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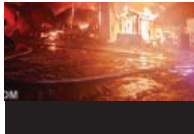
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St. Mary's Battles Rash of Fires



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Commissioners Call For Referendum on Crosby's Voting Reform Bill

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A bill that would change the way residents vote for their county commissioners, restricting votes to the district in which the candidate is running instead of the at-large model now in use, is moving forward in the Maryland General Assembly.

But local leaders say the proposed law, HB 655 proposed by Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist. 29B), would impose a new order without input from the voters it would affect.

At their Feb. 23 meeting, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to press for an amendment in Annapolis that would put the question to a referendum.

The bill would not only change the voting method here but in four other counties, including Calvert, Garrett, Queen Anne and Cecil counties, which also elect commissioners by at large voting.

"Some people didn't know they were going to be impacted," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt.

None of the counties which would be directly impacted by the bill support the legislation and it is opposed by the Maryland Association of Counties (MaCO) as it would take away local flexibility of governance.

Commissioner Todd Morgan commented on what he called "the disingenuousness of this bill."

"There are better ways of handling this situation than being told 'This is how you're going to vote in the future,'" Morgan said, calling for a referendum. "The people have a right to vote on this."

Morgan also called for a referendum on the option of voting in all commissioners at large, but without a district residency requirement, as is now the local law.

Under such a new mandate, Morgan said, five commissioners could conceivably be elected who live on the same street.

"That's a decision the people get to make," Morgan continued. "It shouldn't be Annapolis telling you here's the decision you get to live with."

Commissioner John O'Connor said county residents have already rejected code home rule and were not given a fair chance to speak out on the legislation now under consideration.

"Put it to the people, let the whole county decide," O'Connor said.

"St. Mary's County is small enough that we need to represent the whole county," said Commissioner Eric Colvin, who also opposed Crosby's bill.

They castigated Crosby for com-



Delegate Brain Crosby

ments the delegate made during a Feb. 9 Ways and Means Committee hearing in which he likened the current voting method to racist Jim Crow laws that repressed minorities from casting ballots decades ago, particularly in the South during the Civil Rights Movement.

"What I thought was very disingenuous... is that he called St. Mary's County Jim Crow 2.0," Hewitt said. "That what we were doing down here was somehow systemic racism."

"I really take offense to that, it's a slap in the face."

Hewitt continued: "Are you trying to say that people who live outside Lexington Park are racist? It's terrible."

Hewitt said the last "person of color" to sit on the commissioner board, John Lancaster, was seated prior to both Morgan and Morgan's predecessor Daniel Raley.

Raley sat on the board for 12 years and is a Democrat; from 2006 to 2010 three Democrats sat on the commissioner board outnumbering Republicans.

"If people feel disenfranchised, we need to work on that," Hewitt said. "They need to feel like they are part of the process."

People of color elected to local government in St. Mary's have been few, though the first African American sheriff in Maryland, Joseph Lee Somerville, was elected by the people at large in 1978 for a four-year term after first being appointed by the governor in 1977 after the death of his predecessor.

O'Connor said he wanted to see proof that there were problems with certain residents voting in St. Mary's County.

"This past election we had record turnout," O'Connor said. "The fact that he [Crosby] would refer to the rest of the county as racist is beyond me."

"It is shameful on his behalf."

During the Ways and Means Com-



Commissioner John O'Connor

mittee hearing Crosby and supporters of his bill testified in its favor.

"This bill is about fairness, equality and diversity," Crosby said Feb. 9. "It improves democracy at the local level by ending a Jim Crow era policy of electing representatives in a manner that disenfranchises non-white voters."

Crosby argued that the current election system acted to dilute the votes of minorities, particularly

those living in county commissioner District 4; the largest concentration of non-white residents live there.

"You get a board that doesn't look like the community it represents," Crosby said, adding he was not casting aspersions at any of the current county commissioners.



Viki Volk, CEO of the Community Development Corporation, said Lexington Park had no "civic agency committed to its oversight" despite being in the largest development district in the county.

"Rampant crime, vacant buildings and crumbling infrastructure display its neglect," Volk said. "There is no arm of local government directly beholden to these urban needs."

Development and population patterns "dilute Lexington Park's voice," said Volk but the "consequences of neglect continue growing for every St. Mary's County taxpayer."

"It's overdue to address these issues with representation," Volk continued.


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Blue Crabs' Regency Stadium, Next Mass Vaccination Site



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The home of the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs minor league baseball team, Regency Stadium off Billingsley Road in Charles County will be the state's fourth mass COVID-19 vaccination site, Gov. Larry Hogan announced Feb. 22.

Hogan said the facility would open to Maryland residents "in the next couple of weeks" with the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

He confirmed it would be open no later than March 11.

"Like the other mass vaccination sites, it will be capable of administering thousands of shots per day as soon as more supplies become available," Hogan said.

Maryland continues to press on with administering doses, Hogan said, despite delays from the federal government and recent winter weather.

More than 1.1 million doses have been doled out statewide so far, he said, but supplies remain short.

