

Town celebrates recovery with bed races

La Plata, MD - April 28 marks the 17th anniversary of an early evening tornado that clobbered the Town of La Plata, the county seat of Charles County. Five people died and damage was estimated in the millions. Today, La Plata enjoys a high quality of life and economic growth. Citizens of all ages gathered at the La Plata Town Hall Saturday, April 27 to Celebrate La Plata. The event included crafts, food, a moon bounce and live entertainment. In addition to the Uncle Devin Musical Experience, the crowd enjoyed the rock renderings of Flippin' Eyelids, a band of young brothers who have been playing a lot of different venues in Southern Maryland and Virginia's Northern Neck.

The day's biggest attraction was the annual Bed Races. Fifteen teams of four vied for the championship trophy. The 2019 champion is the team representing Catherine Foundation. Finishing a close second was Sherrie's Angels.

Other awards were presented to The Spacey Librarians from the Charles County Public Library for Best Decorated Bed and We Make Kids Smile Superheroes for best-dressed team. The "Golden Bed Pan" was presented to Chick-fil-A La Plata and Friends for being the slowest team in the competitions (the Chick fil-A cow's decision to take a nap on the bed while teammates struggled push the bed to the finish line cinched it).

"What a beautiful day," exclaimed La Plata Mayor Jeannine James. "Win, lose or draw, thanks for coming out!"