personal investments, and taking care of some public service ... but I still have a great deal of contact with politics," said Raley, noting how often he reminisces with old allies, and those he's seen move up through the ranks over the years, like Rep. Steny Hoyer (who he expects to not only take Maryland in the next election, but St. Mary's as well).

All told, it doesn't seem like a stretch to describe Raley as an old-school St. Mary's staple, exclaiming still that he's not finished serving his country, his state, or his county. He's still in the loop after all these years, and still refusing to retire.



Photo by Frank Marquart

J. Frank Raley, talking about his opposition to slot machines in the 1960s, said it lost him his seat in the Senate, but he has no regrets.

government. "My father was in it. I was around it a lot. My great-grandfather was in it, my grandfather was in it - or at least running positions in it," he said, explaining that such a deep family involvement in public affairs helped him as he grew up during the Great Depression, though the economic crisis still affected his family.

"We were in an isolated place. Generally it was farming and seafood. So as my father would say, we didn't have any money before, so it didn't make any difference when we had the depression," he said. "But I really did believe that I had a responsibility - and I enjoy doing it - to work in public affairs. And I still do that ... but I'd say I have a higher image today than when I was in office."

And Raley may have a point. After all, it may seem unlikely that a one-term state senator and former

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# Newsletters

## \$1 Office Donated to Leah's House

### Old Office to Become Thrift Store

By Andrea Shiell  
Staff Writer

Leah's House Director Marguerite Morris smiled as she sat down in her office trailer, motioning out the window behind her at what is to become the organization's new office, which she says she got at a great price.

"I wanted us to have something we owned instead of renting," she said, "so I started inquiring, and before I knew it I was talking to Clayton Homes," where owner Kevin Clayton and Regional Vice President Bill Holmes pledged a modular unit to her for free.

"They wanted to just give it to us, but we really wanted to own it," said Morris, "so they did sell it to us, for one dollar."

At the moment, the unit is resting behind the current office at Leah's House, which Morris says will be turned into a thrift shop to benefit the home.

"We're very excited about turning this into a thrift shop," she said. "That should really help us raise more money so we can expand."

This latest donation, a 2,200 square foot modular home with back and front entrances, will house offices in its front side, and a kitchen, classrooms, a conference room and two bathrooms in the back.

This new building will add significantly to the new site plan, which will also include storage sheds and a daycare center, said Morris.

"Really what people should realize is that this is going to be like a campus for homeless people," she added.

Clayton Homes donated the office, to which a porch would be added once it is set to its foundation at the site, to support Marguerite's work in housing the homeless and providing other community services to families in need. She signed her purchase agreement with Kevin Perry, General Manager of Clayton



Marguerite Morris signs her purchase agreement with Kevin Perry from Clayton Homes for her organization's new office building, which was sold to her for \$1.

Homes' Tappahannock Office, on April 12, and hopes to be moved in within the next couple of weeks.

"We're very excited for the opportunity afforded us by this purchase," said Morris in a statement. "Leah's House, New Beginnings and the community benefit from this vote of confidence. Our organizations are very excited that many in the community will be able to see what a dollar can buy when coupled with hard work and faith."

Leah's House is a 501c3 organization that offers sanctuary and life skills to homeless women and children and victims of domestic violence. For more information, or to donate or find out about volunteer opportunities, go to [www.leahshousemd.org](http://www.leahshousemd.org).

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## MINI-MED School 2010

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Lexington Park Library on the following days:

| May 7                                   | May 14   | May 21   | June 4   |
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# Community

## 2010 Kentucky Derby Fundraiser



Photo By Frank Marquart

Gina Wirt, of Leonardtown, won the hat contest at the Kentucky Derby fundraising event for Hospice of St. Mary's at Sotterley Plantation on May 1.

## Southern Maryland Spring Festival



Photos By Andrea Shiell

Children enjoy rides and games at the county fairgrounds during the Southern Maryland Spring Festival, a fundraiser for Holy Face Catholic Church, held April 29 to May 2.

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- **Book Character Bonanzas to be held at libraries**  
Each library will conduct a Book Character Bonanza with stories and activities based on a different book character to celebrate Children's Book Week. Charlotte Hall's program on May 10 at 10 a.m. will highlight Max and Ruby. Lexington Park will focus on Elephant and Piggie and be held on May 12 at 11 a.m. Arthur will be featured at Leonardtown's on May 15 at 10 a.m. Registration is required for these free programs.
- **Library to show free family movie**  
Leonardtown will show a PG-rated movie about a family of undercover superheroes forced back into action to save the world on May 8 at 2 PM. Snacks will be provided.
- **Children's program presented by Master Gardeners**  
The Master Gardeners will read Jerdine Nolen's book, "Plantzilla" to those children in kindergarten through third grade attending a special program at Lexington Park on May 8 at 9:30 a.m. The story will be followed with hands-on activities. The program is free but registration is required.
- **TAG meetings planned**  
Teens are invited to the library's TAG (Teen Advisory Group) meetings, which will be May 11 at 5:30 at Lexington Park and on May 13 at 5 p.m. at Charlotte Hall and May 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Leonardtown.
- **Summer Volunteer Applications now being accepted**  
Students entering 6th grade or higher this fall can apply to be volunteers this summer at the libraries, assisting with Summer Reading registration, explaining the reading programs and giving out prizes, while at the same time earning community service hours. Applications which are due May 22 are available online or at the libraries.
- **Opening reception set for artist Josh Ingraham**  
An opening reception will be held for local artist Josh Ingraham on May 19 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lexington Park Library Art Gallery. Ingraham's artwork which includes landscapes in oil, watercolors and acrylics will be on display through June 30.
- **Resume class has openings**  
Space is still available for a class on resume basics in Word 2007 being offered on May 20 at 5 p.m. at Charlotte Hall library. The basics of writing a resume, the different types of resumes and how to use the resume template in Word 2007 will be covered. Registration is required for this free class.



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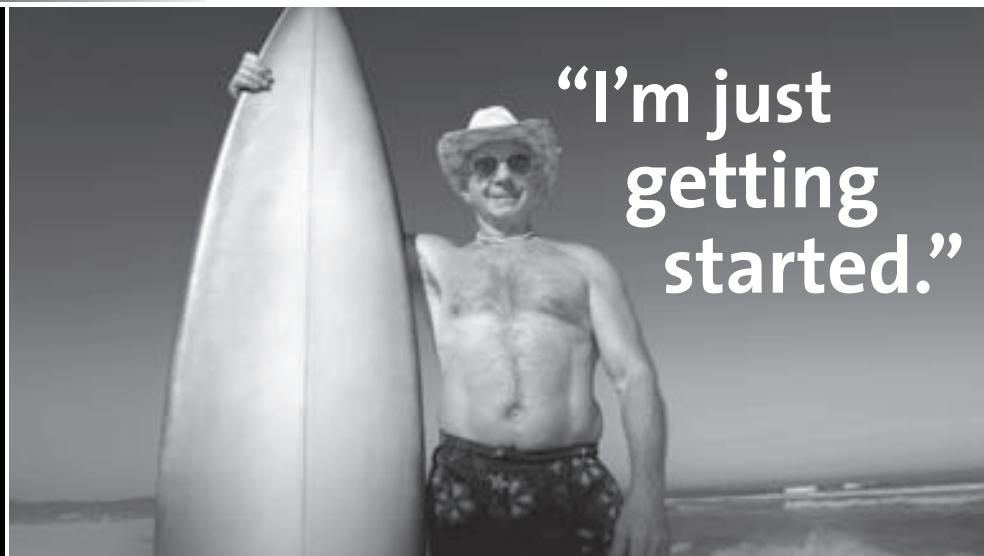
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## Thursday, May 6

### • Garden Market

Historic St. Mary's City (Intersection of Rt. 584 and Rt. 5) – 10 a.m.

