

Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

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Former Morningsider featured in "The 5th Quarter" dies

Casey Towers grew up on Larkspur Road in Morningside, the daughter of Charles and Constance Towers. Eventually she gave birth to two children, developed heart problems and had a heart transplant. On Oct. 13 she died, eight days before her 26th birthday.

In 2006 Casey had the heart transplant. Four years later she learned the heart came from 15-year-old Luke Abbate, a high school athlete and the younger brother of Jon Abbate, a star linebacker for Wake Forest University. Luke had died in a car crash after accepting a ride from a friend. In 2010 a movie, "The 5th Quarter," starring Aidan Quinn and Andie MacDowell, was made about the accident and the transplant.

I learned about Casey's untimely death from her Morningside friend Tina Nichols. On Oct. 20 Casey's viewing and funeral were at Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, with burial at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf.

Dr. Mudd's last grandchild turns 100

Marie Carmelite Summers was born Sept. 28, 1911, the seventh of the nine children of Samuel Alexander Mudd, Jr., and his wife Claudine Louise Burch. She grew up in the family home, which is now the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum in Waldorf. In 1934 she married George Mace Summers, who died in 1972.

Carmelite's five children, her grandchildren and other relatives (including me), members of the Dr. Mudd House Museum and friends gathered in the Chesapeake Dining Room at Collington Life Care in Mitchellville to celebrate her 100th birthday. Her children

reflected on her years of working as one of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI secretaries, as a town clerk in Cheverly, and on her years as a volunteer.

In the 1960s she started volunteering at Prince George's Hospital. After retiring from Cheverly, she donated her full time there, five days a week, six hours a day. She gave the Hospital 40 years—20,000 hours—of service, and has been honored as Volunteer of the Year.

She drove to work until she was 92 when her children convinced her to take the bus, which she did for at least three more years. She once said, "I don't like to have a day that is just a zero."

She lives at Collington and is the last surviving grandchild of Dr. Samuel Mudd who was sentenced to life in prison after setting the leg of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln.

Imagine Andrews opens

Not only does Morningside have the new Imagine Morningside Charter School, but, about a mile away, Joint Base Andrews has Imagine Andrews Charter School. On Oct. 6 school and base officials celebrated its grand opening.

Marquis Dwart is the principal. The student population consists of 65% on-base students and 35% from other parts of Prince George's County. About 260 attend kindergarten through 4th grade and the school will grow to grade 8, with a maximum of 500 students. It is the first school on the base since a public school there closed in 1979.

May they rest in peace

Frances Jeannette Fitzgerald, 89, a member for 56 years and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9619, died Oct. 4 in Salisbury. She

was born in Washington and graduated in 1940 from Anacostia High School where she won a Corcoran School of Art scholarship. She worked for the Army Corps of Engineers during the construction of Washington National Airport, then transferred to the War Department, and in later years was a legal secretary. She was past president of the Southern Maryland Art League. Her husband Wilfred "Woody" Fitzgerald died in 1966. Survivors include three children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Burial will be Nov. 8 at Arlington.

Mildred C. Brennan, 91, member of Corkran Memorial Methodist Church for 50 years and Sunday School teacher for 40 years, died Sept. 13 at her daughter's home in Martinsburg, W.V. She was born and grew up in Washington and lived for many years in Fort Washington. Survivors include two daughters and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Larry Lee Lobaugh, 67, who grew up in Marlow Heights and graduated from Suitland High School, died Sept. 23. He served in the Air Force from 1963 to 1967, and initiated and managed Century Office Services, Inc. from 1980 to 2011. He is survived by his high school sweetheart Diane Lynn Weighton Lobaugh, two daughters, six grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Catherine Alvis and Christina Ramsey Eckloff, Oct. 22; Mary Flood Dawes and Jane Wright, Oct. 23; Daniel John Fitzgerald and Anna Norris, Oct. 24; Donna Anderson and my granddaughter Kathryn Shearer, Oct. 25; Orva Heissenbittel, Juanita Starke and Christopher Flaherty, Oct. 27.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

FUN NIGHTS ARE BACK

Fun Nights are back every first Friday of the month at Greater Works International Church Youth Center. Activities include games, Bible Teaching, food and fun. The location is 8329 Old Marlboro Pike, #A11 Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. The time is from 7:30-10:00 PM.

BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

The Black College Expo will be coming to University of Maryland College Park in the Reckord Armory Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All students welcome. The Black College Expo helping students across America get to College, Careers and beyond. Students will meet with colleges, live band Auditions for Scholarships. Most application fees waived. Get accepted on the spot and find out about internships. Admission is \$10 at the door, \$8.00 online *Special Group Rates. There will be an After Show from 3:00 to 5:00 PM hosted by Actor/Comedian Kel Mitchell. Visit www.thecollege-expo.org or call 877-427-4100.

SEAFOOD DINNER

Christ United Methodist Men, Pastor Daryl Williams will sponsor a Seafood Dinner on Saturday, November 5, 2011 beginning at 11:00 AM. The Seafood Dinners will include Bone Fish Dinner \$10.00, Fillet Fish Dinner \$10.00, Crab Cake Dinner \$14.00, Combination Dinner \$16.00, Fish Sandwich cost \$6.00 and Crab Cake Sandwich cost \$7.00. All diners come with a green

Vegetable, Potato Salad, Sweet Potatoes, Bread and Cake.

