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Departing April 5, 2016

Join us on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber office, for a presentation about this trip.
Call the Chamber to RSVP.
See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.
Annapolis-based Insurance Solutions, an employee benefits specialists firm founded in 1989, has acquired Jon S. Frank and Associates, Inc. of Prince Frederick, MD. With this expansion, Insurance Solutions will provide a greater breadth of expertise, technology, and services to a larger roster of clients.

Brian Goff, President and CEO of Insurance Solutions, says, “This agency merger is a win-win-win. It’s tremendously beneficial to both firms as well as our collective clients. Each company’s mission has always been to help employers successfully navigate the complex and ever-evolving insurance and employee benefits environment. The combined resources of the new organization allows us to expand our capabilities while continuing to provide the outstanding service and innovation that defines us both.”

Insurance Solutions will offer their signature roster of services, including employee benefit plan evaluations, solution development and management; compliance support, wellness programs, employee communication and education resources, and financial analytics and benchmarking services. Insurance Solutions will also maintain their focus on simple, smart solutions that are predicated on cost-effective strategies and high participant engagement.

Additionally, the merger will enable Insurance Solutions to better serve southern Maryland clients with offices in Prince Frederick and an outstanding team of benefit professionals. Most importantly, it brings together two skilled firms that have guided local, regional, and national clients through the complex, changing world of employee benefits. Since failure to keep up with new regulations can cause companies to incur stiff penalties, guidance and resources from Insurance Solutions can provide great value to businesses.

The companies find great synergy in their work together. “We are excited to be joining forces with a well-established firm in the employee benefits arena. Jon S. Frank & Associates is widely known and greatly respected as an innovative, strategic firm that provides excellent service to its clients,” says Goff. Goff adds, “Their roster of long-term clients is a real testament to their work.”

Jon Frank, President of Jon S. Frank and Associates, agrees. “We could not be more pleased to be joining forces with Insurance Solutions. I’ve admired them as colleagues for many years. Insurance Solutions is a well-respected industry leader with the intelligence and resources to meet the challenges ahead. We look forward to adding our skills and expertise to the expanded enterprise.”

Delegate Morgan Requests Your Input

As you may have heard, Governor Larry Hogan established the Regulatory Reform Commission. This commission, consisting of two co-chairmen and currently 10 members, will conduct a comprehensive review of Maryland’s regulatory climate in an effort to identify problems that could potentially impact Maryland’s business environment.

“For years, over-burdensome and out of control regulations were making it impossible for businesses to stay in Maryland,” said Governor Hogan. “We promised a top to bottom review of all state regulations and policies to make sure that Maryland could once again operate under a fair, accountable and balanced regulatory climate. This Commission will look to see what regulations have outlived their usefulness, have failed to accomplish their objectives, or are so poorly written, implemented, or interpreted that they cause much more harm than good.”

According to the Governor’s office, various sectors will be reviewed and analyzed including, but not limited to transportation, environment and land use, health care, business occupations and licensing, banking and financial services, capital formation insurance, labor and employment, agriculture, and tourism.

Delegate Morgan invites business owners, managers or anyone who sees a regulation that is detrimental to the business environment and actually does more harm than good to contact his office by sending a detailed email describing the regulation that needs review. Please include specific details such as the COMAR article and an explanation on how the regulation is applied and how it negatively affects your industry or business. Send an email to matt.morgan@house.state.md.us
The Southern Maryland JobSource has the following training grants available through June of 2016:

**$3,500 On-the-Job Training Employment Initiative**—The objective is to assist businesses to provide training in occupations that meet the needs of the employer. The goal is to place participants in occupations that will enhance their prospects for long-term employment. It is a “hire-first” program in which the employer enters into an agreement with JobSource to hire, train, and retain the individual upon successful completion of the training program. Through this program, businesses may be reimbursed up to 90% of the new employee’s wages while they are in training.

**Industry Driven On-the-Job Training Grants** offers job training grants up to $24,000 (positions must be new, full-time, permanent W-2 positions and cannot be for a government agency, church, gambling agency or for seasonal work.