"We are using every single dose allocated to us," Hogan said. "There simply are not enough vaccines."

Hogan announced the state was instituting a pre-registration system for vaccines as well as greater sequencing efforts to track mutations of the virus in partnership with University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins.

The pre-registration system, launching in March, will be used towards the state-run mass vaccination sites, Hogan said.

All key health metrics related to COVID-19 continue to improve, Hogan said, with the statewide positivity rate dropping below four percent for the first time since October.

Also, the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations have dropped from approximately 2,000 last month to 978 as of Hogan's press conference in Annapolis.

The number of nursing homes in Maryland with active COVID-19 cases has dropped by 47 percent as well, Hogan said, though the virus continues to claim lives.

So far 7,580 Marylanders have succumbed to the disease, Hogan said.

The state remains concerned about variants of the virus, such as the South African and Brazilian strains, which have been identified here; though they are not known to cause greater harm they are believed to be more contagious, Hogan said.

Hogan was hopeful that Johnson and Johnson, which is also working on a single-dose vaccine being made at the Emergent BioSolutions plant in East Baltimore, might receive emergency use approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as early as next week with vaccine allocations to follow immediately thereafter.

Hogan also clarified an executive order that all people over the age of 5 years old must continue to wear face masks while in a school setting where close interaction is likely as they begin to return to classrooms and in-person instruction.

Fraud schemes related to COVID-19 vaccines continue to surface, Hogan said, with scammers attempting to extract personal information and payment in exchange for a dosage.

"No one can sell you a vaccine, the vaccine is free," Hogan said. "No social security information is required."

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Local ServPro Teams Heads West To Help in Disaster Relief

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

With extreme cold weather hitting Texas and wreaking havoc with wide-spread home damage, the demand for professional cleaning services has skyrocketed; local ServPro teams have gone there in support of the larger corporation.

Chad Day, general manager for the Lexington Park ServPro, recently returned to St. Mary's from Texas and reported on the individual disasters that befell so many homeowners.

"They had cold weather down there that they really weren't ready for," Day said. "The homes there are all built on concrete slabs, so the plumbing is all in their attics."

Nationally recognized images of ceiling fans encased in ice illustrated the severity of the deep Texas freeze.

"Their pipes just froze and that put a lot of water in the ceilings," Day said "You had ceilings on the floor."

Dustin Whittles, market special-

ist at the local ServPro, said the franchise was rotating teams in and out of Texas by airline flights.

"The amount of calls we [the corporation] were getting was insane," Whittle said. "We're switching teams out, so we don't burn anyone out."

The pace of work there has been high, Day said, with teams constantly on the job.

"You can see in just about every neighborhood there are people whose driveways are just filled with insulation and carpets that they've taken out from their homes," said Day. "It seems pretty wide-spread."

The team dispatched from St. Mary's is between six to eight members in strength, Day said, and they are sometimes cleaning a dozen homes a day.

"They're working 12-to-14-hour days," Day said. "They know they're down there to make a difference."

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Crew we sent to Texas- left to right- Chad Day, Dylan Whittles, Robby Crawford, Richard Kline, Shannon Shreve.

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Commissioners Could Expand Health Benefits for Elected Officials

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County Commissioners and other locally elected officials already receive retiree health benefits based on their length of service in office, but at their Feb. 23 meeting the Commissioners of St. Mary's County considered changing the length of service schedule for those benefits.

In essence, it would expand those benefits to elected officials more quickly.

Currently a county elected official who serves up to 10 years gets no health benefits from the county and by the time they have 25 years of service – this would be for offices locally which are not term limited – the county would pay for 85 percent of their health insurance upon retirement.

County Commissioners here are term limited to three terms, or 12 years, which would only allow them to receive a 42.5 percent health subsidy upon leaving office.

Commissioner John O'Connor made a motion to amend the ser-

vice schedule to allow an elected official who has served two terms to get a 75 percent health insurance subsidy and one who serves three terms to receive an 85 percent benefit.

Commissioner Eric Colvin offered an amendment that would include the director of the Resource Conservation and Development group to follow the current schedule for retiree health benefits.

"We don't have a fiscal note on this?" asked Commissioner Mike Hewitt.

"Correct," answered Catherine Pratson, director of county government human resources.

"Is it wise to vote on something without a fiscal note?" Hewitt continued.

"It's minimal from what Ms. Pratson said," replied O'Connor.

The amendment would only affect elected officials now and in the future and would not be retroactive for previous office holders.

Hewitt voiced his dissatisfaction with the amended plan.

"And we don't know what this is going to cost?" Hewitt said.



"We're telling people we're going to increase our benefits at the taxpayers' expense.

"We're padding ourselves."

Commissioners agreed to get an analysis on the costs of the amendments before voting to approve the change at next week's budget work session.

John K. Parlett, member of the county's compensation review commission formed last summer, said the desire for increased health benefits for elected leaders

was never addressed during the half-dozen sessions they held.

The commission recommended compensation increases for officials, but they must ultimately be approved in the Maryland General Assembly.

"This was never brought to us," Parlett said. "The time to bring that up would've been then.

