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Navy Pollution Study at PAX to Go Public 2021

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Navy has been searching for substances such as polyfluoroalkyls (PFAS), chemicals used in fire-suppressing foams, on Patuxent River Naval Air Station and Webster Field Annex in St. Inigoes for at least the past five years, including most notably a publicly advertised study that started earlier this year.

But those findings won't be available to the public until next year, an official working on the base told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week.

David Steckler, the project manager for NAVFAC in Washington, D.C., said their initial findings found two areas of interest (AOI) at Webster Field and 16 at Pax River NAS.

"We detected PFAS in environmental media on the areas of interest," Steckler said. "I don't want to get into specific concentrations right now but the data is under review."

Steckler said the site reports, which were compiled this year over several months, would go to "regulatory partners" in March and be distributed to the public by July.

The first report would only in-

clude data on three AOIs, according to his presentation.

Fire-suppressing foams are regarded as life-saving technology by the Navy, but the PFAS present in them have been identified as having possible deleterious effects on human health, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

PFAS have been in use since the 1940s and are found in many industrial and commercial products, including food packaging, numerous household products and amenities and in certain workplaces.

The chemicals are pervasive in the environment, according to the EPA, and do not break down once in the human body where they continue to accumulate.

Steckler's presentation showed that testing in the St. Mary's River found PFAS in the surface water at "very low levels" but was not detected in sampled oyster tissue.

An open house held in February at the Lexington Park Library about the Navy's efforts to investigate PFAS contamination on military properties drew large crowds of residents concerned of wider community spread of the chemical.

Elected officials said residents were looking for answers now.



Navy firefighters at NAS Key West during a training exercise using foam.

"There's quite a number of people concerned about the PFAS contamination levels throughout the county," said Commissioner Todd Morgan Dec. 8 in a regular joint meeting with base officials. "They're edgy in some parts of the county,

particularly the watermen."

Steckler said the cycle of investigation and reporting took a significant amount of time but that the program was working to "fast track" as much of the data as possible.

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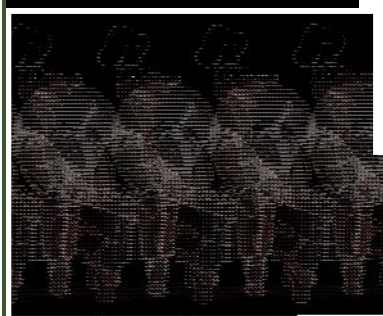
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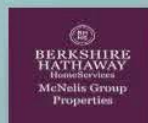
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Donations Sought for Annual Turkey Dinner Drive

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For 37 years Mike Schwartz, the owner of Mike's Bikes on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, has organized and led an annual food drive to provide a turkey dinner plus trimmings to almost 2,000 St. Mary's families in need during Christmas time.

This year it almost came to a halt, but Schwartz was able to find a way.

"I've had severe problems getting turkeys," Schwartz told The County Times this week. "Wal-Mart wouldn't take my order this year.

"They wanted me to buy gift cards; I've worked with them for 15 years and spent about \$500,000 in that store."

Working with Commissioner Todd Morgan, Schwartz was able to get 500 turkeys from local McKay Food Stores, he said.

"I'll only be able to get 500 turkeys out this year," Schwartz said. "I'm in really bad need of donations; donations are way down."

Schwartz plans to donate the turkeys he has available on Dec. 14 at the Great Mill High School parking lot at 4p.m.

COVID-19 has affected everything to do with the annual turkey drive, Schwartz said, including limiting what

is available for him to donate to needy families.

In a normal year he would have enough money to purchase between 1,500 to 2,000 turkeys and include potatoes and canned goods with each package.

Not so this year.

"I'll just be doing turkeys this year, no canned goods," Schwartz said. "I think we did 2,400 turkeys at the height of the recession."

Morgan, speaking at the Dec. 8 commissioners meeting, implored residents to come to Schwartz's aid.

"Gift cards don't put food on people's tables; Mike ran into a wall," Morgan said. "So if you have it in your hearts, if you have it in your soul... stop in and see Schwartz, he'll take your money.

"We've got to raise the money; please help Schwartz out."

Schwartz said he has continued the food drive despite growing obstacles to its successful conclusion each year.

"I've been doing this since 1983," Schwartz said. "Plus, everybody knows I'm a little crazy.

"I just thought it would be nice to give everybody a turkey dinner at Christmas."

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Driving in St. Mary's is Dangerous

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Data released by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) in November showed that St. Mary's County drivers had a higher rate of seat belt usage than the rest of the state – 91 percent versus 90.4 percent – but the same data revealed that an average of 14 people a year die in vehicle collisions here.

For 2015 and 2016, there were 12 fatal crashes in St. Mary's followed by a spike of 19 fatalities in 2017.

For 2018 and 2019 there were 14 and 15 fatalities in crashes, respectively the data showed.

But fatal crashes were a small fraction of the crashes overall in St. Mary's, just eight-tenths of a percent.

The five-year average tabulated by MDOT shows there are 1,649 total crashes in St. Mary's, the vast majority, 1,043 are property damage crashes but 593 involve some sort of injury.

Many of those crashes involving injuries have multiple injuries, the

data shows, with 914 people being injured in 599 crashes in 2019 alone.

In neighboring Calvert County, the fatalities from crashes are much lower at an average of nine deaths a year in crashes

Lt. Krystle Rossignol, commander of the Maryland State Police barracks in Leonardtown, said crash and fatality numbers here are lower than many other counties in the state but numbers only tell part of the story.

"Distracted driving is huge," Rossignol said. "Distracted driving is a big component of crashes."

Aside from distracted driving here, she said, speeding is also commonplace as is drunken or otherwise impaired driving.

Rossignol said the instances of crashes that involved drunk or impaired drivers in St. Mary's were "high."

"Overall, drivers are trying to abide by the laws," Rossignol said. "But we do have a lot of traffic stops trying to change people's behavior."

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Thousands in Southern Maryland pay for dentistry they never get done!

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK
Research Reporter

Statistically about 50% of the local population have dental insurance. Of that percentage only 50% of them properly use the dental benefits they are paying for. Most of them have no idea what benefits they have and how easy it is to lose them. To make the most of their dental benefits the consumer needs to understand how dental insurance works.

Dental insurance plans can be confusing. There are several components to a dental insurance plan. First there is the monthly premium that must be paid by the consumer, or in some cases their employer. There is the discount that is applied to all the dental codes that the insurance company negotiates with the dental offices. These discounts only effect "in-network" dentists and usually average about 30% off the usual and customary rate that a person without insurance would pay. Then there is the annual maximum. This is the amount that the insurance company is willing to pay on the insured's behalf per year. This typically ranges between \$1000 and \$3000 depending on the plan and how much the premium is per month.

While it certainly is a benefit to the consumer to have the lower fees that are negotiated on their behalf between the insurance company and the dental practices that are in-network, this discount doesn't make the cost of the annual fees worth the value. Those who have a healthy smile, would

likely never use the restorative benefit or at least not much of it. In other words, a 30% discount on something not being used or purchased doesn't hold any value.

Most of the insurance plans pick up the entire or at least most of the insured consumers' preventative maintenance. This is usually the procedures that are recommended to be done twice per year by your hygienist. This may include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, exam, and the like. The insurance company would have you believe they are the hero for paying for these visits, but in fact, the consumer paid for them. They just allowed the consumer to spread the payments out throughout the year in monthly payments or weekly deductions from their payroll. Insured individuals that don't take advantage of their preventative visits by seeing their hygienist twice a year are literally throwing their money away. It would be the equivalent of paying for two nights in an upscale hotel in DC but never showing up for the stay! Who would do that? These dental visits are of equivalent value; but yet 25% of the insured public throws these visits they paid for away.

Regular preventative maintenance visits drastically reduce the likelihood of major restorative procedures in the future. It is a known fact that preventative dental care not only saves the integrity of the smile but it truly saves the patient from high cost restorative care in the future.

The dental insurance company wins when the patient waits to go to the dentist. Those

who pay for dental insurance every year but never go to the dentist are writing a free check to the insurance company. The insurance companies are keeping the money they've earmarked for preventative care as well as the entire annual maximum for those patients. Putting off dentistry until it hurts could easily escalate to \$5000 worth of treatment or much more in one year. The dental insurance company will only contribute \$1500 because that is the average maximum on any given plan which leaves the out-of-pocket due at \$3500 for the insured individual in this example. Whereas, had they gone to the dentist every year and had the work done as needed over the course of four years, their out-of-pocket may have been zero, as the \$1500 per year (\$1500 x 4 years = \$6000) would have covered \$6000 over the four year period.

But the insurance companies do not let annual maximums roll over. They have a strict use it or you lose it policy. One would think that the insured consumer would be able to accrue his or her benefits since they literally paid for them and did not use them. Not the case; leftover benefits become pure profit for the insurance companies. The insurance companies are in business to make money, not to save smiles.

Dental providers see patients every day who put off dentistry and then struggle to pay for the work they need to have done. It is very sad for both the dental provider who wants to help the patient and for the patient who is in pain or embarrassed by the condition of their smile. Dental providers want their

patients to see them as recommended but can't force anyone to do anything. This is why they try to educate them about the benefits that they have with their insurance company, so that when they need work, they understand how to best take advantage of their insurance.


Most dental plans end at the end of a calendar years. The average plan allows for a \$1500 annual maximum. Someone treatment planned today to have \$3000 in restorative treatment done, can start the procedures in November or December and finish them in January. This will allow them to take maximum advantage of the dental insurance they've paid for.

Call your dental office. Ask them if they are in-network with your insurance. If they are, schedule an appointment for a cleaning and a checkup. See if you have any dental work that needs to be done. Then ask your dental office what your annual limit is and how much remains. If you have work that needs to be done, use your annual benefit before the end of the year. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it.

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Those On Pandemic's Front Line Will Get Vaccine First



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland's plan to vaccinate its citizens could begin as early as next week, according to Deputy Secretary of Health Dr. Jilene Chan, adding that the first shipment of a little more than 150,000 doses would likely be divided between the vaccine produced by Pfizer, with 50,000 doses and about 104,000 doses from Moderna.

Chan joined Gov. Larry Hogan at a Dec. 8 press conference in Annapolis, along with other state health officials to talk about the vaccine distribution.

Much depends on emergency approvals that still must be given by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, she said.

"The early data from the first two vaccines being considered in the United States have shown a high level of effectiveness in preventing disease from COVID-19 and most people involved in the clinical trials have reported minimal side effects," Chan said.

The first phase of distribution would be divided into two parts, with hospital-based health care workers, patients and staff at long term care facilities and first responders getting the first inoculations.

Roughly 50 percent of COVID deaths occurred in nursing homes, Chan said.

The second part of Phase 1 would include inoculations for people with chronic diseases, such as conditions of the kidney's, the heart and the pulmonary system, said Chan.

Phase 2 of the vaccination plan would

reach out to workers in critical infrastructure such as education, transit, public utilities and others.

Despite the apparent effectiveness of the vaccines – both have prevention rates of better than 90 percent – Chan said wearing masks, continuing social distancing and rigorous hand washing would still be necessary to prevent the spread of the disease to those who had not been vaccinated.

Phase 3 of the plan would bring vaccinations to the public at large, she said.

"This is by far the most massive undertaking of the pandemic," Hogan said of the vaccine distribution. "Both Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford and I will take the vaccine in public as soon as it is available."

Hogan said he and Rutherford would do this as proof of its safety and efficacy.