To learn more, contact your local Business Services Representative: Yvette Turner—Charles County, 301-645-8712, or yturner@tccsmd.org; Barbara DeHenzel—St. Mary’s County, 301-880-2810, or bdehenzel@tccsmd.org; Belinda Denton—Calvert County, 443-550-6759, or bcapuano@tccsmd.org. Additional information is also available on the Chamber’s website: http://smcchamber.com.

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**Save the Date!**

State of the St. Mary’s County Public Schools Luncheon

Thursday, November 19, 2015
Olde Breton Inn, Leonardtown
Doors open 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon served at 12:00 noon

This will be the first opportunity for Superintendent Smith to meet with and speak to our Chamber members and to bring everyone up to date on the school system’s current status and his vision for our students.

Registration form will be in the October newsletter.
Kurt Parsons, CEO of Platform Systems, Inc. has appointed Tonya Garrett Bonnett to the position of Program Manager/Assistant Operations Officer effective immediately.

Mrs. Bonnett will manage the multiple current and future projects, implement business strategies to increase Platform Systems’ business in the arena of aircraft modifications and serve as the Assistant Operations Officer. She will report directly to Kurt Parsons headquartered in Lexington Park, MD.

Mrs. Bonnett has over 15 years’ experience in program and project management including experience in supporting PMA 275, V-22, U.S. Army Headquarters, Army National Guard, Boeing Defense, Durango Pro Focus Flight Training, and other projects of similar scope, size, and complexity.

“We are extremely pleased to have Tonya join our team,” said Mr. Parsons. “The warfighter will benefit immensely due to Tonya’s experience and expertise. I look forward to bringing even greater capability to our customers as we continually improve our processes and grow our team.”

Parsons also announced the appointment of Andrea “Andy” Hilbert to the position of Engineer IV effective immediately.

Mr. Hilbert will use mechanical design work for research, prototype development, and integration into various payloads for aircraft or land based applications. He will report directly to Brandon Hayes, Sr. Engineer/COO headquartered in Lexington Park, MD.

Mr. Hilbert has over 30 years’ experience serving the DON as both a contractor and civil servant. Throughout his career, Andy has worked as a lead mechanical engineer on projects involving a wide variety of designs from lasers to mechanical arms. Andy has years of experience in taking concepts and turning them into finished products and specializes in the development of designs through all phases of documentation, construction and testing of avionics equipment for the P-3C Orion, C-130 cargo aircraft, and mid-sized UAV systems.

Mr. Parsons commented, “We are excited to have Andy join our team. With his experience and knowledge, he will add immensely to our capabilities and directly contribute to the war fighter.”

Platform Systems, Inc. Announces Two New Appointments

Free Document Shredding Event This Month

You Get It – We Shred It! It is time to clean out your file cabinets, closets and desks and get rid of confidential, private, and important personal documents you no longer need to keep.

Community shredding events help protect individuals from identity theft and consumer fraud which are becoming an epidemic in our communities.

To raise awareness and to promote prevention, the St. Mary’s County Department of Public Works & Transportation will host its first community Document Shredding Event at the St. Andrew’s Landfill on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

This community event will provide residents with the opportunity to have their confidential, private, and important documents destroyed by a professional shredding service at no cost. The truck from East Coast Shredding is capable of holding 9,000 pounds of paper. All paper material shredded during the event will be recycled.

Citizens are asked to not bring materials which are not confidential in nature, such as newspapers and magazines as they will cause the truck to fill up more quickly. Please try to limit the number of boxes you bring to 2 standard bankers’ boxes (10”H x 12”W x 15”D) per person so as many residents as possible can be served. It is hoped between 230-255 individuals bring material to the event.

For more information please contact the St. Mary’s Department of Public Works and Transportation at 301-863-8400. For more information on recycling programs, log on to our website at http://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/
St. Mary’s Ryken High School junior Nicole Hedspeth’s understanding of the vast career opportunities for women engineers grew exponentially—as did her excitement for her future—during the week-long “Engineer Like a Girl” program at the College of Southern Maryland’s Leonardtown Campus. This was the exact outcome that CSM Pre-Engineering Coordinator Shadei Jones was striving for when she began developing the program last fall.

According to the American Society for Engineering Education, women make up only 20 percent of engineers. Part of the problem is the lack of understanding of what it is that engineers do and the types of jobs they can have. To help increase understanding of engineering among middle and high school girls in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s counties, the College of Southern Maryland offered a free week-long camp in July for girls to learn about careers in the field of engineering.