"It seems very self-serving as it's going to affect them now; it seems like a conflict of interest."

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Leonardtown Proclaims February 26th Moll Dyer Day

The Commissioners of Leonardtown, the governing body of Leonardtown, Maryland, have designated February 26th as Moll Dyer Day in honor of the 17th-century woman, Moll Dyer, and the legend that bears her name.

Many know of the legend of Moll Dyer, but it's not as widely known that Dyer was a real woman who lived just south of what is now Leonardtown in the late 1600's. She is believed to have been a healer who often aided the community, however when an epidemic of influenza arose during the winter of 1697, the town inhabitants looked to lay blame and named her as its cause. Accused of witchcraft, Dyer was set upon by a mob fearful of the sickness. When they set fire to her small cabin, Dyer escaped into the surrounding woods on a bitterly cold night in February 1698. Her body was found days later by a young boy looking for lost livestock. She was found with one hand frozen to a large rock and the other outstretched to the sky. Legend has it that Moll put a curse on the land and on the rock, which bears her now fading handprint. It's rumored that anyone who touches the rock may become dizzy or even fall ill.

"It is time we recognize the legend and legacy of Moll Dyer," said Mayor Burris. "Her story is widely known and has been the subject of several paranormal investigations. Her legend even served as inspiration for the popular movie, 'The Blair Witch

Project'."

The rock was moved to the Old Jail in 1972 where it has sat for almost 50 years. The St. Mary's County Historical Society has taken measures to preserve the rock, moving it to the home of the Historical Society at Tudor Hall Manor.

Peter LaPorte, Executive Director of the Historical Society, said that the Board and members wanted to halt the slow erosion of the stone. "Our mission is to preserve the history of St. Mary's County and the Moll Dyer Rock is certainly one of the best known and cherished parts of that history," LaPorte said.

The unveiling of the relocated rock will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021. The event, which starts with a brief retelling of the Moll Dyer legend, can be attended at Tudor Hall or watched via live-stream online at: www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com/MollDyer or at the Town of Leonardtown Facebook page. The live stream event is produced by the St. Mary's Historical Society, Winson Media and the Commissioners of Leonardtown.

For more information about the virtual unveiling ceremony or the St. Mary's County Historical Society, visit www.stmaryshistory.org or contact director@stmaryshistory.org. For information on other Leonardtown virtual programming, visit www.VisitLeonardtownMD.com or contact brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov.



New Wicomico Golf Course Manager Appointed

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. George Ancuta as Manager for the Wicomico Shores Golf Course and Riverview Restaurant.

Mr. Ancuta is a PGA Certified Professional in the areas of golf operations, instruction, retail and general management. His list of awards includes the 2014 National PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award.

Commissioner President Randy Guy said, "As the new manager, Mr. Ancuta will bring over 20 years of experience in the golf industry. He spent nine years as the Head Professional at the municipally owned Knoll Country Club. This course was Golf Digest's 2010 pick as No. 1 municipally owned course in New Jersey while George was there. His credentials are excellent, and we are pleased to have him on board."

"George's professionalism and desire to see everyone that comes to Wicomico Shores Golf Course



and Riverview Restaurant enjoy the experience from the moment they arrive is a major reason we look forward to the future at WSGC," said Arthur Shepherd, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks.

Mr. Ancuta will assume his role Monday, March 15, 2021.

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The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), in partnership with the St. Mary's County NAACP #7025 and the Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC) of St. Mary's County, is launching a new local Get Out the Vax campaign. Get Out the Vax is a partnership to get information about COVID-19 vaccine to minority residents, better understand and address concerns community members may have about vaccination, and support the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine in St. Mary's County.

SMCHD, St. Mary's County NAACP #7025, and the MOC will host a Get Out the Vax virtual community forum on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 2 p.m. to provide information on local vaccination efforts and to discuss the importance of health equity as it relates to the COVID-19 vaccine. All community members are welcome to participate - the forum will be streamed live online via the:

St. Mary's County NAACP #7025 YouTube Channel

St. Mary's County NAACP #7025 Facebook Page

St. Mary's County Health Department Facebook Page

For more information on Get Out the Vax, please contact either the:

St. Mary's County NAACP #7025 at (301) 863-3011 or st-marysnaacp@gmail.com

Minority Outreach Coalition at (240) 538-5681 or mocstmarys@gmail.com

"We've seen the numbers and understand that minorities have not received the vaccine at the rates that reflect our county's population, infection rate, or death rate. We are working with our community and partner organizations like the Health Department to correct this disconnect by attacking barriers to receiving vaccination and addressing possible vaccine hesitancy," said William Hall, St. Mary's County NAACP President.

"If you get the spot - take the shot," encourages Nathaniel Scroggins, MOC Director.

"We know that this pandemic has disproportionately impacted minorities when it comes to COVID-related illness and death," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "Our public health team is grateful for this partnership with our local Minority Outreach Coalition and NAACP chapter to make sure our community members have the vaccine information they need from sources they trust."

For more information about local COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the St. Mary's County Health Department website at: www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine.