HSMC's annual plant sale supports museum gardens. Pre-order and on-site sales by various local vendors at the corner of Routes 5 and 584 (Old State House Road). For more information go to [www.stmaryscity.org](http://www.stmaryscity.org).

### • So. Md. Mobile Compassion Center

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Mechanicsville) – 10 a.m.

The Compassion Center provides food, clothing and spiritual care to people in need. Basic need items are provided free of charge to those seeking assistance. Nominal donations for items are requested from visitors who can afford it. If you need additional information please call 301-884-5184.

### • Basket Bingo

Leonardtown Vol. Fire Department – 7 p.m.

For reservations call Annette Murphy at 240-417-8511, or Bonny Moore at 301-769-2161.

### • Am. Legion Post 221 Meeting

AL Post 221 (Avenue) – 8 p.m.

Visit website at <http://www.alpost221.webs.com/> or e-mail [alpost221@netscape.net](mailto:alpost221@netscape.net). Call Gail Murdock for more information 301-884-4071.

### • Poetry Reading

St. Mary's College (Daugherty-Palmer Commons) – 8 p.m.

Award-winning New York City poet Alex Dimitrov will read from his work at 8:15 p.m. as the final event of the college's 2009-2010 VOICES Reading Series. The reading is free and open to the public. For more information call 240-895-4958.

## Friday, May 7

### • Child Welfare Day

Forrest Career and Technology Center (Leonardtown) – 8:30 a.m.

The daylong program will focus on ways that community members and agencies can assist children in need. Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the students enrolled at the Culinary Arts Department. Social Work CEU's and Certificates of Attendance are available. Registration for the program is free, but there is limited seating. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary's Department of Human Services at 301-475-4200, ext. 1849.

### • So. Md. Mobile Compassion Center

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Mechanicsville) – 10 a.m.

### • Fishing Tournament

Buzz's Marina (Ridge) – Dawn – 3:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday. Sponsored by the Elks Lodge, to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. There is a \$150 registration fee per boat. Fish either or both days and the combined weight of 2 fish wins the prize. Pig

roast and the band The Geezers will be at the Saturday weigh-in at Buzz's Marina. Rain or shine. Call 301-872-5887 for more information.

### • Come Sew With Us at First Friday

Olde Towne Stitchery Quilt and Fabric Shop (Leonardtown) – 5 p.m.

Bring a sewing machine or some handwork, share projects, get ideas, or just stop by and chat. Will have free patterns for purses, totes and quilts. Everyone welcome. For more info about shop and classes go to [www.olde-towne-stitchery.com](http://www.olde-towne-stitchery.com) or call 301-475-0005.

### • First Friday Art Reception: Rose Beitzell

Leonardtown Galleria (Maryland Antique Center) – 5 p.m.

The Leonardtown Galleria located in The Maryland Antique Center will have Rose Beitzell demonstrating Pyrography (\*wood burning) at the First Friday Reception,

May 7th from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Shop items during those hours will be 10% off. There will also be drawing for a free \$25 gift certificate at the Maryland Antique Center that can be used through the Center. For more information, call 301-475-1960.

### • Texas Hold'Em

VFW 2632 (California) – 7 p.m.

For more information email [poker@vfw2632.com](mailto:poker@vfw2632.com) or call 240-925-4000.

## Saturday, May 8

### • Yard, Craft & Vendor Sale

St. Mary's Square Shopping Center (Lexington Park) – 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Space can be reserved for \$15. For more information, call Tina at 240-577-0955.

### • 8th Annual Plant Sale

Summerseat Farm (Mechanicsville) – 8 a.m.

A huge assortment of annual and perennial plants, vegetable and herb plants, shrubs, trees, hanging baskets, planted pots, crafts and gifts. There are children's activities, petting zoo, manor house tours, and educational presentations. The Courtyard Café will provide a selection of food and drinks. Free parking and admission. Call 301-373-6607 or 301-373-5858 for more information. Website is [www.summerseat.org](http://www.summerseat.org); email [info@summerseat.org](mailto:info@summerseat.org).

### • Breton Bay Community Yard/Plant Sale

Breton Bay Community (Leonardtown) – 8 a.m. to noon

60 streets in community will have a yard sale. For more information, email [kpb319@md.metrocast.net](mailto:kpb319@md.metrocast.net).

### • Yard Sale

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Mechanicsville) – 8 a.m.

Spaces are available for rent at a cost of \$20 per space. To rent a space, please call the church office at 301-884-5184.

### • 5K Race/1.5 Mile Fun Walk for Women in Defense

PAX River NAS Golf Course Entrance – 9 a.m.

Women in Defense, Chesapeake Bay Chapter and the Chesapeake Bay Running Club will host the 1st Annual Women in Defense Mother's Day Weekend 5K Race and 1.5 Mile Fun Walk. Prizes will be awarded to the overall male and female finishers, as well as the top three male and female finishers in each age group. The course will be run on NAS Patuxent River. The registration fee is \$25 up front or \$30 on race day. Online registration can be found on our website at [http://wid.ndia.org/chapters/Chesapeake\\_Bay/](http://wid.ndia.org/chapters/Chesapeake_Bay/).

### • Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser

Motovation Cycles (Charlotte hall) – 9 a.m.

Goldwing Road Riders Association, Maryland Chapter "I" presents Geo"Cash"ing. Cash prizes, food, games, etc. Ride begins and ends at shop. Rain date is May 22. For more information call 301-472-1811.

### • Museum On-the-Go

Sotterley Plantation (Hollywood) – 9 a.m.

Hands-on, interactive setup for children. Free. Call 301-373-2280 for more information.

### • So. Md. Mobile Compassion Center

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Mechanicsville) – 9 a.m.

### • Spring Plant Sale and Free Plant Exchange

Sotterley Plantation (Hollywood) – 9 a.m.

Purchase plants from Sotterley's Colonial Revival Garden or trade your plants for other annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, shrubs, trees, bulbs and seed for free. For more information call 301-904-3439.

### • 6th Annual SMAWL Animal Fair

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds (Leonardtown) – 10 a.m.

Pet contests, games, demonstrations, pet parade, pet pageant, food, vendors, rabies clinic, silent auction, microchipping, and MANY ADOPTABLE PETS. For more information call 301-737-7708 or email [smawl@yahoo.com](mailto:smawl@yahoo.com).

### • New Artist/Crafters Day

Cecil's Old Mill (Great Mills) – 11 a.m.

Opportunity for artists interested in joining. Bring three artwork or craft items to be judged. Call 301-994-1510 for more information.

### • Texas Hold'Em

Hollywood Vol. Fire Department Bingo Hall – 2 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 301-997-6615.

### • No Limit Hold'Em Tournery

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge (California) – 6 p.m.

New time and format. For more information call Linda at 240-925-5697 or the lodge at 301-863-7800.

### • SMTMD Contra Dance

Christ Episcopal Church (Chaptico) – 7 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m., dancing begins at 7:30. Admission is \$8 for non-SMTMD members, \$6 for

members (band members are free). There will be an ice cream social following the dance. For more information, including directions to the Parish Hall, go to [www.smtmd.org](http://www.smtmd.org).

### • Texas Hold'Em Saturday Nite Special

Park Bingo Hall (California) – 7 p.m.

Email [mbb88@aol.com](mailto:mbb88@aol.com) or call 301-643-5573. No e-mail on the day of the event.

## Sunday, May 9

### • All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad – 7:30 a.m.

### • Mother's Day Breakfast

2nd District VFD (Valley Lee) – 8 a.m.

### • Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Lexington Park) – 8 a.m.

### • Pancake Breakfast

Holy Angels Hall, 21335 Colton Point Rd (Avenue) – 8 a.m.