“The aim of “Engineer Like a Girl” is to create awareness and familiarize high school girls in Southern Maryland with career opportunities in the field of engineering. There are negative stereotypes associated with women’s ability to pursue careers in science and we wanted to replace those with positive images of exciting jobs and opportunities for female engineers,” said Jones who has a degree in manufacturing engineering.

Hedspeth, of Lexington Park, and nine other girls participated in workshops, hands-on activities and projects in a wide range of engineering disciplines. The week’s activities included building their own cell phone detector with the help of CSM alumna Jehnae Linkins, a biomedical engineering PhD candidate at the University of Delaware. They attended a career workshop with CSM Career Coordinator/Academic Advisor Tamara Cherry-Clark and a lecture on the power of self-confidence, “You v. You,” by Antoinette Jackson of Heart of Appreciation.

“It is extremely important for young women to have healthy minds and good attitudes toward life and to know they have the same options as men,” said CSM Vice President of Advancement Michelle Goodwin in an email responding to Hines. “The country needs more women scientists, math teachers, engineers and cybersecurity experts.”

The week of activities, funded by the CSM Foundation and Exelon, included a trip to NAVAIR at Patuxent River Naval Air Station to give the opportunity to visualize the workplace of female engineers. The participants also heard from Dr. David John Barrett, the director of engineering education and research partnerships at Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD), who provided details on the Southern Maryland Pathways Program in Engineering, a partnership between CSM, the University of Maryland (UMD) A. James Clark School of Engineering, the U.S. Navy and the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center (SMHEC) in St. Mary’s County. The partnership, for students interested in mechanical and electrical engineering, provides a seamless transfer to UMD, Navy scholarship and internship opportunities, and a job at the completion of the program.

“[Engineer Like a Girl] really opened my eyes to more things you can do with math and science,” said Mariah Goldring of Prince Frederick, an eighth-grader at Calvert Middle School and one of three middle school students participating. “It’s nice to see that the program has had an impact. Girls should be as confident about entering the field of engineering as boys,” Jones said.

For information on the Southern Maryland Pathways Program in Engineering, visit http://www.csmd.edu/stem/events_internship.html. For information on CSM, visit www.csmd.edu.
Community Bank Of The Chesapeake Supports Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association With "Casual For A Cause" Donation

Community Bank of the Chesapeake is proud to support fire and emergency medical services throughout Southern Maryland with a donation of funds from its "Casual for a Cause" program. Casual for a Cause is an annual initiative created by Community Bank to support local organizations while allowing employees to dress casually for the summer months. This year, the bank donated over $5,000 to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association, a nonprofit group that oversees the organization of fire and rescue companies throughout Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

"The Casual for a Cause program is a tradition among our employees that embodies our core value of elevating the communities we serve," said Bill Pasenelli, President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Bank of the Chesapeake. "Over the past eleven years, we have supported many nonprofits in Southern Maryland and Virginia. This year, we acknowledge in a special way the hard work and dedication of our local fire and emergency rescue personnel. These organizations are an essential part of our community, and we are proud to play a small part in helping them continue to make a difference."

Representatives from Community Bank presented the donation check to the organization during a Firemen's Association meeting in late July. Fire and rescue officers in attendance approved a motion to use the funds to support equipment and facility upgrades for the Southern Maryland Regional Fire Rescue Training Center, located in La Plata.

Community Bank employees participate in Casual for a Cause by making a donation that entitles them to "casual dress" from May 1 through Labor Day. This year, contributions to Casual for a Cause totaled $6,500. In addition to the Firemen's Association, the bank will also donate to Empowerhouse, a women's shelter in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association was founded in 1947 and consists of over thirty member fire and rescue companies. The organization was originally founded to organize the regional fire service in an effort to improve fire insurance rates, promote a kindly spirit among its members and strive to improve the service to the community.