For more information on SMCHD efforts to advance health equity, please visit: www.smchd.org/equity.

Joint Release from St. Mary's County NAACP #7025, The Minority Outreach Coalition of St. Mary's County and St. Mary's County Health Department,

Quilts of Valor Presented to Nine Veterans



Shown, (l to r): Joshua Cooper, Stephen Wirth, Lori Brasko, Richard Brasko, Tomas Howe, Danny Morris, Michael Hinson, Romius Catnour, and James Pendarvis.

PAX Sound of Freedom, the St. Mary's County Chapter of Quilts of Valor, honored nine local veterans for their service to our country at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park. The Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy were represented and the Navy's recipients included a Navy husband/wife team.

Quilts of Valor is an established non-profit 501(c)3 with a mission to support our veterans. The PAX Sound of Freedom group is headed by Sylvia and Gerry Lague, group leaders, and at the current time the group has 20 active participants. Sew-ins are held on the

second Saturday of each month at St. George's Catholic Church in Valley Lee from 90 a.m. to 4 p.m. and presentations are held on the third Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park. Special arrangements can be made in advance for personal presentations.

If you have any questions regarding Quilts of Valor, or would like to participate in the group's activities, please contact Sylvia Lague at (941) 705-0094.

Press Release from PAX Sound of Freedom.

Quilts of Valor Makes Holiday Presentation

Most families try to get together on holidays and special occasions but it is much more difficult for military families as family members are often deployed to remote locations around the world. Marine Corps Captain and Major selectee Ryan Shannon, currently assigned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, surprised his family by coming home to Lexington Park for a few days of leave before departing for deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Ryan is the son of Paul and Holly Shannon.

The Shannons are extremely proud of all their children. All three are on active duty serving their country. In addition to Captain Ryan Shannon, their daughter, Lieutenant Molly Shannon is a graduate of West Point and is currently serving in the Army in Korea while their other son, Captain Jonathan Shannon, is in the Army and deployed to Iraq.

A Quilt of Valor was presented the day after Christmas to Captain Ryan Shannon in a special ceremony at the home of Sylvia and Gerry Lague, PAX Sound of Freedom group leaders. In attendance for Captain Shannon's ceremony were his parents, Paul and Holly Shannon.

Quilts of Valor is an established non-profit 501(c)3 with a mission to support our veterans. PAX Sound of Freedom, the St. Mary's chapter of Quilts of Valor, commenced its activities in 2017. The quilt presented to Captain Shannon marked the 75th presentation for 2020. COVID restrictions have limited



Captain Ryan is pictured at his parents' home in front of a portrait with his siblings, left to right, Captain Ryan Shannon, Lieutenant Molly Shannon and Captain Jonathan Shannon. Photo by Holly Shannon.

presentations.

Quilt presentations are generally held on the third Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park, however, special arrangements can be made in advance for personal presentations.

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'In A Cook's Kitchen'

Video Series Empowers Home Cooks

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) has released "In a Cook's Kitchen," a video cookery series designed to inspire and empower home cooks.

The 15-part video cookery series is created by Craig Sewell, SMADC's Southern Maryland Meats Marketing Manager, who for 16 years ran one of the first locally sourcing restaurants to open in Annapolis, where he hosted numerous popular back-to-basics cooking classes through which home cooks learn foundation recipes that build and strengthen essential cooking and preparation skills along the way.

The inspiration for the 'In a Cook's Kitchen Series' originated from the observation that since the advent of COVID and shelter in place lock-downs cooking at home is becoming increasingly important, (evidenced by everyday pantry stocks flying off grocery store shelves), and people may need some basic cooking skills to expand their mealtime repertoires. As a result, we at SMADC decided to bring some of these skills into people's homes presented in a readily accessible (free to view) video package.

The In a Cook's Kitchen Series is expertly filmed by Remsburg Photography, Inc., in a no-frills 'real' home kitchen – no special cooking equipment or culinary knowledge required. Explains Craig Sewell, "We're not just demonstrating a one-off recipe we're bringing you everything you need to know to create delicious meals in your home kitchen." Each class builds upon the previous class starting with two introductory episodes that set the stage for the rest of se-



ries featuring knife skills, how to source a chicken and other farm-fresh ingredients, followed by 13 more episodes that demonstrate recipes and skills for perfect salad dressings, whipping and flipping techniques, foundation sauces and stocks plus other fundamental culinary building blocks that pave the way for endless variations and fearless experimentation.