### • Mother's Day Breakfast

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge (California) – 8:30 a.m.

### • Piney Point Lighthouse Celebration

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum – 10 a.m.

Maritime exhibits, demonstrations, activities for kids, food, light-house tours and more. Call 301-994-1471 for more information.

### • Annual Mother's Day Outing

Myrtle Point Park (California) – 1 p.m.

Bob Boxwell will lead his traditional Mother's Day Walk. Take a leisurely stroll around Myrtle Point Park. A chance to look for birds, wildflowers, animal tracks, and whatever else catches your eyes, ears or nose. Meet in the grass parking lot on the left as you enter the park. For more information call Bob at 410-394-1300 or Dudley at 301-475-1858, e-mail [dlindsley@verizon.net](mailto:dlindsley@verizon.net).

### • Deep Stack Hold'Em Tournament

Bennett Building, 24930 Old Three Notch Road (Hollywood) – 2 p.m.

For more information call Bobbi Sprouse at 240-577-0983 or Jim Bucci at 301-373-6104.

## Monday, May 10

### • No Limit Texas Hold'Em Bounty Tournament

St. Mary's County Elks Lodge (California) – 7 p.m.

For more information call Linda at 240-925-5697 or the lodge at 301-863-7800.

### • Low-Cost Rabies Clinic

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds (Leonardtown) – 6 p.m.

Low-cost rabies clinic for all pets. Vaccines are \$10 each. Open from 6 to 8 p.m. All crated or leashed animals welcomed. Located in the Arena building at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Call 301-373-5659 for more information.

## Tuesday, May 11

• **Nature Time at Greenwell**  
Greenwell State Park (Hollywood) – 10 a.m.

Pre-registration (no later than 24 hours in advance) is required via email - [lpranzo@greenwellfoundation.org](mailto:lpranzo@greenwellfoundation.org), or by calling the Greenwell Foundation office at 301-373-9775.

### • Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Leonard Hall Recreation Center (Leonardtown, Governmental Center campus) – 11:30 a.m.

Pays tribute to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives, and is also in honor of each County agency "Officer of the Year." No RSVP is required to attend; for additional information, visit the Department of Aging website at [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) or call 301.475.4200, ext. 1073.

### • Special Olympics Hold'Em Tournament

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

For more information call Bobbi Sprouse at 240-577-0983 or Jim Bucci at 301-373-6104.

### • \$25 Texas Hold'Em

Cadillac Jack's (Lexington Park) – 7:30 p.m.

For more information call Christine at 443-624-2746.

### • St. Mary's Chapter of ABATE Meeting

Fat Boys Country Store (Leonardtown) – 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's County Chapter of ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments) meets on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information contact: St. Mary's County Chapter Events Coordinators – George Smith at 301-672-1052, Susan Smith at 240-561-0694, or e-mail [ABATE.SoMd.Events@gmail.com](mailto:ABATE.SoMd.Events@gmail.com).

## Wednesday, May 12

### • Special Olympics Hold'Em Tournament

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

For more information call Bobbi Sprouse at 240-577-0983 or Jim Bucci at 301-373-6104.

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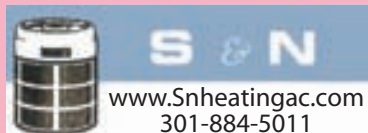
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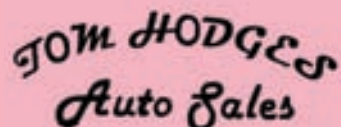
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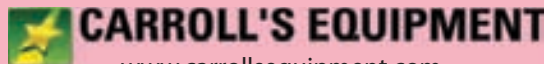
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**Any Given Sunday**  
 Country Jam Sessions Landing in St. Mary's



By **Andrea Shiell**  
 Staff Writer

If your only exposure to country music comes from FM radio or Country Music Television, then you probably don't hear too much from the folks who actually put country on the map. And it's a shame, because once you hear someone singing and playing classic country live, the whole genre takes on an older, almost nobler flavor. So the jam sessions held at St. Mary's Landing restaurant in Charlotte Hall each Sunday serve an important purpose.

"You just don't hear classic country on the radio," said Billy Hill, 72, commenting that there are only two satellite radio stations that featured the likes of Hank Williams Senior, Jim Reeves, Faron Young, Hank Thompson, Charlie Pride, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and others.

It was September of last year when Hill established a classic country jam session at St. Mary's Landing, which went from one weekend a month to every weekend in order to meet demand.

Each week he now plays with members of True Blue Country, one of his local bands. The lineup includes Bernie Windsor (lead guitar), Jimmy Meredith (bass), Bobby Simpson (drums), Don Penn (rhythm guitar and vocals), Carl Heatley (steel guitar), and pretty much anyone else who may want to get up and play with the group.

Singer Debbie Tucker, from Mechanicsville, smiled warmly as she got off the stage, commenting that she had started with Hill and company by coming to karaoke at St. Mary's Landing before they set up the country-jam sessions, which now happen every

Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. After lending her Patsy Cline-like lilt to a rendition of Marie Osmond's "Paper Roses," she said she liked the fact that someone in St. Mary's wanted to keep her favorite genre of music alive.

"I just love the atmosphere, and that they're keeping the country tradition alive," she said.

And Billy Hill said that he had started the sessions for that very reason, to preserve the genre for old school fans and newer listeners alike.

The genre brings with it a heavy dose of nostalgia, which may be the reason why you'll notice older couples dancing while the band plays with their guests.

"That's part of the reason I wanted to play this kind of music," said Hill. "We are aiming for this type of crowd, this age group," though he said he was happy to see younger faces in the crowd discovering the likes of Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash.

There doesn't seem to be any reason why the young ones wouldn't jump on this bandwagon. After all, there will always be a charm to that old-school reverb-heavy steel guitar twang, conjuring up the ghosts of country music's glory days.

Of course if you're one of those hokey old couples taking to the dance floor each Sunday, you already know this. It should only be a matter of time before the rest of the world catches on.

*Billy Hill plays with various musicians every Sunday at St. Mary's Landing restaurant in Charlotte Hall from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 301-274-4710.*

**Thursday, May 6**

- **Fair Warning Irish Pub Band**  
CJ's Back Room (Lusby) – 5 p.m.
- **Dave Norris**  
DB McMillan's (California) – 5 p.m.
- **Gretchen & Randy Richie: "The Great American Songbook & Requests"**  
Café des Artistes (Leonardtown) – 6:30 p.m.
- **DJ McNasty**  
Big Dogs Paradise (Mechanicsville) – 8 p.m.
- **Ladies DJ Dance Night**  
Hula's Bungalow (California) – 8 p.m.

**Friday, May 7**

- **Fair Warning Irish Pub Band**  
Donovan's Pub (California) – 5 p.m.
- **Dave Norris**  
DB McMillan's (California) – 5 p.m.
- **DJ McNasty**  
Big Dogs Paradise (Mechanicsville) – 8 p.m.
- **Four of a Kind**  
Sea Breeze Restaurant & Bar (Mechanicsville) – 8 p.m.
- **Ladies DJ Dance Night**  
Hula's Bungalow (California) – 8 p.m.
- **Backstage Pass**  
Murphy's Pub (Bryans Road) – 9 p.m.
- **Guilty as Charged**  
Apehanger's (Bel Alton) – 9 p.m.
- **Karaoke**  
Club 911 (Mechanicsville) – 9 p.m.
- **Roadhouse Band**  
Drift Away Bar & Grill (Cobb Island) – 9 p.m.