Operation Warrior Refuge Presents
Legends of Freedom
Friday, September 11th
Event starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Legends Club,
Regency Furniture Stadium
$30.00, includes food, two free drinks and a ticket to the Blue Crabs game.
Performance by “Drivin Muzzy”
Fundraiser and mixer with a silent auction for OWR!
All proceeds go to OWR to help provide Equine Assisted Therapy for veterans suffering from PTSD.
And yes, there will be fireworks! For more information call 240-455-0131
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Craig Smith, Angel Systems
Amy Thompson, Lola Belle Co.
Karen Turner, Maryland DORS
Viki Volk, LexLeader.NET

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Carl Cioffi, Amsoil—Independent Sales
This Month’s Calendar of Events

Monday, September 7
Labor Day--Chamber Office closed

Sunday, September 20
A Taste of St. Mary’s, 12:00-4:30 p.m.
On the Square in Historic Leonardtown

Tuesday, September 22
“Imperial Splendors” Trip Preview Meeting
7:00 p.m., Chamber Office

Wednesday, September 23
Business After Hours, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Hosted by North End Gallery

A Look Ahead at Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 6
State of the County Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Reservation flyer in this newsletter

Wednesday, October 28
Business After Hours
Hosted by The Ruddy Duck Seafood & Alehouse

Don’t Miss Another Chamber Event!

You may arrange to receive Chamber emails in any or all of the following categories: “Chamber Events & Programs,” “Governmental Affairs Information,” and “Chamber Newsletter.” Contact the Chamber office to sign up.

YOU CONTROL the e-info you receive. You choose the category or categories. The Chamber does not share member email addresses with anyone outside of our organization.

Please note that you MUST sign up for each category individually!
If your email address changes, please notify us so that we may correct our email lists. Thank you!
Annmarei Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons is excited to announce the dates of a September family tradition. Artsfest has been held the third weekend each September for the past 20 years, in recognition of the Garden’s namesake, Annmarie.

Mark your calendar for the 22nd Annual Artsfest Fine Arts Festival taking place at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center on September 19 & 20, in Solomons, Maryland! Artsfest 15 is a family fun weekend of fine art shopping, live music, delicious food & drink, wine & beer, free children’s activities, and more – all set amidst the lovely trees and artwork of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center on Dowell Road! This year the juried process yielded more than 160 finalist from more than 220 applicants. The artist booths will be placed along the Tent Circle, Wooded Path, and inside the Murray Arts Building. More than 25 musicians including jazz, rock, folk, blues, and country, will perform on the Main Stage tent and at the Council Ring. There will also be several strolling performers entertaining everyone. Kids will enjoy all the activities inside the Discovery Tent and Zany Zone - and creative free-play in Fairy Lolly, the Studio School, and the Children’s Garden. Everyone will enjoy this anniversary celebration of the visual, performing, and creative arts!

**Enrollment Exceeds Independent School’s First Year Goals**

Mother Catherine Academy, the only independent Catholic school serving southern Maryland, will open its doors this school year to the largest number of students to enroll at the Helen campus in five years. The Academy will open Aug. 26 on the same site as Mother Catherine Spalding School, an archdiocesan school that closed last year. The Academy’s faculty, administration, parents and 15 member board of trustees, the independent governing body that operates the school, have reinvigorated the school community with fresh engagement, enthusiasm and innovative ideas.

“Mother Catherine Academy provides the families of Southern Maryland another choice when it comes to educating their primary school age students,” said Tom Cavanaugh, president of the school’s board of trustees. “High academic standards, small classes with individualized attention, excellent teachers, education for the whole child, a community of parents who actively participate in their children’s education and, most importantly, a school which incorporates Christian values into its very core form the foundation upon which the Academy will launch an upward spiral of continual improvement.”

Some of the more popular changes introduced this year include a multichild tuition rate that caps costs for large families, an expanded STEM program, enhancements to the outdoor agriculture lab, and a renewed focus on basic skills such as public speaking. In addition to these innovations, the Academy has retained the best teachers from the former school and hired several new, highly regarded teachers. The school aims to improve upon its predecessor’s already impressive number 4 rank in math across all Archdiocesan schools while adding plans for a Junior Great Books reading program and continuing its afterschool computer programming club.

In a demonstration of their support for Catholic education, the Knights of Columbus will raise the US flag before leading the students in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance on opening day. The flag was generously donated by State Senator Steve Waugh. The community will pray The Rosary before the official ribbon cutting ceremony that will mark the opening of the new school. The ceremony will begin at 8 am.