Hogan also said the state ordered that any health care official in Maryland, once they had received the proper training, would be able to administer the vaccine.

COVID metrics continue to worsen, he said, with 85 percent of statewide intensive care beds occupied and 87 percent of acute care beds also occupied.

So far, 4,755 Marylanders have died from COVID-19, Hogan said, and the past 35 consecutive days have seen more than 1,000 new cases of COVID-19 each day.

"The cavalry is coming; a vaccine is on the way," Hogan said. "But we must continue to fight this virus with everything we've got."

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New Sheriff's District Station Under Construction

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A building that sits next to the Metropolitan Commission's headquarters in California will be the next substation for the county's sheriff's office.

The building is now under renovation, said sheriff's office spokesperson Jason Babcock, and should be completed in far less time than the recently-opened District 4 Station in Lexington Park which experienced numerous delays in construction.

Some of these delays were due to issues with the contractor, while others stemmed from efforts to keep some of the original structure – it once housed the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad – intact as part of the new building.

This station will have some functions now housed at the sheriff's headquarters in Leonardtown.

Overcrowding at the headquarters building, Morgan said, led to the decision to move divisions such as the Criminal Investigation's Bureau, to the new site.

The total design and construction cost, not including property acquisition, of \$1,643,000 for 7,185 square feet of



facility represents a renovation cost of \$229 per square foot. The renovation provides an emergency generator, access controls, network infrastructure for security and administrative networks, a crime lab, holding cells, interview rooms, furnishings and physical security enhancements for entrances.

The District 4 project, which was demolition and new construction, completed a 5,652 square foot facility for \$3.4 million or \$602 per square foot for design and construction not including acquisition, according to the county's fiscal 2020 capital improvement plan.

The capital improvement program also includes a project to build an entirely new headquarters for the sheriff's office to be fully funded for construction by fiscal 2026 at a cost of about \$36 million.

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Approved Budget Changes for Turf Fields

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A capital improvement project to build new synthetic turf athletic fields in three county-owned parks got a funding boost Tuesday from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County when they authorized the county's top accountant to approve purchase orders for the item that may exceed \$1 million.

The additional expense would be used as a contingency against soil that was not compact enough to support a new synthetic field.

According to county documents, a missive between Recreation and Parks Department Director Arthur Shepherd and Chief Finance Officer Jeanette Cudmore shows that one of the three fields to be built would already exceed the million dollar threshold which would require approval to sell bonds for construction.

The Chancellors Run Regional Park turf field, to be built by the Field Turf company, would cost roughly \$1.2 million, while fields in both Chaptico and Lancaster parks would cost a little more than \$994,000 and \$991,000, respectively.

The total cost for the fiscal 2021 projects would be an estimated \$3.1 million.

Three fields have already been constructed in each of the three parks already, under the fiscal 2020 capital improvement budget; it was found that stabilizing the soils at the Chancellors Run site was a problem.

Shepherd's request was for an additional \$495,043 for possible soil stabilization at all three sites.

This brings the cost estimate for the project in fiscal 2021 to \$3.8 million.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt was skeptical of the increased costs.

"Are we selecting the right fields to do this so we don't run into this issue with the soils underneath?" Hewitt asked. "Is it reasonable to think you could pick a field that's not going to need soil stabilization?"

Shepherd, in open session, said that would require halting the process and restarting the site selection process, but he did not believe soil stabilization would be required in the upcoming builds.

If the money was not needed, Shepherd said, it would go back into the budget; he predicted if the process were allowed to continue as is the fields could be completed by spring.

The measure passed the commissioners unanimously.

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Sarbanes Remembered for Helping Area

Former Senator Dies at Age of 87



Congressman Steny H. Hoyer, Gary V. Hodge, executive director of the Tri-County Council, U.S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, and leaders of Southern Maryland's Naval bases briefed the press following the 2nd Annual Presidents' Day Conference on February 21, 1994 at the Waldorf Jaycees Community Center. Naval officers in the photo (l. to r.) are Captain David H. Maxwell, former Commanding Officer of NSWC-Indian Head, Rear Admiral Barton D. Strong, and Rear Admiral Donald V. Boecker, Naval Air Station-Patuxent River.

By Dick Myers
Editor

"Paul was never afraid to do the right thing," said Rep. Steny Hoyer about his long-time friend Paul Sarbanes, who died Dec. 6 at the age of 87.

Sarbanes served six years in the U.S. House of Representatives and then 30 years in the U.S. Senate (1977-2007). He was at the time the longest serving senator in Maryland history until Barbara Mikulski surpassed him by one day.

Sarbanes was a native of Salisbury and a graduate of Princeton University, Balliol College, Oxford, and Harvard Law School.

His political career began in 1966 as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, the same year and place in which Hoyer began his political career.

Gary Hodge, former executive director of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and Charles County commissioner remembered Sarbanes for "the example he set for all public servants, and his contribution to the prosperity of Southern Maryland."

Hodge said he worked with Sarbanes on a number of occasions and observed "his thoughtful and unpretentious, yet very effective brand of leadership."

Hodge observed, "In the decade of the 1990's Southern Maryland's leaders engaged in a strategic effort to defend and enhance the federal commitment to our Naval installations at Pax River, St. Inigoes, and Indian Head. The federal BRAC Commission was given the task of closing or consolidating defense installations, and the competition to keep our bases intact and growing was intense. The stakes for the region's future were enormous.

Hodge said one of the critical advantages in the campaign was the area's congressional leadership: "Senator Sarbanes, Senator Mikulski and Congressman Hoyer—were simply the most persuasive and effective advocates in the United States Congress.

"This formidable team, with Senator Sarbanes' quiet diplomacy, and reputation for integrity and piercing intellect, helped

Southern Maryland achieve success in all three rounds of BRAC—an achievement unmatched by any other region of the country.

"The partnership of the regional community and the Navy in facilitating the BRAC consolidations here became known nationally as 'The Maryland Model.' The BRAC Commission transferred 6,000 Navy high-tech R&D and administrative jobs to Pax River from Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, \$1 billion in payroll, and the State invested over \$350 million (in today's dollars) in the region's transportation infrastructure, schools and higher education facilities.

"Twenty years later, this transformational event still has a lasting impact on the quality of life and prosperity of the three counties. It was the largest economic development project in Southern Maryland's history, and at the time was the most significant economic development project in the State.

"Reflecting on the elected leaders I've known over the past half-century, Senator Sarbanes is one of a handful whose intellect, integrity and ability to make a difference on the issues that matter the most, made a deep and lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege to know him."

"Paul was a true champion for the people of Maryland and America. I will miss him greatly. His loss will be felt deeply throughout our state, and I join in expressing my deepest condolences to his children - John, Michael, and Janet - as well as the entire Sarbanes family."

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, Hoyer and members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation held a "Special Order Hour" on the Floor of the House of Representatives to honor and reflect on the memory of Sarbanes. The Special-Order Hour immediately followed the last votes in the House of Representatives and was streamed live on C-SPAN.

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Health Department Gets No Rest in Fight Against COVID-19

A New Testing Tent at the Health Department Headquarters in Leonardtown

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Now in its 10th month the COVID-19 pandemic shows no signs of slowing down and the county's health department staff are working to keep up with it.

The strain has been significant; where they once worked normal business hours, they have not ceased operations since the novel coronavirus first began infecting St. Mary's County residents.

The promise of several vaccines that are seemingly highly effective – the product of government funding from the Trump administration – offers hope, but the health department's leader says they cannot afford to become lax in their fight against the deadly virus.

"It's been a high level of stress, day in and day out," said County Health Office Dr. Meena Brewster. "This has been unlike any emergency event this community has ever faced.

"It's drawn upon every last drop of strength and resilience we have."

Health department staff have focused on contact tracing of those who have been exposed to the virus, testing residents for the virus, and educating the public on how to best combat it.

Hand washing, wearing masks, social distancing and getting tested have been the health department's public mantras for almost the whole year.

There are three facilities in the county with active COVID outbreaks, Brewster said, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, St. Mary's Nursing Center and Chesapeake Shores in Lexington Park; all long-term care facilities.

But there are more active outbreaks the health department is monitoring, Brewster said, that officials with the health department do not discuss.

By law, she said, the department is only required to release data regarding those long-term care facilities.

Terry Prochnow, the department's health preparedness and response director, said dealing with the active outbreaks, especially in the care facilities, was a critical component of fighting the virus.

They are in constant communication with the facilities, Prochnow said, ensuring they have adequate protective gear and staff to continue providing resident care.

"We partner with them on a daily basis," Prochnow said. "We're constantly staying abreast of CDC [guidelines]... to stay up on best practices."



One of the biggest challenges in fighting COVID is that health care workers must always adapt to changes in the disease or new information about it.

"We want to be as rooted in science as possible," Brewster said. "In a pandemic the science is constantly changing."

But tracing those who have come in contact with the infected is perhaps the most arduous of the tasks they must complete.

"It's overwhelming, but it's going well," Prochnow said. "Our contact tracers are working seven days a week."

Contact tracers, after ascertaining who may have come into contact with an infected person, call them to tell them they may have been exposed.

"Our contact tracers are local," Prochnow said.

There have been 2,676 total cases diagnosed in St. Mary's, according to health department statistics, but the amount of testing the health department has conducted has been significant in the past 10 months.

The latest statistics show that 35,553 residents have been tested out of about 115,000 here; that accounts for 31.7 percent of the population.

That amount of testing has been a trial in and of itself.

"We're all tired," Prochnow said. "The testers are tired; we're continuing to rotate staff out."

The health department is now setting up tents to continue testing during the winter months, Prochnow said, as the testing is conducted outdoors.

Currently, Brewster said, the county is relying on trained nurses to administer the tests but under the state's new health guidelines anyone with a high school diploma, who receives appropriate training, can administer

the test.

The health department provides the training, which includes the insertion of nasal swabs in both nostrils.

"We do provide the training," Brewster said. "But we lean heavily on nurses to administer the tests."

Administering the tests is a high-risk activity as well, necessitating the full use of protective gear.

The health department has also expanded its capacity when it comes to regulation and enforcement.

Inspectors often found themselves in local grocery stores and restaurants pre-COVID; now they are almost everywhere.

"Now we're in retail establishments and offices where we've never been before," said Heather Moritz, who directs the environmental health section of the department. "Our focus is really keeping the community informed."

The most numerous complaints her section receives, she said, is someone in a public place not wearing a mask.

Perhaps their biggest task is constantly reminding businesses, retail or otherwise, that they must enforce social distancing and other best health practices, including the wearing of masks.

When the pandemic first hit and fear of infection was high, businesses were quick to put down tape on floors marking six-foot distances – the minimum for proper social distancing – and customers were equally eager to observe them.

But time breeds complacency.

"Over time things will get lax and we'll start to get more complaints," Moritz said. "For the most part though, we do have compliance; we're not looking for places to shutdown."

The environmental section of the health department has also helped find ways for life to return to some

level of normalcy; they helped establish protocols so restaurants without permits for outdoor seating could get it and keep their operations running.

Businesses have mostly welcomed the health department's assistance, Moritz said.

"There's been a lot of collaboration," said Moritz. "It's prevented a much larger surge than what we're seeing now."

Her section has responded to over 300 complaints, she said, but reached out to help more than 400 local establishments.

COVID-19 has taken public health, which was often relegated to policy afterthoughts, to the forefront of community action.

Confronting the virus and its deadly and disruptive impacts have worn down those working at the health department, but it has also sharpened their capabilities.