- **Three Sixty**  
Vera's White Sands (Lusby) – 9 p.m.
- **Impact**  
Blue Dog Saloon (Port Tobacco) – 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 8**

- **Fair Warning Irish Pub Band**  
DB McMillan's (California) – 5 p.m.
- **AYCD w/ DJ Harry**  
Big Dogs Paradise (Mechanicsville) – 8 p.m.
- **Bent Nickel**  
Elks Lodge, 2210 Old Washington Rd (Waldorf) – 8 p.m.
- **The Not So Modern Jazz Quartet**  
Westlawn Inn (North Beach) – 8 p.m.
- **Back Beat**  
VFW Post 10081 (Bel Alton) – 9 p.m.

- **Bone**  
Hard Times Café (Waldorf) – 9 p.m.
- **Car 54**  
Sea Breeze (Mechanicsville) – 9 p.m.\*
- **Hate the Toy**  
Hotel Charles (Hughesville) – 9 p.m.
- **Impact**  
Huntts Tavern (Pomfret) – 9 p.m.
- **Karaoke w/ DJ Tommy T & DJ Tawna**  
Applebee's (California) – 9 p.m.
- **Legend**  
Blue Dog Saloon (Port Tobacco) – 9 p.m.
- **No Trace**  
Blue Dog Saloon (Port Tobacco) – 9 p.m.
- **Permanent Damage**  
Drift Away Bar & Grill (Cobb Island) – 9 p.m.
- **Roadhouse Band**  
Lone Star Café (Indian Head) – 9 p.m.
- **The Worx**  
Hotel Charles (Hughesville) – 9 p.m.
- **Full Steam**  
Vera's White Sands (Lusby) – 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 9**

- **The Fabulous Bel Airs**  
Vera's White Sands (Lusby) – 2 p.m.

**Monday, May 10**

- **Mason Sebastian**  
DB McMillan's (California) – 5 p.m.
- **Open Mic Night**  
Scott's II (Welcome) – 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 11**

- **Fair Warning Irish Pub Band**  
DB McMillan's (California) – 5 p.m.
- **Open Mic Night**  
Martini's Lounge (White Plains) – 9 p.m.\*

**Wednesday May 12**

- **Fair Warning Irish Pub Band**  
CJ's Back Room (Lusby) – 5 p.m.
- **Captain John**  
DB McMillan's (California) – 5:30 p.m.
- **Karaoke with DJ Harry**  
Big Dogs Paradise (Mechanicsville) – 7 p.m.
- **Open Mic Night**  
Hula's Bungalow (California) – 8 p.m.
- **Wolf's Blues Jam**  
Beach Cove Restaurant (Chesapeake Beach) – 8 p.m.

**\*CALL TO CONFIRM TIME**

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**What's Going On In Entertainment**

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# A Journey Through Time

## The TIMES Chronicle



### Tories

By Linda Reno  
Contributing Writer

When we think about the Revolutionary War, we automatically think of the patriots, but there were those who remained loyal to the British.

In 1781 the British and Maryland Tories hatched a plot to divide the northern colonies from those in the south. A disguised British officer was to meet a Tory in Frederick County and give him all of the plans

developed by the conspirators.

Instead, it was an American officer who appeared at the appointed place and the papers fell into his hands, revealing the plot and the names of seven conspirators who were immediately arrested. On July 25 these seven were placed on trial before a special court at Frederick, consisting of Alexander Contee Hanson, Col. James Johnson and Upton Sheredine. The seven were found guilty of high treason. Judge Hanson then sentenced the men as follows:

*"It has been suggested to the court that notwithstanding your guilt has been ascertained by an impartial jury, you consider the*

*proceedings against you nothing more than solemn mockery, and have adopted a vain idea, propagated by the enemies of this country, that she dare not punish her unnatural subjects for engaging in the service of Great Britain.*

*From the strange insensibility you have heretofore discovered, I was indeed led to conclude that you were under a delusion, which might prove fatal to your prospects of happiness hereafter. I think it is my duty, therefore, to explain to you your real situation. The crime you have been convicted of, upon the fullest and clearest testimony, is of such a nature that you cannot, ought not, to look for a pardon. Had it pleased heaven to permit the full execution of your unnatural designs, the miseries to be experienced by your devoted country would have been dreadful even in the contemplation.*

*The ends of public justice, the dictates of policy, and the feelings of humanity all require that you should exhibit an awful example to your fellow-subjects, and the dignity of the State, with everything that can interest the heart of man, calls aloud for your punishment. If the consideration of approaching fate can inspire proper*

*sentiments, you will pour forth your thanks to that watchful Providence which has arrested you at an early date of your guilt. And you will employ the short time you have to live in endeavoring, by a sincere penitence, to obtain pardon from the Almighty Being, who is to sit in judgment upon you, upon me, and all mankind.*

*I must now perform the terrible task of denouncing the terrible punishment ordained for high treason.*

*You, Peter Sueman, Nicholas Andrews, Yost Plecker, Adam Graves, Henry Shett, John George Graves, and Casper Fritchie, and each of you, attend to your sentence.*

*You shall be carried to the gaol of Fredericktown, and be hanged therein; you shall be cut down to the earth alive, and your entrails shall be taken out and burnt while you are yet alive, your heads shall be cut off, your body shall be divided into four parts, and your heads and quarters shall be placed where his excellency the Governor shall appoint. So Lord have mercy upon your poor souls."*

To be continued.

## Creature Feature Curious Cuisine



By Theresa Morr  
Contributing Writer

Baked bats. Grilled rats. Broiled beetle grubs. Toasted grasshoppers and termites. Roasted mice. Yikes!

And you thought broccoli was yucky. But for people in many different parts of the world, such foods aren't weird at all but part of their everyday diet. In fact, anything that jumps, flies, squirms, runs, or wiggles often lands in the cook's oven, pot, or frying pan. Entomologists, the scientists who study insects, say there are over 1,000 species of edible insects that you could make a lip-smacking meal from.

**Crispy critters.** In many Asian and Arab countries, grasshoppers and locusts are fried, stewed, boiled, or roasted. Fried "hoppers" are a favorite because they're nice and crispy and eaten like nuts. Even our early American pioneers learned how to prepare locusts from Indian neighbors. But worms, various kinds of grubs, and caterpillars are favorites in many cultures. Most jumpers, wiggles, and crawlers are prepared simply, such as fried silkworms. The pupae are boiled and then fried in fat. That's it. Just season with a few lemon leaves and salt and you have a yummy snack.

If you lived in India, Japan, or China, you'd smack your lips on bee grubs, wasp pupae, fly larvae and maybe finish with a steaming bowl of earthworm broth or snake soup. Ummmm good! If you lived in Swaziland, you'd be munching on freshly prepared termites. The critters are first drowned in water, then sun-dried and roasted so they're nice and crisp, just like

your favorite French fries --- well, almost!

**Snail pies and cow eyes.** You're probably familiar with snails because people all over the world eat them, often in a butter and garlic sauce. But in Germany, snails are also served as a dessert, wrapped in a pie crust square, sealed, and baked until golden brown, almost like your mom's apple pie! In other parts of Europe, stuffed calf's eyes, batter-fried brains and stuffed pig's stomach are favorite treats, too. Are you getting hungry?

**Foods and culture.** You may wonder why people eat such creepy sounding foods that you wouldn't dream of putting in your mouth. For one thing, people eat according to their culture and traditions, preparing meals as their parents did, just as your mom and dad prepare meals for you. Also, in poorer countries people have to make do with what Mother Nature provides and insects are regarded as part of nature's bounty. Besides, a tribesman in Africa would probably prefer roasted grubs rather than a slice of pizza smothered with cheese and pepperoni.

And guess what? Those roasted grubs are better for your health --- lots more protein and hardly any fat.