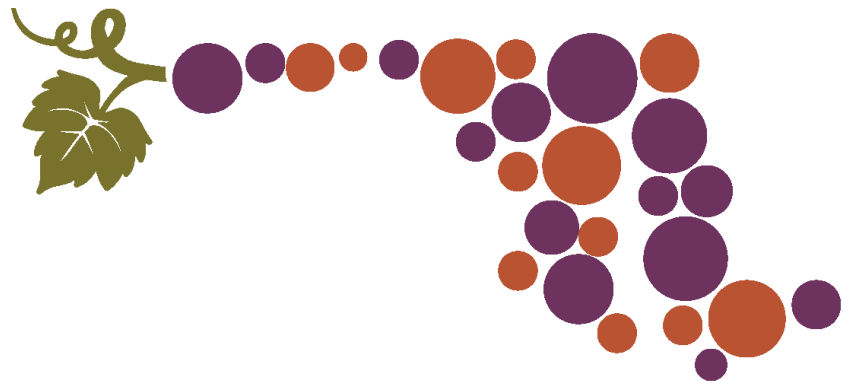
Throughout the series Sewell shares insights about the local farms that provide his locally sourced ingredients and stays true to his principles about food, "To buy the best, freshest ingredients from places as close to you as possible with growing and raising practices that are respectful to the environment (and animals) as possible, and then, to the best of my ability stay out of their way and let them speak for themselves."

Explore all 15 episodes of a "In a Cook's Kitchen" cookery series available now on the 'Recipes' page at southernmarylandmeats.com. Southern Maryland Meats is a program of SMADC, (a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland).

Press Release from SMADC.

Top Maryland Wines Named at Governor's Cup

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MARYLAND WINE

The Maryland Governor's Cup will take up a year-long residency at Boordy Vineyards in Baltimore County. The 2020 Maryland Wine Governor's Cup Competition featured 160 entries from nearly 30 Maryland wineries. This annual competition features Maryland-made wines, produced with grapes and fruits grown in the state. Maryland vineyards currently grow nearly 1000 acres of grapes throughout each of the state's unique growing regions.

The Governor's Cup Competition was twice delayed due to COVID restrictions. Originally planned for August 2020, the competition was finally held on February 5 with a cohort of judges and staff.

Port of Leonardtown Winery earned the 2020 Jack Aellen Cup at this year's competition. The 2019 vintage of McIntosh Run, an apple wine, earned a gold medal and the "Best in Class" distinction for fruit wine at this year's Governor's Cup. The wine then secured victory in a final taste-off of fruit wines, meads, and ciders.

"We are elated to win the Jack Aellen Cup for our 100 percent apple wine, McIntosh Run," said Lauren Zimmerman, winemaker at Port of Leonardtown Winery. "Like biting into a crisp McIntosh apple, everyone loves this refreshing wine!"

Opened in 2010, Port of Leonardtown Winery is one of the nation's only winery cooperatives, run by Southern Maryland growers. Winemaker Lauren Zimmerman has produced other "best in show" wines, including the Barbera Reserve 2015.

Other Port of Leonardtown Winery Governor's Cup wins included:

Best in Class

White: Port of Leonardtown Winery • Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Fruit: Port of Leonardtown Winery • McIntosh Run 2019

Double Gold

Port of Leonardtown Winery • Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Gold

Port of Leonardtown Winery • 10th Anniversary Red

Port of Leonardtown Winery • Barbera Reserve 2017

Port of Leonardtown Winery • McIntosh Run 2019

See the entire list of medalists on MarylandWine.com.

About the Competition. The Maryland Governor's Cup Competition awards the best Maryland wines produced from grapes, fruit, and honey grown within the state. Fruit wines, meads, and ciders produced in Maryland that are judged at this competition vie for the Jack Aellen Cup. Red, white, rosé, sparkling, and fruit wines were entered into this year's competition and judged by wine experts from around the region.

About the Jack Aellen Cup. The Jack Aellen Cup specifically highlights the top-scoring fruit wine, cider or mead. The cup is named after Linganore Winecellars founder, Jack Aellen, who pioneered wines made from fruit and honey in Maryland. The "Jack Aellen Cup" is presented annually alongside the Governor's Cup.

About the Maryland Wineries Association. The Maryland Wineries Association (MWA), formed in 1984, is the non-profit trade association that represents more than 85 member wineries in Maryland. MWA's mission is to develop and expand the grape and wine industry in Maryland – through education and promotion.

Press Release from The Maryland Wineries Association.

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Portraits of St. Mary's County: Gary Cox

By Florence Ballengee
Contributing Writer
Fifth in a Series

Gary Cox is the definition of a good cop. When he retired after 26 years as a Maryland State Trooper, he had only drawn his gun a few times, had never shot anyone, never struck anyone with his fists, never struck anyone with his flashlight, never sprayed anyone with mace and yet had been in some difficult wrestling matches.

When he retired his personnel file contained not one complaint but instead 86 letters from people he had helped. And he had attained, during his last few years, the rank of major, a rank few attain.

He was a young man who never wanted to be a cop. He worked in construction. And the path from construction worker to one of Maryland's top cops wasn't an easy one. It took hard work and dedication and a strong work ethic. But Gary Cox was up to the task once he realized that he was meant to be a police officer.

It started when a friend of his was having an interview to join the Maryland State Police. Cox went with him and sat on the floor in the hallway waiting for his friend. When the interview was completed the police officer who was interviewing his friend said, "How about you young man, would you like to apply to the Maryland State Police?"

"No sir, that's not for me" Cox responded.