"It definitely encourages you to be creative and to be on it," Brewster told The County Times. "And it also feeds into how we address other health issues."

The pandemic had health officials, along with the rest of the community, dreading what the near future might hold and Brewster said they all silently questioned if they could cope effectively.

"We thought 'Are we up for the task?'" Brewster said. "The uniqueness of this pandemic... keeps us on our toes."

Brewster and her department have been widely praised for their aggressive and effective handling of the pandemic locally.

"We feel a lot of gratitude," Brewster said. "We remind ourselves of how lucky we are to be serving a county like this."

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Leonardtown Auxiliary Gives Gifts to Charlotte Hall Veterans



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March members of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, along with auxiliary members from the 7th District Rescue Squad and 2nd District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad worked together to make 3,000 faces for first responders and those in nursing homes.

But, for the past two months, the same group has been working on a special project to make hats and fidget sleeves for the veterans at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Fidget sleeves are knitted gar-

ments that can be pulled on the arms just like sleeves and have soft objects inlaid in them that allow the wearer to pick at them.

They have been shown to reduce anxiety in certain patients dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and other types of dementia by giving them something to occupy their hands.

The volunteers made more than 300 hats for the residents at the veterans home and more than 50 fidget sleeves; the volunteers met at the Port of Leonardtown Winery's gazebo to knit the gifts for the veterans, according to auxiliary member Jennifer Stotler.

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Windows were rolled down, arms were extended for pats, masked faces were extended for kisses and everyone got a goodie bag to take away.

"Greenwell Foundation has

been offering our Watershed Heroes program for almost 4 years." Explained Jolanda Campbell, Greenwell's Executive Director. "Watershed Heroes serves adults with intellectual disabilities with outdoor, nature connection science and environmental education sessions. We are holding Watershed Heroes over ZOOM, and were so eager to see our friends in person in a safe and healthy way, so we designed this special celebration."

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6 Ways to Stick to a Holiday Budget

The holidays are an exciting, fun and joyful time of year. And for many people, the holidays also are expensive.

According to the Motley Fool Company, a financial wellness resource, the average American spent \$882.45 on Christmas gifts, food, decorations, travel, and other holiday-related expenses in 2019. Around 56 percent of gift shoppers set a budget for holiday spending, but only 64 percent stuck to it. In addition, 21.5 percent of respondents went into debt due to holiday shopping.

Who doesn't want to have a super holiday with delicious foods on the table and lots of presents to share with family and friends? While that's tempting, such a bounty should never result in financial peril. These six strategies can make it easy to establish and stick to a budget this holiday season.

1. Budget for everything. When working out holiday spending plans, factor in all of the expenses associated with the holidays — not just the most obvious, like gifts. Costs for gas, parking lot fees, greeting cards, postage, travel expenses, and much more should be included in your final number.

2. Determine how much you can spend. Money for gifts and other holiday expenses should ideally come from your disposable income. Look at your finances in advance of the holiday season and figure out how much extra cash you have for the holidays, and use that figure to determine how much you should spend. Find ways to make up any deficit by curtailing expenses like dining out or entertainment extras. Many people plan to use credit cards to pay now and worry about the aftermath later. Only use credit cards if you have the money in the bank and can pay off the entire bill when the balance due is in January.

3. Set a spending limit for individuals. Based on your numbers and how much you plan to spend overall, start allocating money to categories, in-



cluding gift recipients. Come up with a spending range for each person and stick to it.

4. Pay in cash as much as possible. It's easy to know what you're spending when using cash as opposed to credit. There is some risk with carrying around cash, but that risk may be offset by the benefit of spending only what you can afford to spend.

5. Track all purchases. Save the receipts and keep a running total of expenditures so you can see how your spending is measuring up to your budget. If necessary, scale back on one category if you've tipped the scales in spending on another.

6. Shop sales and deals. High-end stores may have the impressive tag, but their prices can set you back. Instead, look for comparable gifts at discount stores and other retailers. Also, if you must use a credit card, use one that earns you a cash-back bonus for added savings.

A holiday budget is a must to avoid overspending and finding yourself in debt early next year.

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- 12/15 Riverside Farm, Guenther Dr, Stoney Run, Stoney Ct, Bates Estates**
- 12/17 Hunting Quarters, Cox's Run, Camp Cosoma Rd**

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Santa Claus will soon be coming to town in Valley Lee and surrounding areas. The Second District VFD&RS will be escorting Santa on his annual Fire Truck visits to all of the communities around Valley Lee. Due to COVID-19, and for the protection of both our citizens, our firefighters and EMS providers, as well as Santa and his elves, the visits

this year will be slow, drive by, no contact events. Not to fear, there will still be plenty of "Ho Ho Ho's", thumbs Up's, and blown kisses from Santa.

The Second District VFD&RS asks all of our citizens to follow all health recommendations, use good common sense, and please stay safe.

Hollywood VFD Santa Run Schedule

By Past Chief Charles Miedzinski
 We would like to announce to the Citizens of our Community the schedule for our Annual Santa Run. This year we will be bringing Santa around to the Hollywood Community on one of our Fire Engines. We plan on starting this Friday, December 4th. Our plan is to have Santa around the community on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights between 5pm and 8pm. Please review our calendar of Santa visits to find out what day Santa will be around your neighborhood.



Just a reminder, Santa will be riding on a Fire Engine that will be staffed with our Volunteers. If the Engine is needed on an Emergency Incident, we will have to take Santa with us on the incident and hope to return after the incident is over. Also, we might have to reschedule some areas if the weather does not cooperate with

us. We will let everyone know so you can pass the information on to friends and family. Please feel free to follow our Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page for any updates.

Please assist Hollywood VFD in sharing this Santa Run Schedule with your family and friends within our Hollywood Community, so we can say hi and you can say hi to Santa! We look forward to seeing all the kids out and we know Santa is looking forward to it as well.

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Dec 15, 2020 3:00 pm

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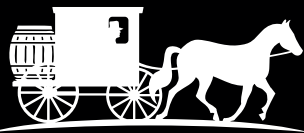
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Christmas gifts purchased by members of the community are returned to ACE for delivery by members of the Lions Club prior to Saturday, December 12th for delivery to the children.

Press Release from Leonardtown Lions Club



Leonardtown Lion Theresa Fincdham, (r) is joined by Dana Snead Banyaxz (l), new owner of the Leonardtown ACE, to place Christmas gift TAGS on a Christmas tree in the Leonardtown Store.



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St. Mary's Traditions



Hollywood VFD Christmas Tree



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5 Ways to Make Gift Cards More Personal

When in doubt while holiday shopping, go with a gift card. Gift cards provide a convenient way to ensure people of all ages ultimately get something special.

According to a 2016 survey by the gift card sales tool CardCash, gift cards are a \$127 billion market that keeps growing. Physical gift cards have been growing at an annual rate of 6 percent, but digital gift cards are growing at an annual rate of 200 percent. The financial resource The Motley Fool indicates that, during the 2018 holiday shopping season, people buying gift cards purchased roughly four cards each, with an average value of \$45 per card.

Many people enjoy the convenience of storing digital gift card information on their phones. Even though gift cards are any easy option, like giving cash, they may seem like impersonal gifts. However, gift givers can explore these ways to add a personal touch to the gift card.

- Make your own gift card. Companies including Visa® and Mastercard® enable gift-givers

to personalize cards with their own photos. Shoppers also can choose from predesign galleries to present a card that has a little more flair. The gift cards can then be tied to specific occasions or holidays.

- Choose a popular store. Rather than buying the first gift card you see, select a card for a specific store your loved one likes. For example, if the person is an outdoors enthusiast, a gift card to L.L. Bean may be perfect. If he or she wants to be the next top chef, money toward Sur La Table or Williams Sonoma is fitting.

- Wrap it in a unique way. Don't just give the gift card in an envelope; find a unique way to wrap it. After all, that will make the gift card a gift within a gift. Find a small gift box and wrap the gift card as you would any other gift. Or make it even more exciting by designing a scavenger hunt with clues on where to find the hidden gift card.

- Assemble a gift basket. Add a few extra treats to a basket with the gift card that ties into a theme. If the gift card is for a



boating or fishing retailer, place tackle, a floating key ring or a dry storage bag in the gift basket.

- Add a sweet message. Attach a greeting card and share a few sentiments about why the gift card was chosen. This will help make the gift more personal and show that time was taken to se-

lect the item.

The National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics reassures that gift cards are one of the most popular entries on holiday wish lists each year. Making the gift a bit more personal can increase the enjoyment factor even further.



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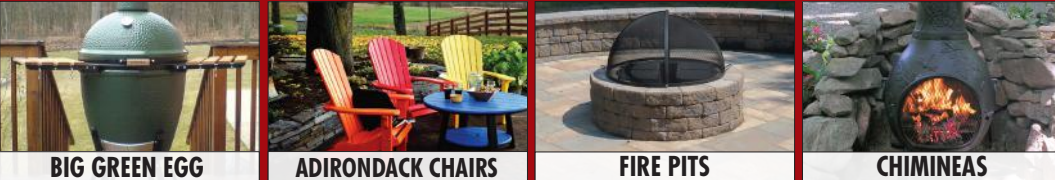
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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Collision with Pedestrian Under Investigation

On Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Point Lookout Road and Camp Cosoma Road for the report of a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. Due to the severity of the injuries sustained by the pedestrian, members of the St. Mary's County Collision Reconstruction Unit were notified and responded to the scene.

Preliminary investigation determined Joseph Earl Cullison, age 57 of Leonardtown, was getting back into his 2004 Chevrolet Silverado which he had stopped on the shoulder of the road. Shannon Marie Quade, age 23 of Leonardtown, was traveling southbound on Point Lookout Road in her 2015 Chevrolet Equinox. As Cullison was opening the door to his vehicle, Quade's vehicle struck both Cullison and his vehicle.

Cullison was flown by Trooper 7 to Medstar Washington Hospital Center with incapacitating injuries. Quade and a juvenile in her vehicle were both transported by ambulance to Medstar St. Mary's Hospital with minor injuries.

At this time, alcohol and speed do not appear to be factors in the collision.

Anyone with any information in regard to the collision is asked to contact Cpl. Christopher Beyer at christopher.beyer@stmaryscountymd.com or at 301-475-4200, ext. 78004.

Theft Suspects Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identities of the persons shown in a theft investigation. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 at 6:50 pm, Suspect 1 entered the California T-Mobile store and asked about updating his phone. Suspect 2 entered when the store employee went to the back to retrieve a phone for the first suspect to look at. Both suspects then used wire cutters to remove several cellphones from their displays and fled the store without paying for them.

Four Samsung Galaxy Note 20 phones and four Apple iPhone 12s were stolen.

Anyone with information about the identities of the suspects or this incident is asked to call Deputy Robert Chase at 301-475-4200, ext. 78079 or

email robert.chase@stmarysmd.com. Case # 71749-20

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On View Arrests:

Handgun/Assault- On November 19, 2020, Dep. Forinash responded to the 45000 block of Blake Creek Road in Valley Lee, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Patrick Craw-**

ford Ridgell, age 56 of Callaway, pointed a handgun at the victim in an attempt to recover property he believed the victim possessed.

Ridgell then left the residence, and was located shortly by deputies. Located in Ridgell's vehicle was a handgun and rifle. Ridgell was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, and Firearm Use/Violent Crime.