So, the next time your mom or dad says, "Eat your broccoli," don't moan and groan. Be glad there aren't any legs draped over your plate or eyes looking back at you! On the other hand, you might want to read some fascinating books by David George Gordon, a bug chef and author of books with tasty sounding titles, like "Travels with My Ant" and "The Eat-a-Bug Cookbook," among others. Check it all out on [www.davidgeorgegordon.com](http://www.davidgeorgegordon.com). Yum!

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# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind



## The Crunchie Trail

By Shelby Oppermann  
Contributing Writer

I just got finished hopping around in the kitchen. No, not because I am cooking or baking up a storm. Ha! No it's because Tidbit, our little Whippet-Coonhound has this habit of leaving her dry dog food in these little piles near her bowl and stretching into the dining room, and unless you are wearing slippers or regular shoes those little crunchies hurt. She leaves them in designated color piles as well. The green ones, (I guess they are supposed to represent nice, juicy green peas) are spit out immediately next to the food bowl. The orange crunchies (probably carrots) are carried near my chair, which is closest to the kitchen, and the yellow ones (I think they are soy) are left over by the china cabinet. There is also a little trail of mixed crunchies leading to the furthest pile. We pick them all up and the ritual begins all over again.

This is a long process for Tidbit to eat. She normally picks up one crunchie at a time. I assume she applies a method similar to the tasting of wine to her dining experience; smell the bowl, nose around to find the perfect piece, feel the taste on her tongue, swirl the crunchie or chunk around her mouth for a bit, then chew, swallow or spit. Tidbit normally only eats the red, moist chunks --- presumably beef, but who really knows for sure. Now if I mix the red chunks with real peas and carrots, or a bit of broth, the wine tasting method goes out the window. She will gobble it down like a pack of wild dogs are coming up from behind.

I am always amazed when Tidbit eats one piece at a time, because she only eats when we are home. You would think she'd be starving. She should lose a pound or two during softball season. The food can sit in her bowl for a whole day, but if and when she does eat it all, she immediately picks up her bowl (it has this neat cut out in the back that she can get her teeth through) and brings it to one of us to refill. She doesn't want to eat it then, but

she wants to know that her bowl is filled and ready when she does want to eat. Everyone has his or her levels of comfort. I like a full refrigerator --- it must be the same kind of feeling for Tidbit.

There are big name brands of dog food that Tidbit just sticks her snout up at. She will let the food sit there for days if she doesn't like it. I've taken to getting two small bags of dog food now, and I mix them to see if she will eat more of her food that way. I must admit when I look at all those bags on the store shelves, I see all the same color crunchies and I wonder how dogs can eat the same food night after night. My husband and I ponder over the bags of food trying to remember which ones we've tried and which ones she liked. My Mother had that problem solved. She cooked full meals for all of her dogs almost every night. They ate spaghetti, roast, and, poached eggs and toast --- they had the life. One time, as a teen, my friend Glory Ann and I were late getting back to the house for dinner. We had been looking forward to my Mother's delicious spaghetti all day. We got inside, no dinner. My Mother said, "You were a half hour late --- I fed it to the doggies." Now, we find out garlic is bad for dogs. Add it to the list.

Tidbit seems to like this new dog food created by some Chef, canine creations of "roisserie chicken flavor, and pea and carrot garnishes". This must be the four star equivalent for dog food. And yes, it is the one loaded with the little green peas, which are stuck on the bottom of my shoes. What does chicken "flavor" mean exactly? It smells pretty good, and it looks like a restaurant meal, sort of. Though I haven't seen too many fluorescent green peas on my plates. But someone else out there in the dog food industry at least loves dogs and knows that they need variety in their meals like we do. We'll have to check out Rachel Ray's creations too. Hmmm, I'm feeling like it's a spaghetti night.

To each new day's adventure,  
Shelby

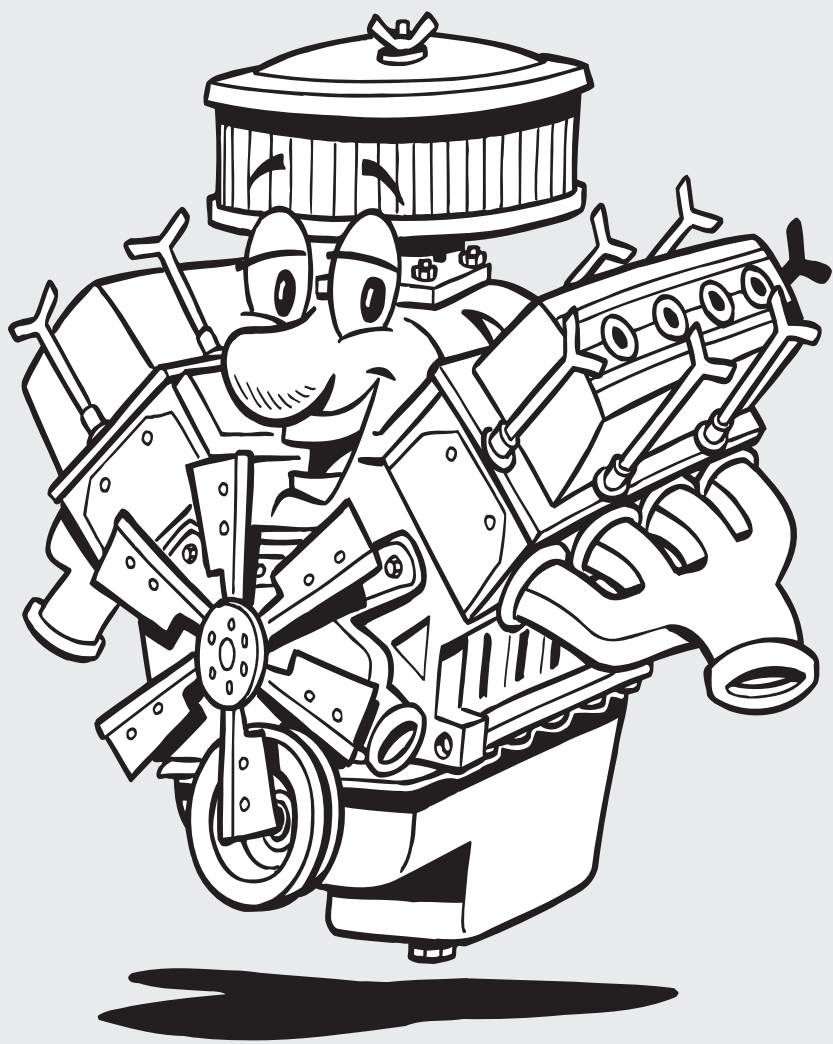
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### Last Week's Puzzle Solutions

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- Religious transgression
- Overnight bag
- Worthless people
- Irish gorse
- Fitted furniture covering
- Indicates near
- Readjust
- Edison conglomerate
- Pleasure trip (abbr.)
- Take in solid food
- Fiddler crabs
- Historic period
- Highest card
- Equally
- Herb teas
- Dept. of Defense (abbr.)
- Records steps taken
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- Chums

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- Academy of Country Music (abbr.)
- A strikebreaker
- 55120
- A perfect closure
- An intimate friend
- Phlegm
- Prefix for internal
- Mortar trough
- Appendage
- Part of a stairway
- Used to chop
- World news organization
- Microgram
- Blinding rays
- Smooth musical passage
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- Difficult burdens
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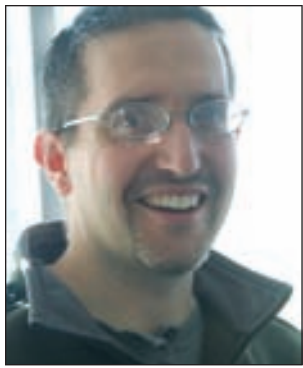
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## A View From The **BLEACHERS** A Fan's Catharsis

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

These are perhaps the darkest of days for D.C. sports fans (a jaded group of which many of us are card carrying members). One could argue, without much debate, that the state of sports in D.C. is the worst in the country. Of the cities with all four major professional sports franchises, by my count none has gone longer and only one (Minneapolis) has gone as long as D.C. has without a championship. While that point is noteworthy, and may even conjure up some sympathy from fans of other locales (as if New York, Philly or Dallas fans are capable of such a decidedly human emotion), it only begins to convey the suffering D.C. sports fans are experiencing. Oh no, to truly appreciate just how bad things have been and how completely awful the last year was, you have to recount blow by painful blow. It is a tale of nearly unbelievable cruelty.