"The Knights' support for Catholic education has been tremendous,” said Marcos Lindekugel, a member of the MCA board of trustees. "It is fitting that they play a major role on this milestone day.” The St. Mary’s Council #1470 of the Knights of Columbus created a fiscal sponsor agreement with MCA, allowing individuals and corporations to make tax exempt donations to the school through the Knights while the school awaits federal tax exempt approval. The agreement has yielded several thousand dollars in tax exempt donations each month. Donations should be written to KOC #1470 CharitiesMCA to ensure tax exemption this year.

The Academy continues its open enrollment program, and school tours are available by appointment. An open house is scheduled for Sept. 20 from 1 to 3 pm. For more information or to schedule a tour, interested families can call the school office at 301 884.3165 or visit http://mothercatherine.org.
The Academy of Finance at Chopticon High School receives $10,000 MassMutual Grant

The Academy of Finance at Chopticon High School has received a $10,000 grant from Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) as part of MassMutual’s national Community Service Award (CSA) program. The Academy of Finance is one of only sixteen organizations nationally to receive an award. MassMutual made the grant on behalf of the volunteer efforts of Chris King who is affiliated with the firm of Raley, Watts & O’Neill located in California, Maryland. Chris is a MassMutual agent contracted through Thompson Financial Group, its agency in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

“MassMutual’s Community Service Awards program aims to encourage and recognize those financial professionals who are active members of their community,” said Nick Fyntrilakis, Vice President of Community Responsibility, MassMutual. “Chris’s volunteer work reflects MassMutual’s steadfast commitment to supporting organizations in the communities where our financial professionals live and work.”

The mission of the Academy of Finance is to provide high school graduates with the financial literacy skills and competencies needed to successfully manage personal and business finances in a global economy, secure employment in the financial industry, and/or pursue the study of finance at a post-secondary school.

The organization’s greatest need is providing "real world" experiences for the students. The CSA grant would be used to support a trip to New York City’s financial district and other, smaller, more local trips and/or projects that would afford students authentic work-based learning experiences. “The Academy of Finance at Chopticon High School offers students authentic experiences in understanding financial literacy. We are so thankful for the partnerships that enhance these opportunities for our students.” says J. Scott Smith, Superintendent.

Chris has been with MassMutual for eight years. He has been committed to The Academy of Finance since 2008 and has dedicated countless hours of time and talent to help the organization grow and flourish.

“I am very pleased that my dedication to the Academy of Finance has been recognized by MassMutual,” said Chris. “This grant will provide much needed funding to continue supporting our community by developing groups of youthful skilled leaders who will continue along the track of success and be empowered to carry a legacy of paying it forward.”

What’s Going On at Your Business?

Have you hired a new executive, received an award, won a major new contract? Are you planning a special event? Let us know and we'll publish your news in the Member’s Press section!

Send press releases and photos to donna@smcchamber.com by the 15th of the month prior to publication.
From left; County Commissioner Mike Hewitt; Ed St. John, St. John’s Properties Chairman; Scott Cohen, R/C Theaters President; County Commissioner Todd Morgan

St. Mary’s County Library Names Acting Director
Mary Anne Bowman to lead library until new director is selected

The St. Mary’s County Board of Library Trustees has appointed current Library Deputy Director, Mary Anne Bowman, as Acting Director of the St. Mary’s County Library effective September 5, 2015. Ms. Bowman will serve until a permanent Director is selected. The Library Board has selected the search firm Bradbury Associates/Gossage Sager Associates to assist with the search for its the next Director.

Ms. Bowman began her career at the St. Mary’s County Library in 1998 as a Reference Supervisor at the Charlotte Hall branch. She has held numerous positions within the organization, including acting as a Reference Coordinator, Electronic Services Coordinator, Branch Manager of Charlotte Hall and Lexington Park branches and Staff Development Coordinator. Ms. Bowman was appointed Deputy Director in 2014.

Ms. Bowman will step in as Acting Director immediately following the retirement of Kathleen Reif on September 4. Ms. Reif has served as St. Mary’s County Library Director since 2003.
It seems like so long ago that you could expect great service from your bank...and get it. But in this quantity-over-quality world, most people have given up on expecting more. That's really what makes Community Bank so special. Here, banking starts with a relationship. So don't hesitate to expect more here. We'll be glad to deliver.