Patrick Ridgell



Theft Suspect

Editor's Note:

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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Legal Notices

IN THE MATTER OF EDWIN JAMES GILL
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO EDWIN JAMES DOWLING

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-20-327
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name of a minor from Edwin James Gill to Edwin James Dowling. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I never used or planned on using the last name Gill. It needs to be corrected to Dowling.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before 12/12/2020. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

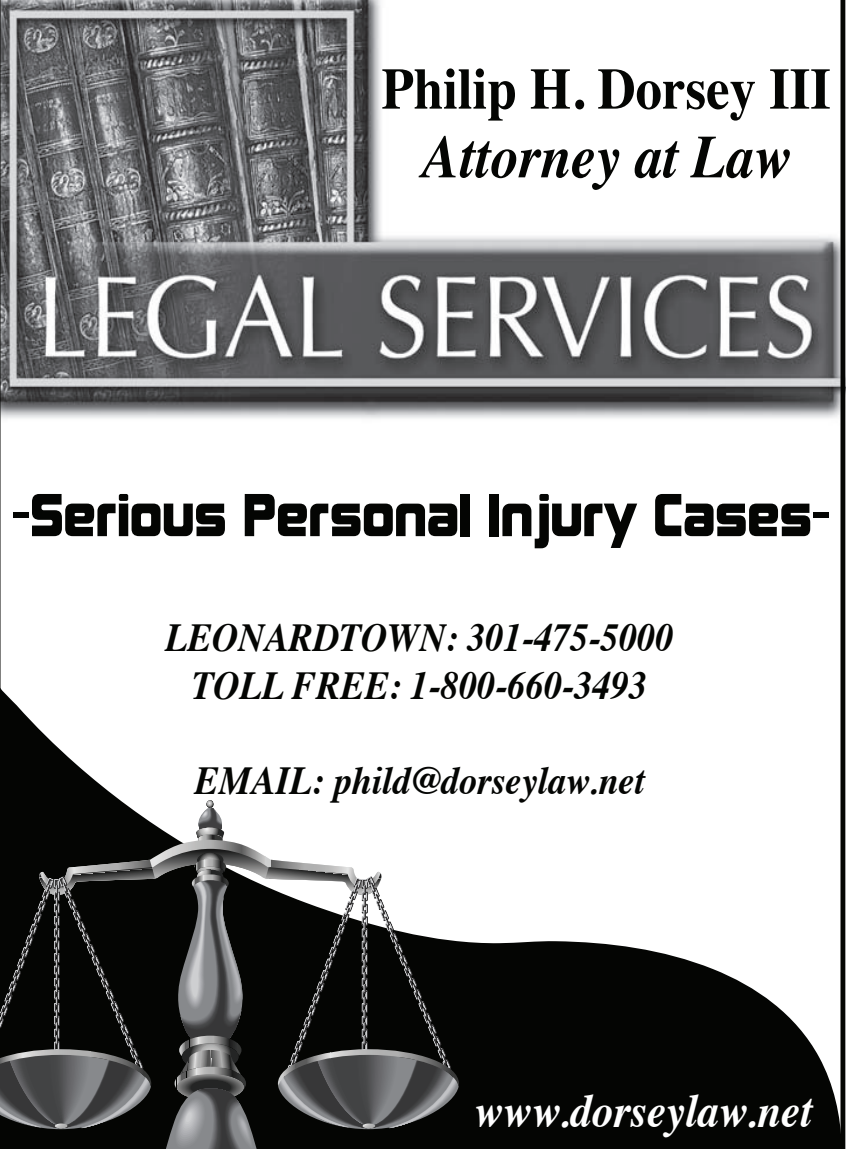
Debra J. Burch,
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St. Mary's County Maryland

Commissioners of Leonardtown Notice of Public Hearing

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. in the Town Office located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing is to present for public review and comment Resolution #4-20 Declaring a portion of certain real property, consisting of 970 square feet more or less, shown on Tax Map 133, Grid 11, Parcel 360, as surplus and no longer needed for public purpose.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on December 14, 2020 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

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Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator



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News

Sailors Put New Jammer Maintenance Plans to the Test

By Kristine Wilcox
PMA-234 communications

U.S. Navy Sailors recently tested the validity of the Next Generation Jammer Mid-Band (NGJ-MB) capability's maintenance plans and technical manuals during a recent logistics demonstration at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland.

The Sailors participated in a 15-day test event in October conducting maintenance procedures on an NGJ-MB engineering development model test pod to include removing and reinstalling components inside the pod based on previous training. The fleet maintainers also verified step-by-step procedures from the technical manuals, validated and tested new support equipment, and provided feedback to the team.

"The demo has been invaluable, and for some of us who have been part of the Electronic Attack (EA) community for so long, it's an honor

to have the opportunity be a part of this and provide input and subject matter expertise," said Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Larry Basham, Electronic Attack Weapons School, NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. "It has been great to have the engineers here who designed this and the maintainers who understand the real-world application."

The demonstration was conducted in two parts throughout the month with a reduced team of 13 to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. Participants included Navy aviation electronics technicians and maintainers from Commander Electronic Attack Wing Pacific (CVWP), located at NAS Whidbey Island, and Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California; along with personnel from Raytheon Intelligence and Space; Support Equipment Team from Lakehurst, New Jersey; Airborne Electronic Attack Systems

Program (PMA-234), F/A-18 & EA-18G Program (PMA-265); and NGJ Integrated Test Team, all located at NAS Patuxent River.

Danielle Raffa-Schubert, Supportability Test and Evaluation lead, who coordinated the logistics demo, said the purpose of the demo was to allow Sailors who had not seen the NGJ-MB pod to receive classroom training and then run through the procedures and manuals, while maintaining safety of the pod, aircraft and the people.

"Having the maintainers and the technicians performing all the tasks, we were able to see when there were difficulties and when tasks were performed with ease," Raffa-Schubert said.

"There are always rumors about what the [NGJ] pod is and that it will be easier to work on than the ALQ-99 [Tactical Jamming System currently used by the fleet], but they are completely different," Basham

said. "Things that I thought would be hard based on the manuals and classroom training were easier and some things you thought would be easier weren't."

The NGJ-MB system, developed by Raytheon Intelligence and Space, is part of a larger NGJ system that will augment, and ultimately replace the legacy ALQ-99 currently used on the EA-18G Growler. NGJ-MB is an external jamming pod that will address advanced and emerging threats using the latest digital, software-based and Active Electronically Scanned Array technologies and will provide enhanced AEA capabilities to disrupt, deny and degrade enemy air defense and ground communication systems.

NGJ-MB capability is slated for initial operational capability in 2022.



Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Jean Fernandez and Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Michael Acker conduct maintenance procedures on the aft section of a Next Generation Jammer Mid-Band pod.

St. Mary's Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email timescalendar@countytimes.net with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Friday, December 11

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Shabbat evening services are being held online due to COVID19. Beginning July 17, 2020, Beth Israel Synagogue will hold online services EVERY FRIDAY at 7 PM. Check our website calendar (bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html) for event details.

Saturday, December 12

Christmas in Laurel Grove

Mt. Zion UMC of Laurel Grove; 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

This is an outside event, masks required. We will be honoring our Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue and Healthcare Workers at a tree lighting ceremony and blessing at 5 pm. Free Admission. Fun for all. Bring your camera and take a picture with Santa and Mrs. Clause. FREE Children's games and prizes, Carolers, Trumpeters, Hayrides, Vendors, Crafters, Live Nativity and more. Food and Drinks available. Follow us on www.mtzionmech.org or facebook @www.facebook.com/MtZionMech for updates.

Monday, December 14

Red Cross Blood Drive

Valley Lee Fire Department; December 14, 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Appointments can be made at 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Tuesday, December 15

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family mem-

ber, or friend. The support group meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. For more information call the church office and leave a message 301-645-0660 or email us at admin@cc-somd.com.

Wednesday, December 16

Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. We thought this would be a fun way to bring our closed museums to you while we all keep our social distance. Join us every week for short videos featuring everything from the quirky to the fascinating - tune in! We have several episodes in the playlist! [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

DAV Assistance Program

St. Mary's Square ReStore;

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Veterans - do you have a service-connected disability? Did you receive an injury while on active duty and are now filing for disability through the Veterans Administration (VA)? The Disabled American Veterans organization is here to assist you with those VA forms at no cost to you. These men and women (who are disabled veterans) are volunteers who ensure you are placing the proper information in the proper blocks and advise you on common mistakes that are made on these VA forms. Their spaces are toward the rear of the building on the left side. Stop by and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment necessary.

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Videos from Aging & Human Services

The Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce our brand new Virtual Senior Activity Center and YouTube page! Go to <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/virtual-senior-center/> or www.youtube.com, keyword SMC Aging & Human Services, to see what we have for you! There are more videos coming soon!

Arthritis Foundation Exercise

Arthritis Foundation Exercise with Debbie Buckler is available virtually each Wednesday at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Debbie is excited to have you work out with her. Get ready to strengthen and loosen those muscles! If you're interested in participating, please email MarieNoelle Lautieri at MarieNoelle.Lautieri@stmarysmd.com, and your email address will be added to the participant list. You will receive an email each Wednesday morning with instructions so you can join the class using your computer. Debbie is an enthusiastic instructor who you will love to exercise with.

Tasty Christmas Cottage

For over a decade, this workshop has been a beloved Loffler event. Even though things must be done differently this year, we are not doing without the Tasty Christmas Cottage tradition! We will simply do it live stream via Zoom on Wednesday, December 16, and Thursday, December 17, at 11 a.m. Two days will be needed for this project- the first day we will construct the cottage and let it dry overnight. The next day we will decorate it with sweets. This cute little item is made with Pop Tarts put together with royal icing, so it makes up (and holds up) nice and easy. (Doesn't crumble like graham cracker

houses.) If you would like to attend this 2-day workshop, register by contacting Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com. Successful registrants will be sent an ingredient list. Registrations will be limited to eight students.

Beginning Keyboard/ Piano Lessons on ZOOM

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, the author of the "How to Play Gospel" book series and an experienced vocalist, songwriter, recording artist, pianist and teacher will be offering his specialized beginner classes to you in your own home via ZOOM. Pre-registration is required. You will need reliable internet, a smart phone or computer and a Zoom account (Help is available by e-mailing Shellie-address below). Classes will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 21- Feb. 25 (6 sessions) at 1 p.m. Cost of \$100 for all six sessions includes instruction and textbook. You will need to invest in an inexpensive keyboard. (\$50-100+ available at local stores and online) if you don't already have one. Direct payment can be made to Dr. Jefferson through Paypal or by check in advance. To Register for these lessons or for more information e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com These will be group lessons and a minimum of 3-4 students will be required for these lessons to be held.

Looking for Volunteer Discussion Leaders

If you are comfortable leading and conducting virtual meetings or classes using Zoom or similar platforms, I am looking for some volunteer leadership for discussion groups and classes such as Pain Management Support Group, Current Events, Craft Classes and other topics of interest. Please contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to discuss serving the community in this fun and rewarding capacity.

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In Remembrance

Margaret Theresa Tippett



Margaret Theresa Tippett, (Nee Jarboe) 92, of Leonardtown, MD, left this earth on November 10, 2020. Born on April 11, 1928 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the beloved daughter of Ignatius Jackson and Mary Catherine (Connelly) Jarboe. A lifelong resident of Leonardtown, she attended The Old Leonardtown Elementary School (where the rescue squad is now), and Margaret Brent High School. She was the wife of the late Elmer Francis Tippett of Medley's Neck, who died in 1964. As members of the Catholic Faith, they were married at The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Washington, D.C. on September 11, 1948. Mrs. Tippett was employed as an operator for C and P Telephone Company and later worked the presses at The North End Print Shop in Leonardtown, MD for J. Frank Guy and became his companion for over 25 years before he died in 1981.