Instead, after working in construction for some time, Cox joined the Navy because he wanted to become a Sea Bee. Once he found that the Navy wasn't going to make him a Sea Bee, he went to Navy Dive School and became a skilled deep-sea diver.

His dilemma was to figure out what he did want to do. He took the catalog from Prince Georges Community College and he covered up all the headings of the classes and read the descriptions. And he marked those he was interested in. When he was finished, and he looked at the titles he found that 90 percent of the classes that he was interested in were law enforcement.

He began the classes that led to his Associates degree and applied to the Prince George's Police Department and to the Maryland State Police and was offered a job with both. MSP offered first so he became a State Trooper. By then, Cox was married and he knew he needed a secure job with benefits. So, off he went to the Maryland State Police Academy where he graduated third in his class of 75.

When he finished the police academy he was asked about an assignment to Leonardtown. He said he would go to Leonardtown, "But where" he asked, "is Leonardtown?"

From the first day he spent assigned to Leonardtown as a brand-new Maryland State Trooper, he fell in love with St. Mary's County. He rode along admiring its beautiful country roads, it's Amish farmers with horses and buggies, the tobacco farms and corn fields and he knew that this is where he wanted to raise his family.

Gary and Debbie immersed themselves in family life and in life in St. Mary's County. They had a church home, they played softball, and Gary worked as a trooper and in his spare time he helped others. In fact, Gary Cox is well known for his generosity



Major Gary Cox

in helping others, often using his construction skills to help people who are unable to help themselves or who needed an extra pair of hands. He is particularly skilled in dry wall construction as well as other phases of the building trades. In 1978 Cox's parents built a house and moved just a block or so away. He had a very special relationship with his parents who also fell in love with St. Mary's County. His parents are gone now and his daughter Julie and her family live in and own the home her grandparents built.

Together, Debbie and Gary Cox raised Julie, now a teacher at Spring Ridge Middle School, Robert a government employee at Pax River and Susan who was employed with a contractor but is currently a stay-at-home mom to two small children.

Early on Cox garnered a reputation as a good cop and a fair man. He knew and understood the unique occupations held by watermen and farmers. It wasn't unusual to get called to a fight and find that his adversary was someone he played softball with. Because he became a part of the community, it made his job as a peacemaker easier.

As he rose in rank, he began to be moved around for his assignments. But Hollywood remained home, and he left each day to work at his assigned duty station sometimes traveling two hours to get to work with never a thought of leaving St. Mary's County.

On one of his return assignments to Leonardtown, he got an opportunity to use his skill as a deep-sea diver. The Maryland State Police had an underwater dive team. The team of four traveled around Maryland and other bordering jurisdictions doing underwater recovery for evidence, for bodies and even for bombs.

Two such assignments would have a lasting impact on Cox. One evening while playing softball, Cox got a call for a possible drowning of a three-year-old child. At the time, his daughter Julie was three years old. He can still recall the outfit Julie was wearing when he left to dive to look for the child. Unfortunately, he did recover the tiny body of the little girl who looked a lot like his little daughter and was dressed in the same type outfit. That dive took a toll on him in terms of lost sleep and emotional turmoil. All these years later it is still the first dive assignment that came to his mind



The Maryland State Police flag designed by Major Gary Cox is used by the honor guard at all events. MSP members in the military reserve units fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq have taken the flag with them to the war zone and sent back pictures of them with the flag in the field.

when asked.

Another dive he remembers well was done off the shore of Ocean City where he and another trooper on the dive team were assigned to find the bodies of two men who were on a boat that sunk. The two troopers became trapped in the sunken boat with little time and air. Obviously, they got out but not without some very anxious moments trying to get out before their air ran out.

After years on the dive team, diving in nearly every body of water in St. Mary's County, and in parts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania (which included farm ponds) Cox's rank, as he moved up the chain of command eventually prevented him from being on the dive team.

As Cox moved up the chain of command of the Maryland State Police, he changed duty assignments many times. But back home in St. Mary's County he remained involved. He was always ready to help a friend. He was always ready to volunteer. He and his wife Debbie were supporters of Project Graduation from its inception. In fact, one year when there was a shortage of manpower needed for chaperones and security, Cox, who was then barrack commander in Forestville, took men off the Beltway and rewarded them by allowing them to fill in at Project Graduation. His action saved Project Graduation that year and the kids saw it as a special treat to have the troopers take the basketball court with them.

As he moved up the chain of command, he held assignments as Commander of the Southern Region, Commander of the Central Region, Commander of the Motor Vehicle Division, Commander of the Airport Division-BWI, Bureau Chief, Administration and Operations Bureau of Maryland Port Authority and of course from 1977 to 1992 he was the Assistant Commander of Under Water Recovery.

He is the author of the MSP Underwater Recovery Team Operations Manual, The Security Manual for the Port of Baltimore and other documents of importance to the Maryland State Police and their roles within the State. Cox has had extensive training in nearly every phase of law enforcement and security and while performing his regular responsibilities he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from University of Maryland.

By 1999 he attained the rank of Major and was responsible for the management of six divisions including, Motor Vehicle, Facilities, Quartermaster, Electronic Services, Communications services and the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit.