The church is located at 22919 Christ Church Road Aquasco, Maryland 20608. Please call (301) 888-1316 on November 5 to place your order. Chairpersons are Rickey Hawkins, Billy Stewart and Ronald Banks.

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET

Start cleaning your closets, garage and basement for the Community Flea Market on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Reserve your table today. The cost is \$15.00 for residents and \$18.00 for non-residents (non-refundable). The Community Flea Market will be at Baden Community Center. The address is 13601 Baden-Westwood Road, Brandywine, MD 20613 (located 7 minutes south of Brandywine Elementary School). Telephone number is 301-888-1500 and TTY 301-203-6030.

SUNDAY CASINO

It's time again for some Sunday Casino Fun along with a Sunday Buffet Meal to Harrington-Midway Raceway and Casino in Harrington Delaware on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Bus leaves Park-N-Ride, Clinton MD 10:30 AM and St. Philip's Church at 11:00 AM. The Bus returns at approximately 7:00 PM.

Fun package includes a \$15.00 rebate plus a full buffet meal. There will be absolutely no refunds. Benefit: St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish. Point of contacts are Doretha Savoy

(301) 372-6173, Ernest Douglas (301) 888-1937, Alexander Douglas (301) 579-6635 and Shirley Cleaves (302) 690-4260.

HOYER STATEMENT

FIFTH DISTRICT, MD – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement after Governor Martin O'Malley signed into law the congressional redistricting map for Maryland:

"This afternoon, Governor O'Malley signed into law Maryland's Congressional redistricting map after it was approved by the General Assembly. I am pleased that the new Congressional map does not make drastic changes to the Fifth District, which I have been proud to represent. I want to thank all parties involved in this process for their hard work. In the coming months, I hope to have the opportunity to meet and welcome the new residents to the Fifth District and look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties."

Bowie State Hosts Food Day Symposium

Understanding linkages between diet and disease will be the focus of a Food Day Symposium sponsored by Bowie State University (BSU) on Oct. 24 to help students and local residents learn important elements of healthy eating. The event, to be held in room 102 of the Center for Learning and Technology, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., will also feature a live demonstration of healthy cooking techniques.

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Legislative Update

Congresswoman Edwards' Statement on COLA Increase for Social Security Beneficiaries

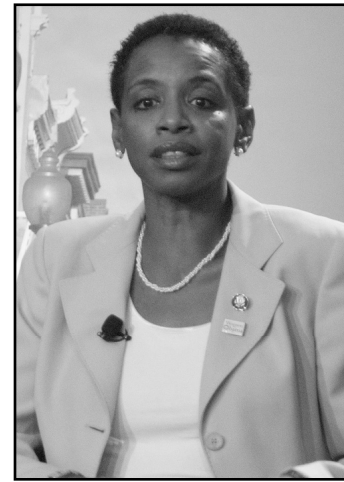
Washington, D.C. – The Social Security Administration announced today that in January, 2012, Social Security beneficiaries will experience their first Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increase in three years. The 3.6 percent COLA is an effort to help beneficiaries meet rising consumer prices. Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-04) released the following statement regarding the announcement.

"For the 850,361 Marylanders and the 55 million across the country who rely on Social Security, this COLA could not come at a better time. Seniors and the disabled are struggling to make ends meet, seeing their wallets stretched thinly over the last two years by the rising cost of food, housing,

and prescription drugs. At the same time, they have watched their savings evaporate. We owe it to America's seniors to protect this decades-old promise and ensure their dignity in retirement and disability. I urge my Republican colleagues in the House to respect this social contract we have with our seniors and not bring to the Floor legislation that would freeze much-needed COLA increases.

Congresswoman Edwards' Statement on Passage of Redistricting Plan in Maryland House of Delegates

The redistricting plan passed in the Maryland House today is not the best approach for minority voters or for all Marylanders. Nonetheless, the legislative process in the General Assembly has run its course. I thank all of the citi-



zens, elected officials and advocates who made their concerns heard over the past two weeks. Our country and the state of Maryland face pressing challenges that must be matched by thoughtful and authentic leadership from and on behalf of all communities. I look forward to continuing to represent the people of the 4th Congressional District."

Join us for an Open House near you!



The Federal Transit Administration has approved entry into the Preliminary Engineering phase for the Purple Line Project! The Purple Line is a proposed 16-mile light rail line from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. The goal is to provide faster, more reliable transit service and better connections to Metro and key activity centers. As a result of this important approval, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) will hold a series of Open Houses on the Purple Line. Come out and learn how the project could benefit you and your community!

Choose a meeting to attend to find out more on:

- Benefits of the Purple Line Project
- Status of the project
- Light rail systems and stations
- What is next for the project

OPEN HOUSE DATES AND LOCATIONS

All meetings are from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

University of Maryland
Adele H. Stamp Student Union –
Prince George's Room
College Park, MD 20742

Monday, November 7, 2011

Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Place
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

National 4-H Youth
Conference Center
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Beacon Heights
Elementary School
6929 Furman Parkway
Riverdale, MD 20737

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