Among her hobbies, Margaret enjoyed playing the organ and watching local baseball teams involving the Old Washington Senators, then the Baltimore Orioles, and later the Washington Nationals.

She enjoyed cooking and like many countians could do stuffed ham, crab cakes, and soft crab sandwiches. Her roots in the county go back to the 1600s.

Besides her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by siblings, Ann E. Kurz, Virginia H., John L., James A., and Joseph D. Jarboe. Also, grandson, Charles F. Tippett, stepdaughters, Dorothy Griffin and June Tippett, and half-brother, Elmer A. Jarboe. She is survived by Rose Marie "Boots" Stublarec (Raymond) of Benedict, MD, Francis Neale "Frankie" Tippett of Leonardtown, MD, and Lisa Townsend of Olney, MD. There are 5 grandchildren, Melanie Hooper (Gary) of Benedict, MD, Amanda Moritz (Keith) of Leonardtown, MD, Amber Collins (Jason) of Mechanicsville, MD, Aimee Tippett of Flint, MI, and Mark Townsend of Olney, MD. There are also 11 great-grandchildren. Margaret has 1 surviving sister, Mary L. "Peggy" Stone of Waldorf, MD and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or any other charity of your choice.

ATCS James Joseph "Jim"

Doherty

ATCS James Joseph "Jim" Doherty, USN (Ret.), 51 of Leonardtown, MD passed away



on December 5, 2020 at Capital Caring Center in Lanham, MD with his wife at his side.

He was born on April 30, 1969 in Malden, MA to Joseph and Ann Hollis Doherty of Rowley, MA.

He was raised in Saugus, MA and in 1988 he graduated from Saugus High School. On January 25, 1993 Jim enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for over 21 dedicated years until his retirement on August 31, 2014 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. He loved everything Navy and earned many citations and medals during his years of decorated service. On January 8, 1994, he married his beloved wife, Jennifer Leah Doherty in Covington, TN. Together they celebrated over 26 wonderful years of marriage. He was tech savvy and was an avid New England Patriots fan and Boston Bruins. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and attending the races. His other hobby was going to the casinos and playing roulette. His family was his greatest love, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife, he is also survived by his children: Jessica Ray of Lexington Park, MD, Austin Doherty of Lebanon, TN, and Shauna Doherty of Murfreesboro, TN; his siblings, Shannon Rivera (David) of Saugus, MA and John Doherty (Tammy) of Rowley, MA; his grandchildren: Kaiden and Jocelyn Robinson; his in-laws: Alvin and Barbara Brownstein of Mt. Juliet, TN; his brother-in-law: Michael Brownstein of Lakeland, TN; and extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends for Jim's Life Celebration on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., with a Funeral Service celebrated at 5:00 p.m. by Reverend Joe Orlando, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Memorial Contributions may be made to PTSD Foundation of America, 9724 Derriington Road, Houston, TX 77064.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Virginia Esther "Virginia" Raley



Virginia Esther "Virginia" Raley, 103, of Avenue, MD passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020 at Hospice House in Callaway. Born on March 11, 1917, she was the daughter of George Henry Ragan and Gertrude Virginia McMillian, and the loving wife of the late John Dennis "Junior" Raley, Jr., who preceded her in death on November 13, 2005. They were married for 51 years.

Virginia attended elementary school at the Red Gate Elementary School, a one-room school on Ryceville Road in Mechanicsville, MD. And she attended three years of high school at Glasva High School in Charles County. She attended Margaret Brent High School in Helen during her senior year and graduated in 1934. She was the oldest living alumna of the school.

Virginia was an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Oakley for many years, serving as a member of the vestry and altar guild. She chaired their church dinner for many years also.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Lacey (William, deceased), stepson Denny Raley (Brenda), stepdaughter Carol Ann Pingleton (Wayne, deceased), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who affectionately called her Nana. She is also survived by her brother Gordon Ragan and sister Fauna Sullivan. She was predeceased by two brothers, John and Paul.

Due to Covid -19, funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the following organizations would be warmly accepted: Hospice House, 44724 Hospice Lane, Callaway, MD 20620; the 7th. District Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609; and All Saints Episcopal Church P.O. Box 307 Avenue, MD 20609.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the staff at Taylor Farm



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Assisted Living in Bushwood, MD and all of the staff at Hospice of St. Mary's for the care and comfort provided to Virginia in her time of need.

Cdr. James Fitzhugh Chesley



Cdr. James Fitzhugh Chesley, U.S.N. Ret. passed away on November 30, 2020, in Chesapeake Shores Nursing Home. He was born on April 20th, 1930 in Clear Spring, MD, the youngest son of William Fitzhugh and Cecil Rich Chesley of Charlotte Hall, MD. He graduated from Charlotte Hall Military Academy before entering the United States Naval Academy graduating in 1953. Following his graduation, he and Cecilia Marie Anderson were married in a candlelight ceremony at the Naval Academy Chapel. Jim earned his Navy Wings in 1954 and completed a successful career as a Naval Aviator. He flew various aircrafts during his twenty-eight years of active duty. In 1964 he attended foreign language school in Washington D.C., and served two tours in the diplomatic service as the United States Naval Attache in Singapore and later he and his family moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he served as the United States Naval Attache for Air for two years. Returning to Aviation he became a flight instructor, training pilots at N.A.S. Meridian, Mississippi. Cdr. Chesley is also a graduate of the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His last tour was at the Naval Air Facility in Washington, D.C., as a pilot for the Secretary of the Navy. He retired in 1976 and lived in Annapolis, MD before moving back to St. Mary's County.

He is survived by his wife, Marie and daughter Andi Marie Rucci (Cdr. Gregory U.S.N. Ret.), Robin Fitzhugh Zupanc (Edward), Granddaughter Jamie Marie Zupanc, Grandson James Garrett (Catherine), Grandson 1st Sgt Craig Garrett U.S.M.C (Crystal), Great-Grandson Hayden Garrett, and Great-Granddaughter Teagan Garrett.

He was predeceased by his brothers; William R. Chesley, Frederick S. Chesley, Kenneth Chesley and sister Polly Fenn.

All Funeral Services will be private

Ella Mae Kernozek



Ella Mae Kernozek, 86, of Lusby, MD, passed away on December 6, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 20, 1934 in Dentsville, MD, and was the daughter of the late Thornton and Frances Olive Bridgett of Charles County, MD. Ella Mae was the loving wife of William M. Kernozek whom she married on September 3, 2003. Ella Mae was preceded in death by her son Selby H. Pruitt and her brothers

Lewis Norman Bridgett, Thornton Bridgett, Jr., "Doc", James Calvin Bridgett, Francis Edward Bridgett and her sister Virginia Corn. She is survived by her brother Joseph Lester Bridgett and children; William Pruitt, Debra Pruitt, Connie Putt, and Kelvin Pruitt along with 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She was a lifelong resident of southern, MD and retired from the St. Mary's Public-School System.

Ella enjoyed playing the guitar, snare drums and mandolin as well as singing old country and bluegrass music at local nursing homes and other venues around Southern Maryland. She also loved cooking for holiday gatherings providing everyone with take home service to include candied sweet potatoes, stuffed ham, crab cakes, and soft crab sandwiches. She was a loving and devoted mother and mother-in-law and will be dearly missed.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 10 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD followed by a service at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at the Charles Memorial Gardens immediately following the service.

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

Dr. Ronald Kenneth Buttery



Dr. Ronald Kenneth Buttery, "Corky", 72, of Great Mills, MD passed away December 2, 2020 in Leonardtown, MD. He was born on April 1, 1948 in Tonawanda, NY, to the late Betty Jean Raffel Buttery and

John Edward Buttery Sr. Ronald was the loving husband of Amber Marie Buttery (Coons), whom he married on July 7, 2007 at the White Plains Baptist Church in Pomfret, MD.

In addition to his wife, Ronald is survived by his children; Betty Buttery O'Reilly (Dr. Michael O'Reilly) of Arlington, VA, and Ret. Master Sergeant James Davis of Boise, ID. Siblings; James "Buzz" Buttery of Nunda, NY, John "Skippy" Buttery, JR of Attica, NY, and Barbara "Bunny" Buttery Hammond of Canisteo, NY.

He graduated from Sweet Home High School in Amherst, NY in 1966. Ronald was a graduate of Prince George's Community College on August 16, 1974 and in 1995 earned a Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine. Ronald served as a medical technician during the Vietnam War.

He moved to St. Mary's County, Maryland in the early 1990's. Ronald worked as a Registered Nurse in the tri-county area for 30 years before retiring. He concurrently obtained a Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine and practiced independently in the local area. Ronald was a member of the SAYSF (Seek and Ye Shall Find) Bible Church in Lexington Park, MD.

All Funeral Services will be private at this

time.

Arrangement provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

William Clarence Watts



William Clarence Watts, 92, from Breton Bay, in Leonardtown, died Saturday, December 05, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital. Born July 29, 1928, on his Mother's birthday, in Andover, MA. He was the son of the late Merrill C. and Isabella Leuchars Watts. He was raised and attended school in Andover.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force immediately after graduating from Punchard High School in 1946. He went to basic training at SAACC in San Antonio, TX, then was trained in Boca Raton, FL, as a Radar Mechanic/Operator for Ground Controlled Approach Radar systems. He was stationed at Lajes AFB, in the Azores Islands, a mid-Atlantic refueling stop, during the Berlin Airlift. He was honorably discharged with the rank of S/Sgt in 1949. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

After discharge from the Air Force, he resumed school attending the Huntington School for Boys in Boston, MA. Afterwards he attended the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute in Washington, D.C. where he was active in sports and twice elected President of the Student Council. After graduation from CREI, he was employed as an electronic technician for four years at Bendix Radio, in Towson, MD. During his time with Bendix he assisted in the fabrication of the AN/WSC-5(V), the next generation of GCA radars for the U.S. Navy. He first came to St. Mary's County as part of the Bendix team that delivered the WSC-5 to Patuxent River for first article testing. During his three month visit he fell in love with the county and he met his future wife, Nancy Reid, a Calvert County resident, who was a nursing student at Union Memorial Hospital, in Baltimore, MD. On August 28, 1954, he married the love of his life, Nancy, in Solomons, MD. Shortly after he moved to St. Mary's County to participate in the second class of the Patuxent Plan, at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

In the Patuxent Plan, he earned a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering (BSEE) degree at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1961. He continued his education and earned a Masters of Engineering Administration (MEA) degree from George Washington University in 1972, awarded in Constitution Hall. He worked as an electronic engineer at NESEA, St. Inigoes, as a Branch Head in the Radar Branch for eleven years. With development of the new communications methods, he transferred to the Satellite Communications Branch as a branch head for sixteen years. He was head of the team that sent the first official naval message over the LES-6 satellite in September 1968,

which inaugurated the U.S. Navy UHF satellite communication programs. He traveled to many ship and shore sites throughout the world in support of satellite communications and received many commendations for completing tasks ahead of schedule and below budget estimates. He retired from NESEA, July 29, 1983, at the age of 55 with thirty years of government service.