The rightful place to begin the gory account is at the top of the D.C. sports food chain with the 'Skins. I'm convinced this whole terrible mess began when Joe Gibbs left the first time. In the 17 years since, countless coaches, quarterbacks and glamorous free agents have produced a paltry 2 playoff wins and a bunch of seasons that were over by Thanksgiving. Not even the return of Coach Gibbs himself in 2004 could exorcise the gloom that consumed the franchise after Daniel Snyder became owner. It's been so demoralizing that it's difficult to get excited about the arrival of Donovan McNabb and Mike Shanahan. You almost want to offer them condolences for the unfortunate circumstances that landed each in this athletic wasteland.

And what of our newbies? The arrival of the Nationals in 2005 was exciting but the boys of summer have prompted few smiles in the years since. After a horrendous 2009 season, realistically the team is years away

from contending and frankly has only one reason to care (Ryan Zimmerman). The most exciting thing about the franchise is a mythical, rookie pitcher, Stephen Strasburg, that's yet to occupy the bump in a major league game.

And then you have the Wizards, our lovable (or laughable) losers. For a minute there I thought Gilbert Arenas and his merry men were going to break the franchise's multi-decade curse. But alas, after Arenas paid homage to the team's previous name (the Bullets), the Wiz have been dismantled (again) and have returned to more familiar surroundings: annual participants in the NBA's draft lottery.

Still, until recently my resolve was strong. Even in the face of the embarrassing end to the Jim Zorn experience (his "swinging gate" special teams play will live in infamy), the gut-wrenching conclusion to the Terrapins men's basketball season and Arenas' much celebrated return ending with him in a halfway house, I had hope. That hope was riskily hitched to the sexy Washington Capitals who screamed through the regular season and seemed poised to make a run at the Stanley Cup. Believing there was only so much evil in the world, I foolishly thought the Caps would break their historical playoff form and provide a spring to remember. After losing in the first round and blowing another 3-1 series lead, I cannot forget them quickly enough. Oh I rocked the red alright...in the form of my bloodshot eyes and beet-red face at the end of game 7. It was an ending all too familiar.

Whew, having said all that, I feel much better. I hope you do too, my fellow D.C. sports fans. Still, my will to support the teams I love is waver. I'd be hard-pressed to identify another life-experience where I've given so much and had so little returned. In The American Crisis, Thomas Paine said, "These are the times that try men's souls." I know now that Paine's words had a dual meaning: to characterize our country's revolutionary struggles and the modern struggles of the D.C. sports fan (I have perspective). His words are comforting. For now I, and I hope you, can muster the courage to keep hope alive for brighter days and ecstasy in our fandom.

Send comments to [rguyjoon@yahoo.com](mailto:rguyjoon@yahoo.com)

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Thurs., May 6

**Boys' Lacrosse**  
Great Mills at Leonardtown, 6:30 p.m.

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**Baseball**  
Lackey at Chopticon, 4:30 p.m.  
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Lackey at Chopticon, 4:30 p.m.  
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Leonardtown at Calvert, 4:30 p.m.

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Great Mills at La Plata, 4 p.m.

#### Mon., May 10

**Baseball**  
Thomas Stone at Great Mills, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls' Lacrosse**  
Great Mills at Huntingtown, 5 p.m.

**Softball**  
Thomas Stone at Great Mills, 4:30 p.m.

#### Tues., May 11

**Boys' Lacrosse**  
Great Mills at Huntingtown, 6:30 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

#### Wed., Apr. 28

**Baseball**  
Thomas Stone 7,  
Great Mills 1

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Thomas Stone 11,  
Great Mills 1  
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Holy Cross 0

#### Thurs., Apr. 29

**Baseball**  
Leonardtown 3,  
Great Mills 1  
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**Boys' Lacrosse**  
Leonardtown 14,  
Calvert 2

**Girls' Lacrosse**  
Huntingtown 20,  
Chopticon 3  
Patuxent 15, Chopticon 3  
St. Mary's Ryken 14,  
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**Golf**  
St. Mary's Ryken 8,  
Bishop McNamara 1

**Softball**  
St. Mary's Ryken 12,  
Bishop Ireton 2

**Tennis**  
Northern 5, Chopticon 4  
Gonzaga 9, St. Mary's Ryken 0  
Gonzaga 8, St. Mary's Ryken 1

#### Fri., Apr. 30

**Baseball**  
Leonardtown 5,  
Chopticon 3  
Huntingtown 10,  
Great Mills 0 (five innings)

**Girls' Lacrosse**  
Leonardtown 25,  
Patuxent 4

**Softball**  
Leonardtown 7,  
Chopticon 2  
Huntingtown 15,  
Great Mills 1  
St. Mary's Ryken 3,  
Bishop McNamara 2

**Tennis**  
Leonardtown 8,  
Chopticon 1  
Great Mills 5,  
Huntingtown 4

#### Sat., May 1

**Baseball**  
Bishop Ireton 11, St. Mary's Ryken 6

#### Mon., May 3

**Baseball**  
Westlake 6, Chopticon 5 (eight innings)  
La Plata 3, Leonardtown 2

**Boys' Lacrosse**  
Leonardtown 14,  
Patuxent 3

**WCAC quarterfinals**  
St. Mary's Ryken 6,  
Paul VI 3

**Girls' Lacrosse**  
**WCAC quarterfinals**  
St. Mary's Ryken 16,  
Bishop O'Connell 13

**Softball**  
Chopticon 12,  
Westlake 0 (five innings)  
Leonardtown 4, La Plata 0

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- 5 P.M. Thursdays at Great Mills High School, June 6th through September. Contact Bob Stratton at 443-926-2070 or [rstratton55@hotmail.com](mailto:rstratton55@hotmail.com).

The league fee is \$25 for the Leonardtown site and \$30 for the Great Mills site. Fees include court costs and balls. No registration is required.

## Great Mills Grad Caps Solid College Lacrosse Career

Michael Hofmeister, a 2006 graduate of Great Mills High School finished off a solid college lacrosse career with a four-goal performance as Eastern (Pa.) University's late rally fell short Monday, losing 10-9 to Messiah University in the MAC quarterfinals.

"Hof was unbelievable today," Eastern head coach Brandon Childs said in a story on [GoEasternEagles.com](http://GoEasternEagles.com). "I've been saying all year, and all the young guys on the team know it, that Hof is the man. Today it was scoring, but in other games it was other things. He and Matt [Mandia] do so much that doesn't show up in the stats, but they have meant so much on this team."

The Eagles trailed 6-0 before Hofmeister keyed a rally to tie the game at 9 at the end of regulation. Messiah won the game in overtime.



Michael Hofmeister, a 2006 Great Mills high school graduate, scored four goals in his final game at Eastern University Monday afternoon.

Hofmeister, a native of Ridge, finished his career with 40 goals and 34 assists for a total of 74 points in four seasons. The four goals he scored in Monday's game pushed his season total to 24, a career high.

Hofmeister was one of five seniors playing their final game for the Eagles, and he will continue his education at Eastern, beginning graduate studies in business administration and will assist the team next spring.