Lighthouse lovers – we invite you to take the challenge and visit ten lighthouses in two days! Plans are underway for the 10th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge on September 19 and 20 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Go to www.cheslights.org for directions and complete details.

Visit Maryland’s historic lighthouses at some of the most beautiful spots in the state and see Concord Point, Seven Foot Knoll, Lightship Chesapeake, Hooper Strait, Choptank River Replica, Drum Point, Cove Point, Piney Point, Point Lookout and Fort Washington Lighthouses.

This driving tour includes seeing two of these jewels in Solomons Island. Upon arriving at the Drum Point Lighthouse, visit the Museum Store with lots of new lighthouse items including a custom box of notecards, pins, patches, and ornaments. Hop on a shuttle bus to the Cove Point Lighthouse, located just 5 miles north - 3500 Lighthouse Boulevard. Parking is limited at Cove Point and available for handicapped guests only.

Challengers receive a complimentary souvenir at each location. Visit all ten lighthouses and proclaim “you’ve seen the lights!” and receive a “special” souvenir.

For more information about the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge, contact Karen Rosage at 410-437-0741 or email challenge@chesligths.org.
St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation recently awarded seven St. Mary’s County high-school graduates scholarships to pursue education in the healthcare field. The students were recognized during a reception held July 28 in the Outpatient Pavilion at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital (MSMH).

The students selected to receive scholarships, their intended majors and colleges are:

- Madeleine Beaulieu of Callaway, Biochemistry/Pharmacy, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- Brittany Carr of Mechanicsville, Bachelors of Nursing, Towson University
- Breanna Chagnon of Charlotte Hall, Radiology Technician (Associates)
- Shanice Cooper of Lexington Park, Bachelors of Nursing, Towson University
- Sharon Kerwin of Leonardtown, Bachelors of Nursing, Salisbury University
- Kasey Long of Avenue, Bachelors of Nursing, Towson University
- Cassandra Oliver of Hollywood, Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Science/Master of Science, Misericordia University

The Foundation has been presenting scholarships to area graduates since 2001. This year’s scholarships totaled $123,000. Funds for the scholarships are raised through the Foundation’s annual Gala held each November. This year’s gala will be held Nov. 20 at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department’s Social Hall. More than 100 individuals have received funds through the program and many former recipients are currently employees of MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital. “The Foundation is thrilled to be awarding these amazing students scholarships to help begin their healthcare careers,” said Cindy Greb, a St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation Board Member and Chair of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee. “We believe supporting these students in their careers is not only beneficial to them, but also to our community.”

St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation was formed in 1975 and serves as the hospital’s philanthropic arm. The Foundation works to generate, administer and manage gifts, grants, bequests and trusts to further enhance MSMH’s excellence as a provider of comprehensive health care services, quality medical care and clinical research. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of trustees with elected officers comprised of a cross-section of area businesses, community and medical leadership.

“We are excited to watch these young people grow during their college years and look forward to welcoming them back to the community after they graduate,” said Greb.

**Hospital Outpatient Lab Services Relocated to Outpatient Pavilion**

Patients who arrive at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital for outpatient lab work will now report to the Outpatient Pavilion on campus instead of the current laboratory located in the main hospital.

A private registration office for the Outpatient Pavilion Laboratory Center is located on the ground floor of the Pavilion adjacent to the Imaging Suite, with a lab draw area on the second floor across from the elevators. Appointments are not necessary for general blood testing, however, an appointment is required for glucose tolerance tests, semen analysis and DNA testing.

For LabCorp and Quest Diagnostics services, patients may visit the hospital’s three satellite laboratory locations throughout the county: the St. Mary’s Medical Center in Charlotte Hall, the Chesapeake Charter School in Great Mills, or the Belmont Building in Leonardtown.

Outpatient Pavilion Laboratory Center hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, visit MedStarStMarys.org or call 301-475-6133 or 240-434-7497.
Chaney Enterprises Holds Ribbon Cutting, July 21, 2015, to Reopen Their Site in Loveville

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