But St. Mary's is and was home. While he was away from home during blizzards, hurricanes, dives and other assignments, Debbie kept things going in Hollywood. Cox says "Debbie was the one constant that held our family together." They have been married 47 years.

When asked how the county had changed, he points out that there were almost no traffic lights, Route 235 was pretty much desolate during the night, most traffic was northbound in the morning and now the traffic is southbound in the morning. The roads wound through farms and tobacco fields and many people earned their living on the water. And a way of life that many of us fell in love with has been diluted by progress or if you don't consider it progress, by change.

Cox mentions the progress that has been made in that our young people no longer have to leave home to get a good job and the jobs at Pax River have brought with them collateral jobs. There are stores and eateries, he says, all along Route 235 and those businesses too provide jobs for people.

Major is a rank that few attain and his pride at having been a Maryland State Trooper is obvious after a short conversation. But he will tell you that his greatest sense of pride over the span of his 26-year career was his design, production and implementation of the Maryland State Police flag. The idea came from his daughter Julie, who asked him why the Maryland State Police didn't have a flag like every other agency. Not one to let a good idea go by, Cox set to work and now that flag is flown over every Maryland State Police installation.

For Gary Cox, being a police officer was not on his radar screen as a young man. At 70, he has pride in knowing that he contributed to the rich history of an esteemed law enforcement agency. While it was a job well done, ask anyone who knows Cox and they will tell you of his generosity, of his skills, of his loyalty as a friend, as a family man and of a man who truly lived to protect and to serve.

Pinning Ceremony Celebrates CSM's Nursing Graduates

During the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) nursing recognition ceremony in January, and as part of the college's 22nd Winter Commencement, 47 associate degree nursing candidates received their nursing pin. The ceremony marked the end of an extraordinary journey for the nurses who spent the majority of their last spring semester and their final fall semester together in challenging environments learning about, and responding to, a world-wide pandemic.

As 2020 was deemed the 'International Year of the Nurse,' by the World Health Organization in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, CSM Nursing Professor Rose Miller began the ceremony by sharing the history and significance of CSM's nursing pin. Modern pinning ceremony date to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George in recognition for her tireless service to the injured during the Crimean War. According to Miller, to share the honor, Nightingale presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates and by 1916, the practice of pinning new graduates was standard throughout the United States.

"This Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program that you are graduating from, was started in 1979 with the first ADN pin being awarded to graduates in 1981," Miller said, further explaining that on July 1, 2000, Charles County Community College's name was changed to the College of Southern Maryland, so the nursing pin for the nursing programs had to change, too.

"The nursing pin symbolizes a rite of passage for graduates into the professional world of nursing," Miller continued. "The graduate is now a part of the nursing profession. Nurses care for patients daily with commitment, honor and courage. Our CSM nursing pin is a symbol of this commitment of honor and courage to our patients. So, go forth into the world of nursing and wear your pin with pride."

Navigating Tough Times

The ceremony's student speaker Christina Fowlkes expressed pride for her classmates not just for their accomplishments, but also for how the group faced these unprecedented times together.

"Throughout our time together we have become a tight-knit group and I will be a better nurse for having known each and every one of you," Fowlkes said. "This program is intense even in ideal



Student speaker Christina Fowlkes

conditions, but 2020 offered us nothing but challenges. However, we chose to face these challenges together. ... unified to face the challenges of entering the nursing profession during a pandemic."

The Leonardtown resident also extended gratitude to her three small children and to the friends and family – many attending the Zoom ceremony – who supported all the students.

"To all of our support people, thank you," Fowlkes told the ceremony attendees. "You helped us cope with the additional anxieties of nursing school. You held us when we experienced disappointments and celebrated with us when we achieved our goals. Twenty-twenty was not an easy year for any of us, so thank you for your unrelenting support and encouragement on our journey to becoming nurses."

Fowlkes shared that the last two semesters were tough – tougher than usual.

"The fourth semester was extremely difficult," she said. "The fourth semester is always really hard, but it was harder and frustrating because the pandemic fatigue was weighing on us. Many of us worked as externs and even more as techs through the semester, which created pandemic stress at work as well as home. And that fell especially heavy on the techs in our cohort. As aspiring nurses, we felt called to help. And I saw the exhaustion in many of my classmates as they showed up for class after working a night shift. We all were just trying to survive. In the end it made us closer, we supported each other more than we might have.

"We enter a profession that

is highly respected," she summarized. "For the last 18 years, Americans have ranked nurses as the most honest and ethical professionals and knowing each of you, I can see why."

A Few More Promises

CSM Nursing Professor Jeanne Hill closed the ceremony, hailing the graduates for their perseverance and promising them the best was yet to come.

"We have gathered here to celebrate you and your accomplishment of finishing nursing school, despite the challenges thrown at you in the past 10 months," Hill said, pointing out that the students' sudden switch to online classes and virtual clinical experiences in March 2020 was abrupt.