After leaving the government he was employed by Tracor in St. Mary's County. He worked as the Satellite Communication Department Director until 1990 when he retired. After Tracor he was employed by Advanced Communications Systems, Inc. of Fairfax, VA, as a systems analyst in their Crystal City office. He remained employed until September 30, 1996, when he and his wife both permanently retired on the same day.

In his younger days, the he and his family were active in St. Mary's County. They took in several social services foster children to live with them in their home. He was a member of the original Bell Motor Company slow pitch softball team, the first county slow pitch champions and also played ball for Budweiser. He was an umpire for both baseball and softball for a period of time. He was a cub master for Pack 420 and Troop Committeeman for Troop 420, BSA. He coached the St. Clement's Shore Little League baseball team. He was one of the seven original members of the Breton Bay Country Club, having joined in establishing the club in 1966, with the construction of a pool and tennis courts and later in 1970 the construction of the golf course and the Breton Bay Golf and Country Club. He became an avid golfer in his later years spending many weekends on the course with dear friends and one of the oldest members.

In addition to his wife of 66 wonderful years, he is survived by his children: William Merrill (Addie) Watts of Leonardtown; Martha Dawn Watts of San Rafael, CA; Paul Reid (Marie) Watts of Leonardtown; Priscilla Lynn (Mike) Labanowski of Mechanicsville; eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a sister Merrilyn Watts. He was preceded in death by his son, David Clarence Watts and his sister, Ethel Emrick of Dixon, CA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad or the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department.

All Funeral Services will be held at a later date.

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

Robert "Bob" Frederick Callow, Sr.



Robert "Bob" Frederick Callow, Sr., 89, of Leonardtown, MD passed peacefully on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

He was born on March 31, 1931 in

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Washington, DC to the late John F. Callow and Harriett "Hattie" Callow. He was one of six children.

As a young man, Bob met the love of his life, Concetta "Connie" Scianna. They married in 1954. Bob enlisted in the US Navy in March, 1955. He served his country and family proud and was honorably discharged in March, 1957. He returned home, began working and continued his successful marriage that happily spanned over 66 years. During those years, Bob and Connie welcomed five (5) children, twelve (12) grandchildren and six (6) great-grandchildren.

Bob was a hard-working man who supported his family as a store manager at Safeway. He enjoyed talking with customers and felt his employees were his extended family members. He retired in 1993 and moved to his dream waterfront home in St. Mary's County. Not one to sit idle for long, Bob began and continued another successful career driving buses and shuttles for private contractors and the County well into his later years.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed spending time at his beach home in Rehoboth Beach Delaware. Bob also loved the water, boating with his family and friends. In later years he became interested in collecting model cars and trucks. Family was everything to Bob. He was extremely proud of all of his grandchildren and took great pleasure in his great grandchildren. His memory will remain in the hearts of his loved ones.

Bob is survived by his wife, Connie Callow of Leonardtown, Md; children, Theresa Mathews (Robert) of La Plata, Lynn Marshall (Gregory) of Ellicott City, Robert Callow Jr. (Bonita) of Newburg, Michael Callow (Sharon) of La Plata, Mark Callow (Sandra) of Arnold, numerous nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his siblings, John Callow, Joseph Callow, Edwin Callow, Rita Marcopulos and Helen Crown.

Due to Covid restrictions, funeral services and interment at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham Md. being officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Bob's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD

Charles "Charlie" Henry Dunbar, Sr.



Charles "Charlie" Henry Dunbar, Sr., age 80, of Dameron, Maryland passed away on December 3, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. Charlie was born on September 30, 1940 to the late Paul

Waldron Dunbar, Jr. and Cecilia Bernadette Carroll. Charlie was preceded in death by his brothers Knighton and Joseph (Joe). Charlie is survived by his son Charles (Chuck) Henry Dunbar, Jr (Bridget-spouse) and his grandchildren, Eli, Lucas, and Stella. Charlie was born and raised in St. Mary's County where he attended St. Michael's School and spent most of his time on the waters of St. Jeromes Creek and the Chesapeake Bay.

Charlie served in the Army and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. When Charlie left the military, he worked as a carpenter and a waterman. Fishing, crabbing, hunting, and taking care of his blackberries were his favorite pastimes. He passed his love of these things down to his son, Chuck, and his grandsons, Eli and Lucas.

Charlie's favorite job was "PopPop." He loved his grandkids. He put them on the bus everyday when they were young and had kool-aid, chocolate, and caramels waiting for them when they got home. His grandkids will continue to care for his blackberries.

His family will also remember him for his sweet tooth, the cough drops he kept in his shirt pocket, his whistling, and his love for the family black lab, Milly.

There will be no services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Barbra Jo Osgood

Barbra Jo Osgood, 56, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD on November 18, 2020.

She was born on October 9, 1964 in Winchester, VA. To the late Robert Clay Underwood.

Barbra met the love of her life, Michelle "Mickey" Osgood and they were married for over twenty years before her passing in 2017. She loved her every day she was away and her family is finding comfort knowing they are reunited in heaven.

A beautiful, kind and loving woman, she was adored and loved by her family. Barbra was a fun-loving, and energetic lady. Always willing to lend a helping hand. An advocate for animal safety, she adored all of her fur babies. She especially loved her puppies, Olivia and Oliver and cats.

Barbra is survived by her siblings, Andy Underwood of Cobb Island, MD and Valerie Underwood of Omaha, NE, Corbie Underwood, of AZ and Robert Underwood, WV; and several nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her father, and beloved wife, Mickey.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family would respectfully request donations be made in Barbra's name to the Tri-County Animal Shelter, 6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville, MD 20637 or your local ASPCA.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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Carol Ann Clark King



Carol Ann Clark King, age 77, of Mechanicsville Maryland died following emergency surgery on November 29, 2020.

Carol was born on March 6, 1943 in Toledo, Ohio to Claude and Emma Clark. Raised in Beckley, West Virginia she graduated from Trappe Hill High School in 1961. Carol worked for more than 35 years at Brown Electric, Inc. formerly of Temple Hills, Maryland, owned by Arther and Dianne Brown whom she considered family.

Carol was married for 51 years to Walter C. King until the time of his death in 2016. Along with their grandchildren, they enjoyed riding motorcycles and dancing together. For many years they volunteered with their riding club, celebrating Christmas with a toy drive and give away.

Carol is survived by siblings: John P. Clark of Ocala, Florida, Lulabell Polk of Rileyville, Virginia, Edward Clark (deceased) Beckley, West Virginia and Charles Clark of Mcomb, Michigan; daughters: Julia King, Diane Interrante (Robert-spouse) and Vicki King; grandchildren: Aaron Goodrick, Aidan Interrante and Robin Interrante.

Besides spending time with family and friends Carol loved reading, watching musicals, crocheting and quilting.

Carol was a kind spirit and had a generous heart. She was known for helping her friends and family when they needed her. She touched many lives and will be missed.

Due to Covid-19, a virtual celebration of life is planned for December 20, 2020 at 2 p.m. Her ashes will be

interred at St. Thomas Parish, Upper Marlboro, Maryland in summer 2021.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to a local food bank or Toys for Tots.

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Jason Markell Estep



Jason Markell Estep, 35 of California, MD entered into eternal life on November 29, 2020 in Manassas, VA. Jason was born in Leonardtown, MD on August 12, 1985 to the late Sylvia Elizabeth Marshall and Jeffrey

James Marshall.

He was educated in the St. Mary's County School System, graduating from Leonardtown High School in 2003. After high school Jason worked for several Government Contractors at NAS Patuxent River, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling and Joint Base Charleston until he became ill and was unable to work.

Jason was very loving, caring and sup-

portive. He was an amazing uncle, supporting his nieces and nephews in all that they did. Jason especially enjoyed spending time with his niece Mekhia and nephew Marcel watching shows such as Wild 'n Out and Keenan & Kel and Martin. Jason would attend all their games and was one of their biggest fans. He also enjoyed cheering on his favorite sports teams, the Seattle Seahawks, the Washington Wizards and Duke University. One of the highlights of Jason's life was being "Poise" a member of the rap group Solo 4 alongside Chris (Skeez) Marcus (DJMG), Richard (IllOne), Corey (Nova) and Chuck (KonceptSs). Jason cherished his many close friendships (way too many to name individually).

In addition to his parents, Jason was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Sarah Holt and Howard Nelson and his paternal grandparents Clarissa Marshall and Shannon Marshall.

Jason leaves to cherish his loving memories his three sisters: Nickey Holt (James Goldring), Davida Barnes (Estep) and Alisha Marshall and one brother Damon Estep. Nieces and Nephews: Destiny, Dymond, Danazia, Troy Jr., Mekhia, Marcel Jr., Kimorianna, Daelyn, Noah and Nazir and a great-nephew Nolan and great-niece Nionni, three aunts: Sheena Holt, Selina Holt-Jackson (William) and Selma Scruggs (Ronald), three uncles, Jerome Holt, James Holt (Andre) and Sterling Marshall along with a host of cousins, extended family and friends.

Salvatore Arthur "Art" Casale



Salvatore Arthur "Art" Casale, 91 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on December 2, 2020 at his home with his wife by his side.

Art was born on July 23, 1929 in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Phillip and Mary (Cala) Casale. After graduating from high school in Baltimore, MD in 1947, he received an appointment to the US Naval Academy, graduating in 1951. After serving in the US Navy, he was employed as an Engineer for the Department of Defense, retiring in 1991.

Art spent his retirement volunteering at many places including: St Mary City, Leonardtown City Council, Calvert Museum, Sotterley Plantation, Jack Russell's Skipjack, and some of his fondest memories were the 10 years as a docent at The Library of Congress sharing his knowledge and love of art, architecture and history.

Art was an avid runner throughout his life, completing 11 marathons; he continued running then walking 5 miles a day until 2018.

Art loved travelling the world, in the navy and later with his family. He spoke of his time in Bethany with his family, and often reflected on a solo trip to China. He was on a cruise through the Greek Isles with his late sister Jean when he met Joyce May Casale. They spent the years traveling, visiting family and seeing sites and enjoying an adventure of a lifetime.

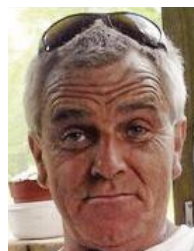


There will be a gravesite service at Arlington National Cemetery. Currently, the cemetery is unable to schedule a date (with estimates of waits up to a year).

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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Virgil James Pendry, Jr.



Virgil James Pendry, Jr., 61, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at the St Mary's Hospice House in Callaway, MD on November 24, 2020. Virgil was born January 9, 1959 in Washington, DC to the late Virgil James Pendry Sr. and Grace (Sullivan) Pendry.

After graduating high school, he proudly served in the United States Navy. Upon his return home, he moved from Washington, DC to West Virginia and then finally settling down in Maryland, where he lived on and off for over forty (40) years.

To know Virgil was to know a hard-working, passionate man with a heart of gold. He was loved by many and known for being the kind of man that would give you the shirt off of his back. Virgil found peace in the great outdoors. He could be found dropping a line in the river, or crabbing on a sunny summer day. He also enjoyed camping and breathing in the crisp air on a beautiful fall morning. When the weather kept him indoors, he enjoyed drawing.

A music man at heart, he loved to sing and dance. But above all, he loved his family. He would often call his grandson Brayden Goddard and would listen to "Chubby" (an affectionate nickname for Brayden) talk about his adventures. Their bond was unbreakable and "PawPaw" could convince him to do anything. A great man was lost, but his memory will remain in the heart of his loved ones.