## Youth hockey tryouts Thursday and Saturday

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## Boys' and Girls' Club Charity Golf Tournament Registration Open

The Southern Maryland Boys' and Girls' Club golf tournament, scheduled for Thursday May 20, is now accepting registration.


The shotgun start is scheduled for 9 a.m. at the Breton Bay Golf Club in Leonardtown, with a \$200 prize going to the top team. There will also be closest to the pin and longest drive contests, 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

The cost is \$80 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch buffet and door prizes.

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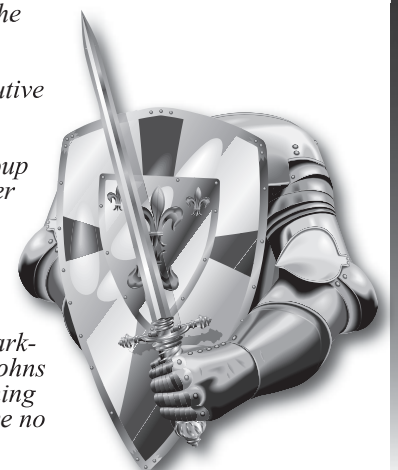
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## Raider Girls Roll Patuxent, Run Record to 12-0

By Chris Stevens  
Staff Writer

LEONARDTOWN – With two games left in the regular season, the Leonardtown girls' lacrosse team doesn't want to get ahead themselves and look to the regional playoffs.

However, after a 19-3 win over Patuxent Tuesday afternoon, they're one step closer to claiming the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference champion and focusing on their ultimate goal of going beyond the 4A/3A East regional playoffs.

"We're just going to have to keep working hard in practice and giving 110 percent every day," said senior midfielder Taelar Errington. "The teams we're going to play are very good, so we have to get better each game."

The Raiders looked very good in building a double-digit lead in the first half against the Panthers and cruised in the second half to run their 2010 record to 12-0 overall, 10-0 in SMAC play.

"We've been working really hard," said se-



Photo By Chris Stevens  
Katelyn Blondino of Leonardtown scoops up the ball from Patuxent's Amy Samilton.

nior Katelyn Blondino, who scored four goals. "We know that the playoff teams are going to be really good, so we're going to have to work extra hard to be as good as them."

While the Raider offense clicked on all gears, in the eyes of sophomore attacker Lauren Day, Tuesday's win was a total team effort.

"I have to give credit to our defense," said Day, who led all scorers with five goals on the evening. "They played really well."

Head coach Ken McIlhenny wasn't concerned about his team's play in light of a 16-goal margin of victory, but he feels focusing on the task at hand is going to be key for this team.

"I think we're working pretty well as a team," he said. "We've still got some work to do and two games left. Great Mills and Chopticon are county rivals and they could surprise us."

"We're going to take it one step at a time," Blondino

said. "We can't get too excited and we have to step it up."

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## Blondino's Hat Trick Lifts Knights to WCAC Quarters Win



The Knights' Connor Cook battles with a Paul VI player for control of the ball.

By Chris Stevens  
Staff Writer

ST. MARY'S CITY – On a team loaded with senior leadership, St. Mary's Ryken freshman Nathan Blondino with three goals was the key to the Knights' 6-3 victory over Paul VI in Monday afternoon's WCAC boys' lacrosse quarterfinal match.

His efforts did not go unnoticed by head coach John Sothoron, who was very pleased with his youngster's clutch play.

"I gave a game ball to a freshman," Sothoron marveled. "Nathan is mentally tough and he's not afraid of anybody."

"If Nathan doesn't score three goals, then it's tied 3-3 and the last thing we want is an overtime game," said senior goaltender Owen Murphy. "He was the offensive key today."

"It was great and fun to experience my first playoff game," Blondino said. "Once I get in the flow of the game, I started connecting."

With the Knights (14-4 in 2010) holding on to a 4-3 lead in the final period, Blondino fired home two goals in a three minute and 59 second stretch that gave Ryken the breathing room necessary to advance to a semifinal showdown with top-seeded Gonzaga (the game, played Wednesday evening, was too late for inclusion in this edition of the County Times). Will Fejes, Brian Frank and Matthew Boutin also scored goals for Ryken in the win.

"He took some hard hits on those shots, but he's the kind of kid to get up and say 'okay Coach, I'm ready to go,'" Sothoron said.

Sothoron felt a win at Gonzaga

would depend on how well his offense played, especially after two particularly good games against the Panthers and Anne Arundel contender Broadneck to close out the regular season.

"Our offense didn't play well today. We've got to play a lot better on Wednesday," he said. "I'm thankful for the win, but we've got to play better."

Murphy had much the same thought, believing that the Knights could shock the WCAC's top team with a full team effort.

"We can take them," he said. "We had a strong defensive effort the last time we played them (a 9-5 loss two weeks ago) and if we snap our shots, we can beat them."

"We just need to go out there and play as a team, we're still looking for our best game," Blondino said.

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Photos By Chris Stevens

Daniel Batong of St. Mary's Ryken moves the ball downfield during the Knights 6-3 win over Paul VI Monday afternoon.

## Blue Crabs

### Blue Crabs Win Fourth Straight, Outlast Riversharks

The Blue Crabs earned their fourth straight win in a Wednesday matinee, defeating the Camden Riversharks 6-3 in game two of a three-game series at Regency Furniture Stadium. Ahead 1-0 in the fifth with one out, catcher Christian Lopez broke the game open with a three-run homer to left, his first of the season, scoring centerfielder Jeremy Owens and rightfielder Richard Giannotti.

Eric Crozier also hit his first homer, a solo shot into left-centerfield in the eighth after coming in to pinch-hit for first baseman Kody Kirkland in the sixth. Right-handed starter Kenny Rayborn improved to 2-0, going 5.2 innings, allowing just one run. Lefty

Sam Narron fell to 2-1 in five-plus innings of work.

Blue Crab newcomer Justin Christian got his first start in left field and was the leadoff hitter. He went 2-for-4 with a pair of singles. He, Lopez and Giannotti each got two hits. Riversharks second baseman Chris Malec hit a solo home run to right field, his second of the year, and went 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

The Blue Crabs conclude this three game series with Camden on Thursday evening. First pitch is set for 7:05 p.m. The Riversharks will have lefty Steve Hammond (1-1, 3.09) on the mound against fellow left-hander John Halama (0-1, 4.09) for Southern Maryland.

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# Baseball

## Jameson, Pagliarulo Propel Raiders Over Chopticon

By Chris Stevens  
Staff Writer

GREAT MILLS – Third baseman Brady Jameson hit a solo home run and Will Pagliarulo pitched six strong innings as the Leonardtown baseball team extended its winning streak to five games with a 5-3 victory over county rival Chopticon at Chancellor's Run Park Friday night.

"Will has really stepped up this season,"

head coach Zach Adams said. "He had some speed bumps early in the season, but has really done a fantastic job."

Pagliarulo, who struck out 10 batters and surrendered two runs before giving way to David Sapp (who got the save), credited his defense for making great plays behind him.

"They played lights out and made some special plays," Pagliarulo said of liners snagged by shortstop Ryan Fenwick and Sapp in center-field that kept Chopticon at bay. "We're doing



Photo By Frank Marquart

The Raiders' Ryan Fenwick collects a ground ball during Friday night's 5-3 win over Chopticon.



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David Sapp of Leonardtown hustles back to second base, just ahead of the tag applied by the Braves' Jacob Nealis.

great and this win gives us momentum."

While Pagliarulo and the Leonardtown defense were doing their parts to keep the winning streak alive, Jameson keyed the offensive drive with a solo homer off of Chopticon's Evan Hart in the top of the first that gave the Raiders the lead for good.