Virgil is survived by his girlfriend, Patricia Cross, of Mechanicsville, MD and his four (4) children, Donna (Pendry) Goddard of Leonardtown, MD, Jade Pendry of NC, Seth J. Pendry, of NC, and Shyann Pendry, of WV; and his seven (7) grandchildren, Brayden "Chubby" Goddard, Elaina Rae Goddard, James Goddard III, Memphis Tippet, Rylie Phipps, Blake Phipps, and the newest addition to the family, baby Landon Confer. He was preceded in death by his parents.

At this time all services are private.

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All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Nelma Stassfort Julian

Nelma Stassfort Julian, devoted wife of Lt. Col. (Ret) Paul R. Julian, Jr. crossed over the river to lay under the shade tree on November 30, 2020. She was the loving mother of Carol Julian Kross, of New Bern, North

Carolina, Paul Derrick Julian, of Staunton, Virginia and Charles Bruce Julian, of Leonardtown, Maryland. She was the proud grandmother and great grandmother of ten grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren. Born on April 23, 1925 in Suffolk, Virginia, she was the daughter of Derrick Herman Stassfort and Ophelia Wertley Stassfort. She was preceded in death by her sister Anne Stassfort Dickson and brother Derrick Herman Stassfort, Jr. She was a devoted Episcopalian. She enjoyed flower gardening and arranging flowers. She served on the Alter Guild of several churches arranging flowers for the alter and around the church. She also enjoyed crafting ceramics and created several memorable pieces. Family trips and gatherings were always special to her and she always enjoyed having all the family together. She and her husband could often be seen dancing at weddings and other Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and birthdays were always memorable gatherings at "Grandma's". One could always count on her sitting down for a meal and jump up and say "John Brown it", I forgot the rolls in the oven! Though always tasty they had a slight darkened bottom. As youths, she always coached and educated us in the fine tradition of southern manners and character.

At this time, due to the Covid restrictions, no arrangements have been made for a service. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Cards and notes of condolences may be sent to Lt. Col (Ret) Paul R. Julian, Jr./C/o Charles Julian, 20413 Scarlet Tanager Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

Leonard Emile "Lenny" Daniele



Leonard Emile "Lenny" Daniele, 81, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on December 1, 2020 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. He was born on October 26, 1939 in Washington, D.C. to the late Agnes Fiorelli.

Lenny spent his career as a skilled and dedicated barber until his retirement in 2015 from Paul's Barber Shop in Waldorf, MD. He was an avid sports fan and loved to discuss politics. Lenny was the life of the party and always enjoyed good food and the company of his friends and family. He was also generous to a fault, and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it.

Lenny was preceded in death by his mother, his brother Alfred Daniele and nephew Michael Daniele. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Yolanda Daniele of La Plata, MD; nephew, Lawrence Daniele (Caryn) of Waldorf, MD, niece, Ann Daniele of La Plata, MD, cousin, Gary Fiorelli of Los Angeles, CA; niece, Frances Daniele, and extended family and friends.

There will be no services at this time.

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Agnes Roberta Pratt

Agnes Roberta Pratt, 90 of Scotland, MD passed away on November 27, 2020 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center in Lexington Park, MD.

She was born on July 6, 1930 in Leonardtown, MD to the late George Clarence Wise and Annie Ruth Wilkinson Wise.

Roberta is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She was a Post Master for the U.S. Postal Service for over 22 dedicated years at the Scotland Post Office before her retirement in 1988. Her hobbies included crabbing, card games with her sister, square dancing and Sunday dinners with her family. She enjoyed farm life and grew bountiful gardens. She was an excellent cook and made the most delicious chicken salad. She was a loving and supportive mother throughout her children's lives. She was the carpool mom and supported her kids in all their activities. Her family was her greatest love and she enjoyed spending her time with them.

She is survived by her children, Lorraine Adele Pratt of Bishop, CA and Steven Mark Pratt, Jr. of Ridge, MD; her sister, Frances Dean of Ridge, MD; her grandchildren, Brandy Morris McKelvey and Steven Mark Pratt III, her great granddaughter, Morgan Morris; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Pratt Lange; 5 sisters, 3 brothers, and her companion, John Eddie Gattton.

All services are private.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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John Harrison Nelson



John Harrison Nelson, 93 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on November 30, 2020 at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD.

He was born on May 13, 1927 in Live Oak, FL to the late Otto and

Virginia (Burke) Nelson.

After graduating high school, John attended the Merchant Marine Academy where he was able to travel and see the world. On June 2, 1949, John enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country until his Honorable Discharge on June 1, 1953. On the GI Bill, he received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from University of Florida, Gainesville, in June of 1960. After college, he was employed with the NASA Gemini program in St. Louis Missouri. In 1966, John moved to Southern Maryland, where he spent the remainder of his career as a skilled and dedicated Engineer for the Federal Government at Patuxent River Naval Air Station until his retirement in 1986.

On July 6, 2002, he married his beloved wife, Judith Ann Nelson at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Mary's City, MD. John

was an avid reader and enjoyed listening to classical music and opera; he especially enjoyed poetry and studying the Bible. John stayed abreast of world events, where he often shared an empathy for any inequalities in society. He loved the Chesapeake Bay, spending many pleasurable hours sailing and fishing. John was an active member of the BPOE Lodge 2092, the Lions Club in Piney Point and the Patuxent River Power Squadron.

In addition to his wife, Judith, John is also survived by his stepchildren: Peggy Cupke of Perham, MN; Randal Flenniken of Sullivan, MO; Joan Harris of St. Leonard, MD; Jeff Schroeder of Duxbury, MA; and Jill Emerson of Lusby, MD, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, James "Jimmy" Nelson, his first wife, Dorothy J. Nelson, and his stepson, John "Jack" Robbins.

A private Graveside Service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, 47414 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 47414 Old State House Rd, St. Mary's City, MD 20686 or to the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, 46763 S. Shangri La Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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David R. McGuffie



David R. McGuffie born July 26, 1936 in Cameron WV, died November 30, 2020.

He was a graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in business administration degree. He served 24 years in the US Navy and retiring as a Senior Chief at Pax River in 1974. He was a member of the Hollywood United Methodist church, Past Worshipful Master of the Thomas J. Shyrock Lodge 223, Scottish Rite, Past Worthy Patron of The Order of Eastern Star and a Shriner of the Boumi Temple. He was a co-owner of Molly Maid of Southern Maryland.

Loving husband of Alyce Lynne McGuffie they were married on January 3 1964 in Dover, Delaware. He is survived by his wife Lynne and 3 children, Danny David of Shamokin, Pa, Myra Lynne McGuffie-Milner and 3 grandchildren of Hollywood, MD and Michael Clark of Lake Stevens, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donate to the Hollywood United Methodist Church at 24422 Mervell Dean Rd Hollywood, MD 20636. He will be missed. Fair winds and following seas.

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OF THE WEEK

MEET BETA

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FINANCIAL LITERACY TIPS FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

Given the Covid situation, now may be a great time to teach your children and grandchildren about finance. How can you start teaching your children and grandchildren? Here are three tips.

1. Explain what money is and how it works. Unfortunately, many children hear only negative comments about money from overhearing what their parents say. This can easily turn into a fear about money, specifically not having "enough". If this fear is coupled with ignorance about how money works, the child will not have the confidence to tackle money issues. Your goal is to give your child or grandchild the confidence to learn about money. Money should be explained in objective terms—what is it? How does it work? What do those pennies mean? How do the pennies turn into dollars? A simple way of teaching about money is to start in the grocery store. If you give your child or grandchild a dollar, for example, and ask them to buy some fruit with the dollar, they will quickly understand how the money is used to purchase food. Take a field trip to the grocery store letting the child handle some money and pay for groceries at the checkout. You will be amazed at how helpful grocery store clerks, managers and others will be when they know you are trying to give children confidence about money. All of us know how important it is to teach children about money.

2. Teach your children and grandchildren that people have to earn money to live. I recall one incident in my childhood that left a lasting impression on me. I was about 5 or 6 and took a grape in the grocery store and promptly ate it. My father saw me and explained I had stolen that grape from the employees of the store; that employees had to earn money for their families and I had taken their money by stealing something they could no longer sell. My father made me take one penny, find the store manager, apologize for

stealing the grape and offer to pay the penny to the store and its employees—all by myself. Needless to say, I did what my father asked, in tears and with great fear, and I never forgot the lesson. I couldn't wait until my own child made the same mistake so I could repeat the lesson. He did and I did. Somehow we need to teach children and grandchildren what money means in the context of other people and their families.

3. Get creative with the concept of savings. Savings is a harder concept for younger children and grandchildren. They need to see their savings in the form of one or more piggybanks. Using a piggybank for small children and a checking account for older children will teach saving as a concept. But saving in a vacuum will not generate excitement among children. Setting goals for expenditures and saving for those goals will teach budgeting. Using more than one piggybank for different purposes can help even young children learn how to budget. By setting aside some money in the "spending" piggybank and other money in the "sharing" or "saving" piggybanks, children can learn to allocate money to various purposes. With older children, opening a checking account and a savings account is a major step towards maturity. Guide the older child through the process.

However you approach the subject, you are the primary teacher for your children and grandchildren and it is never too early to start them on good money habits. Enjoy your children and help them learn more about finance while doing so.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



VICTORY'S PRICE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Oh yeah, back in the saddle...or the bleachers (sparsely populated for safety, of course). It was swell of Uncle Duke to pinch hit and do his "nephew" a solid last week. What a read! Clearly he whipped himself into a familiar literary (and actual?) frenzy to rip off 700 words of, depending on the reader's perspective, wisdom or irritating nonsense. Where the individual reaction fell on the ledger was, as always, immaterial; what matters is you felt something – that is when words flirt with art.

What injected the Corona pathogen with the best of Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds' special steroid sauce? Was it Thanksgiving? Is the fat dude in the red suit on the short list to receive the vaccine? Are flying reindeer immune? These numbers...in Maryland and across the nation...are racking up like a pinball score or any NBA team playing against the Wizards' minimalist defense. Governor Larry Hogan sounded like a disappointed parent recently when he barked at us to "Wear the damn mask." So much for the dude in the White House declaring no one would even talk about COVID after the election. For once I was hoping his diatribes connected with the truth. But alas, the wooden nose continues to grow...

Remember how well those hockey and basketball bubbles stopped the spread? Well, things are not going so well for bubble-less football teams. Colleges are cancelling games weekly, others are playing without key stars and there's some question if Big Ten schools, playing only conference opponents due to a COVID-delayed start, will get in enough games to be viable for a conference championship game or the college football playoff. Things are not much better for the NFL. Last week, the Steelers defeated the Ravens' backup team...on Wednesday afternoon. The Sunday prior, the Denver Broncos, the proud franchise of John Elway, played without a rostered quarterback. Think about that.

This here column is about sport imitating, inspiring and reflecting real life. Well, with fluid schedules, ravaged rosters and evolving quarantine lists, sports are looking a whole lot like our unpredictable, fatiguing, unprecedented and frus-

trating pandemic lives. Distanced learning, maximum telework, Zoom church and virtual family visits have modems and routers working harder than Southern Maryland sump pumps during the 2020 monsoon. Directional arrows and spacing signs in stores are giving me flashbacks to strict elementary school lines. Canceled events are stacking up. Holiday traditions are on pause. Takeout containers and delivery boxes are overwhelming garages and recycle bins.