"We're on a good win streak now and we're showing that we're a good team," Jameson said.

The Raiders also got run scoring hits from Sapp, catcher Jared Eaker, outfielder Andrew Unkle and an RBI groundout from first baseman Benjamin Gast to open up a 5-1 lead.

The Braves clawed back with two runs being scored on Leonardtown errors in the sixth and seventh innings, but a costly base-running mistake by Cody Trahan was a factor in the Chopticon rally coming up short.

"I figured I would take a chance to send Trahan," first-year head coach Dan Velez said of a wild pitch that went all the way to the backstop. Trahan took second base easily and went full steam for third, when Eaker retrieved the ball and came up firing. Trahan was tagged out after a brief rundown, much to Velez's chagrin.

"Maybe sending him wasn't the best idea, but you live and you learn," he said.

Adams was pleased with his team's play and hoped they could continue in the last week of the regular season, as well as the regional playoffs, which are set to begin next week.

"We're going to take it one game at a time," he said of the Raiders' final three regular season games before the regional draw on Wednesday May 12. "They're coming together as a team and we just want to keep building on that."

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Chopticon's Domenic Cristaudo reacts to a strike call during Friday night's baseball game at Chancellor's Run Park. Leonardtown won 5-3.

## Schools Raise \$1,500 for Pink Ribbon Project

By Chris Stevens  
Staff Writer

GREAT MILLS – While athletes, students, staff and administrators from both Chopticon and Leonardtown were active in raising \$1,500 for the Pink Ribbon Project and breast cancer research, it was agreed by both sides that one man was responsible for the great turnout of Friday night's events at Chancellor's Run Park.

"Ray Sapp did a fantastic job organizing this. He was on top of everything," said Leonardtown baseball coach Zach Adams.

"Mr. Sapp has been very helpful in putting this all together," Braves coach Dan Velez added.

For Sapp, the selling of pink t-shirts and softball-baseball doubleheader under the lights at Chancellor's was about much more than just a game.

"I wanted the kids to understand that it's not about the game," the Chopticon athletic director said between the softball and baseball games Friday evening. "It's about life lessons. Cancer affects us all."

Breast cancer hits close to home for Leonardtown centerfielder Hilary Bell, who lost her grandmother to the disease.

"My grandma had breast cancer and it was hard for my mom to be here," Bell admitted after the softball game. "[Tonight] was important because it had a meaning behind it. It was a such a great turnout."

State senator Roy P. Dyson, who was on hand to issue a proclamation to the 1985 Chopticon girls softball state championship team, noted that according to recent studies that one in every eight women will be affected by breast cancer in their lifetime, a sobering statistic for every one on hand.

"The girls heard him say one in eight and they look around there's 10 of them in the dugout," said Raiders softball coach Kimberly Schrader. "It touched them all."

The idea for Friday night's "pink-out" came from Chopticon baseball players Mitchell Seifert and Andrew Mika, after Sapp secured Chancellor's Run for the doubleheader under the lights.

Chopticon began selling pink shirts at \$10 each and Leonardtown followed suit. Velez was thrilled with the crowd in attendance that also helped donate to the cause.

"The size of the crowd was great. I looked and saw faces I've never seen before," he said. "We're fighting to eradicate this disease and find a cure. Like I told our players, it could be your sister, your girlfriend, your mother, grandmother – anybody."

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# Sports

## Five-Run Second Inning Lifts Leonardtown Softball to Sweep Over Chopticon

By Chris Stevens  
Staff Writer

GREAT MILLS – With the closing of the regular season upon them, the Leonardtown softball team wanted to make sure their bats were ready for the regular season stretch run and regional playoffs.

Safe to say with a five-run second inning propelling them to a 7-2 victory over county rival Chopticon, the bats are pretty close to where to where head coach Kimberly Schrader feels they should be.

“That inning was key. We got hits, we moved runners and the bats came out,” said Schrader. “We made the plays we had to make.”

“If you get hits, it pumps everyone up,” said senior centerfielder Hilary Bell, who socked a two-run double off the Braves’ Tiffany Kennedy to open up a 3-0 lead for Leonardtown in the second. “If you can keep it up, you’ll do great.”

Raiders starting pitcher Veronica Peters and Kennedy traded shutout first innings before Sara Overs and Umeka Yates worked walks, with Natalie Dillow throwing a single in between.

Shortstop Monica Peters’ ground ball scored Overs and Bell followed with a double beyond the shallow Braves’ outfield that al-



Photo By Frank Marquart  
Kaitlyn Fernald of Chopticon has a hit drop in front of her during Friday's softball game against Leonardtown.

lowed Yates and Peters to cross home safely.

Kylee Woode and Veronica Peters followed with run-scoring singles that chased Kennedy from the mound. Kelly Sothoron finished the game, striking out 10 batters in 4 1/3 innings of work.

“This was a big game,” said Peters, who struck out 10 in and allowed two runs in a full seven innings of work. “After beating a team twice, it’s harder to beat them a third time.”

It proved to be harder to for the Braves to make a dent in Peters’ armor. Chopticon was able to push two late runs across, an encouraging sign for second-year head coach Kevin Cioppa.

“There’s no better pitcher in this conference than Roni,” Cioppa said. “To do something like that against her is big. It’s a confidence-booster.”

Cioppa is confident that his young team, featuring just three seniors, has yet to play their best ball, which could come when the regional playoffs begin next week.

“One of the things that we talk about is fighting hard in the face of adversity,” Cioppa said of his team’s relative inexperience.

“We want the girls to put it all together, play seven good innings and make it a crescendo. Hopefully, we’ll make a run in the playoffs.”

Schrader hopes the same holds true for the Raiders, who finished the regular season with four games this week.

“It’s very important for them make things happen,” Schrader said. “If we continue playing strong, we will do very well.”

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### ST. MARY'S COUNTY

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

#### Thurs., May 6

##### Men's Over 40 League (all games begin at 6 p.m.)

Seabreeze at Captain Sam's  
Clements vs. Hobos at Back Road Inn  
Tri-County Aire vs. Hole in the Wall at Tippet's Field  
Park Sunoco vs. All Star Utility at Fenwick Field  
Rita B's at Anderson's

##### Men's Slowpitch League

Green Door/Cullison's vs. Pax Bombers at Pax River, 6:30 p.m.  
Back Road Inn vs. VFW2632 at Chancellor's Run, 6:30 p.m.  
Bookkeeping By Blanche vs. American Legion at Ridge American Legion, 6:30 p.m.  
Grid Iron Grill vs. Hi Octane at Knight Life, 6:30 p.m.  
Budweiser vs. Chaney's at The Brass Rail, 6:30 p.m.

#### Fri., May 7

##### Young Men's League

Quade's vs. Flash Point at Anderson's, 6:30 p.m.  
Dew Drop Inn at Captain Sam's

6:30 p.m.

Seabreeze/BRI vs. Cryer's at Back Road Inn, 6:30 p.m.

#### Mon., May 10

##### Women's Over 30 League

Back Road Inn vs. S&J Heating at Anderson's Bar  
Rosebuds at Captain Sam's  
Raley's vs. Hole in the Wall at Tippet's Field  
Hurricanes at Moose Lodge

#### Tues., May 11

##### Young Men's/Slowpitch Interleague

Seabreeze/BRI vs. Grid Iron Grill at Chancellor's Run, 6:30 p.m.  
Flash Point vs. Pax Bombers at Pax River, 6:30 p.m.  
Cryer's vs. Hi Octane at Knight Life, 6:30 p.m.  
Gary Gray Athletics at Back Road Inn, 6:30 p.m.  
American Legion at Captain Sam's, 6:30 p.m.  
Dew Drop Inn vs. Green Door/Cullison's at the Brass Rail, 6:30 p.m.

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