But we're all adapting – athletes and regular Joes and Janes. The thing is, while our nine-month battle against this pandemic flattened the first curve, we are worse off now than ever. It seems all the gains made from personal sacrifices, distorted lives and masking up have done little more than maintain status quo until science bails us out.

Ladling this harsh reality over sports, there are plenty of lessons to be learned. First, there was a leadership void. The head coach's message meandered from dismissive, to half-hearted, to inconsistent with medical professionals and was eventually exposed as purposefully misleading. As for what we – the players – could control, some bought into the strategy, ran the plays with discipline and sacrificed for a greater, common cause. But some didn't, especially after the initial crisis waned. Too many teammates free-lanced and undermined opportunities with dubious decisions.

The summer was like a series of home games against inferior opponents. We ran up a few wins, beat the viral marauder back and slacked off. Now we're on the road and getting our a---s kicked by a formidable opponent that has regained the momentum.

Fortunately, there are several more rounds on the calendar. We're trailing in the late innings, but we have a couple big bats left on our bench, courtesy of Pfizer and Moderna. They are getting loose but aren't quite ready yet. Until then, we – all of us – have to bear down, tighten up on defense, stick to the fundamentals and limit the damage. There is no choice. See, this game doesn't mercifully end. We will win, eventually. The only variables are time and victory's ultimate price.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



MOCHA ZING

I am so enjoying this custom Café Mocha my husband made me this morning to have while writing my column. I had told him how much better I felt after having a Starbucks Café Mocha the other day, and he fixed me right up with one. He melted espresso bean dark chocolate and mixed it in with a strong Starbucks Italian coffee K-cup and topped it all off with whipped cream. Oh my. I should be going all day. It is sooo good. Yes, my heart is racing faster than the second hand on our clock, but I feel alert. Those synapses in the brain are firing. I wonder how far the caffeine will take me – I may need an afternoon cup too.

This may even take my grumpies away. I didn't think I was grumpy, but my husband keeps saying I've been grumpy lately. I told him, "Well, it's my turn for a while." Because he knows how to be grumpy during the winter, and I just try to stay quiet and not get him fired up about anything. That is not an easy thing for me. My husband has gotten so much better at not being grumpy all winter anymore.

Maybe I was grumpy because we were watching The Today Show's third hour and Dylan Dreyer had the 5 questions you should ask in a relationship from some expert. Dylan told her co-hosts Al Roker and Sheinelle Jones to write down in one color pen on a piece of paper what annoyed them about each other, and then they were supposed to exchange the papers with each other and let whomever received it read it, summarize it, and then write something back. I told my husband this is probably not going to end well for the hosts. And it didn't, Al Roker was so displeased with the whole idea that he just sat there looking at the camera and making unkind remarks. Sheinelle actually had an annoyance with Al because she said he had promised to watch her kids, which he denied, and they bantered back and forth about that for a bit. It finally got back to Dylan and she said she had no complaints about either of them, and loved them both very much. Then Al, still very annoyed with the whole segment cut her off before she could mention the other 4 relationship questions and went right to his own segment. The look on Dylan's face said it all. She got the grumpy look.

I thought, wow, Al cut Dylan right off and she didn't get her turn. That made me mad and then some-



how through my twisted logic I got grumpy vicariously through/with Dylan, thinking yes, it's my turn and I have a right to be grumpy at times. My husband calls me Pollyanna quite often which is not (necessarily) true, but there are times when everything aggravates me. I hope I am not the only one that gets this way.

The last delicious dregs of decadent mocha are gone from my cup, and I believe my grumpies have gone (at least for today). Now I am ready to hit the workshop and work on stuff. And then finish painting some more "Have a crabby Christmas" ornaments on some glass ball ornaments. I am making some for our blended group of 12 grandkids. I was really worried I wouldn't be able to paint those anymore, so I did a test painting session of 6, and put them out for sale on our neighborhood Facebook page and sold 4. I know it was only 4, but for me it brought back the excitement of the late 80s and early 90s when there were people lined up to get my series of painted ornaments at the Oyster Festival. I so miss those days being a member of The Craft Guild of St. Mary's.

Well I guess I better put in my afternoon Café Mocha order with my personal Barista Roberto if I want to start zinging around here and getting things done before the caffeine crash hits. Maybe I can talk him into doing a neighborhood Café Mocha stand through the winter. Nope, I think I want to keep that zing just for me.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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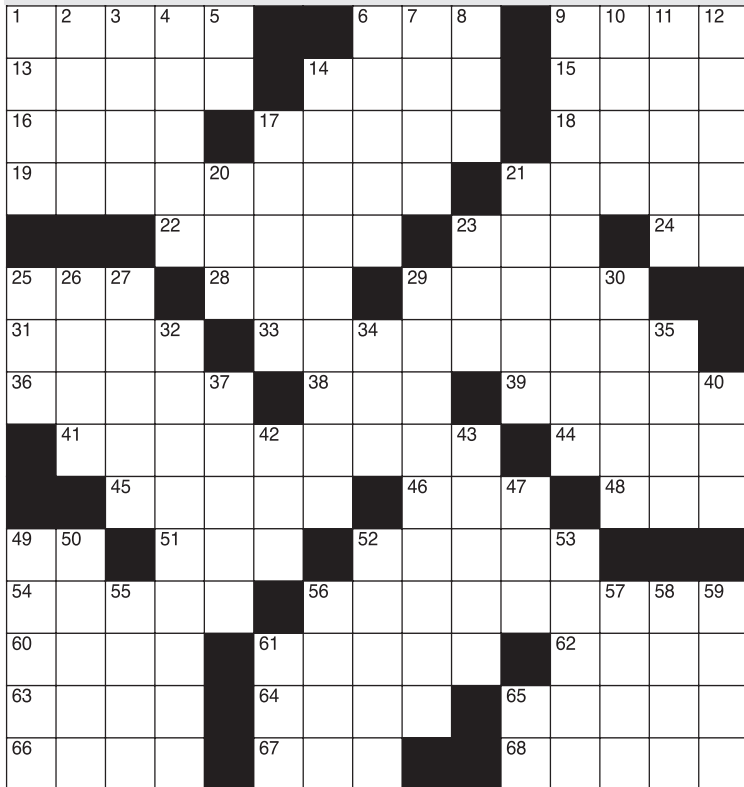


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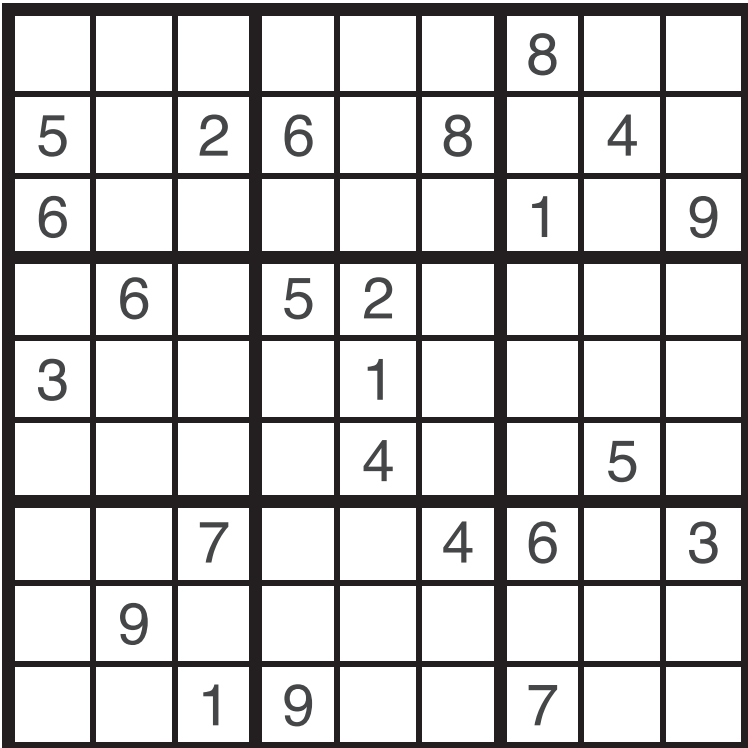
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- 18. Floating ice
- 19. Broadcast
- 21. Aquatic mammals
- 22. Some are bath
- 23. Hip hop trio
- 24. NY Giants' #56
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- 45. Fathered
- 46. Pouch
- 48. Institute legal proceedings against
- 49. News organization

- 51. Unruly group of people
- 52. Fasten or secure
- 54. Sheets of glass
- 56. Doubled
- 60. Foolish person
- 61. Rooney and Kate are two
- 62. Small, rich sponge cake
- 63. Advice or counsel
- 64. Large wading bird
- 65. Famed British physicist
- 66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
- 67. Field force unit
- 68. Lying face downward

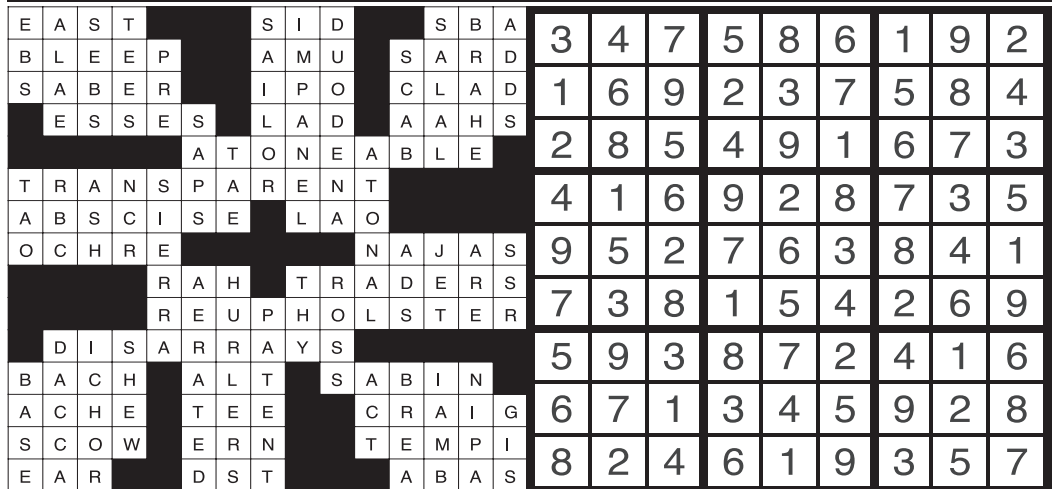
- 12. Use with "thou"
- 14. Mollusk
- 17. Grain storage units
- 20. Not a car, not a truck
- 21. Ooze
- 23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 25. Tennis pros group
- 26. Something that's not what it's purported to be
- 27. E. Indian trees
- 29. Beloved December holiday
- 30. Regions
- 32. Metric unit of length
- 34. Peter's last name
- 35. Beige
- 37. 18-year period in astronomy
- 40. Where golfers begin
- 42. Basketball stat (abbr.)
- 43. Frocks
- 47. Soda comes in it
- 49. On approval
- 50. Trims by cutting
- 52. Small finch
- 53. Language Bura-___
- 55. Nothing
- 56. Imbecile (British)
- 57. Tropical Asian plant
- 58. Abba ___, Israeli politician
- 59. Small freshwater fish
- 61. Indicates position

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)
- 2. Soap ingredient
- 3. Blackbird
- 4. Single steps
- 5. Tin
- 6. Books have lots of them
- 7. Made of fermented honey and water
- 8. You can get it in a bed
- 9. Room for communal meals
- 10. Early Syrian kingdom
- 11. Provokes dry amusement



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