"You were isolated from your peers, your faculty, and your support groups," she said. "Face-to-face learning was replaced with Zoom. Clinical settings became the VSim scenarios. Study groups were interrupted. Classroom interaction was dramatically changed. Despite those challenges, you are sitting here tonight and have just received your ADN pin."

Joking about her reputation for making promises to her students, Hill took time to make a few more.

"In fact, many of you, when you were doubting yourselves, I promised you that you would be here today...and here you are," Hill said. "With that said, I only make realistic promises. As you prepare to enter the profession, here are a few promises that I can make to you:

"I promise that there will be shifts where you won't eat, drink, or go to the bathroom for 12 hours (this is great preparation for road trips, by the way).

I promise that there will be 12-hour shifts that will turn into 16 or even 18-hour shifts (but you will stay because you WILL care that much about your patients and coworkers.)

I promise that you will be talked down to by a provider, a coworker, or even a patient's family member. Probably at a time that you are advocating for your patient. Advocate anyway.

I promise that there will be days so hard that you will not know if you can go back tomorrow (but you will.)

I promise that your heart will break with every loss you experience (it never gets easier.)

But, I also promise you that most days, you will be appreciated by every patient you take care of.

I also promise you that you will make a difference every single day.

And I promise you that you will go home every shift, no matter how hard it was, knowing that in some way, you made that difference.

I also promise you that you will know, in your heart, that you did everything you could, and you gave it your best, no matter the outcome.

And lastly, I promise you that every single day, even the hardest ones, will be worth it."

Hill wrapped up her comments noting that 2020 may have the 'Year of the Nurse,' but 2021 is going to be each graduate's year.

"Embrace it," she offered. "Learn. Laugh. Cry. Struggle. Succeed. Repeat. This is your chance to do what you have been yearning to do. What you have worked so hard to get to these past few years. You will touch many lives throughout your career. Do it with pride, confidence, skill, and knowledge. Most of all, do it with your heart. It has been my pleasure to be part of your nursing education. I am proud of each and every one of you."

The following are the names of the CSM students who graduated with associate degrees in Nursing and received their coveted pins:

Ruthlyn Adriani, ourtney Elizabeth Alvey, Faidat Amolegbe, Brian A. Ansell, April Ann Bautista, Ian M. Beard, Logan Beyer, Stefania Bianco, Alyse Cockrell, Allison M. Collins, Amber N. Cooksey, Margaret Katherine Cooper, Renata DeOliveira, Christina Fowlkes, Alexandra Fox-Ehrisman, Rachel E. Gardiner, Shelby Delane Harold, Alexa Rae Harris, Liisa R. Holso, Cheyenne Miriam Hook, Richard Huynh, Shelby R. Johnston, Grace J. Kim, Adrienne King, Katie Klotz (recipient of CSM Health Sciences Division Achievement in Nursing), Alexis N. Labrosse, Stephanie Michelle Lewis, Tamara Magda, C'jia D. Mayfield, Michelle Mejias, Darianne Messinger, Sarah Jo Miller, Alexandra P. Myers *recipient of CSM Health sciences Division Academic Achievement in Nursing), Heather O'Donnell, Courtney Leigh Oliverio, Brianna M. Palumbo, Tatiana J. Pflanz, Julie N. Pham, Jenna Pixton-Felix, Layla L. Potas, Brianna Nicole Reid, Monique R. Sebo, Fatou J. Sissohore, Deshawna C. Smith, Stella Stover, Kaitlyn Willoughby, Krista N. Young.

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CSM Foundation Welcomes New Board Director



Eric Vrem

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation announces Eric Vrem has joined the Foundation's board as its newest director.

"We are very happy to have Eric join the CSM Foundation board," said CSM Acting Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. "We welcome his extensive expertise in the healthcare industry and look forward to having his strategic guidance on our team as we continue to fulfill CSM's mission to financially support our students."

The CSM Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives – including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors.

Vrem is the executive vice president of operations at Health Prime in National Harbor, Maryland and serves as an executive healthcare consultant with MedStar Shah Medical Group in Southern Maryland. Before that, the Charles County resident served as senior director of cardiac, pulmonary, & interventional radiology services at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va; a senior manager electro-physiology & special projects at Inova Fairfax Hospital, in Falls Church, Va.; and as special projects manager/ lead cardio invasive specialist at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

"The College of Southern Mary-

land plays a critical role in shaping our community — addressing many of the challenges our community faces every day," said Vrem. "CSM truly makes a significant impact in the lives of our students and the Southern Maryland community it serves. I am extremely excited to be part of this team and help support such a great organization."

A long-serving and decorated Navy hospital corpsman, Vrem also served at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and at Camp Lejeune, N.C. after completing his billet as the leading petty officer for the 8th Regimental Aid Station.

Vrem is proud to have done some of his prerequisite classes at CSM. He now holds a certificate in Cardiovascular Medicine from the U.S. Navy School of Cardiovascular Science; a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences: Clinical Management and Leadership from George Washington University; master's degrees in Management and in Business Administration, and a certificate in Informatics from the University of Maryland University College.

In the Southern Maryland community, Vrem has served as the past president, and remains an active foundation member, of the Greater Waldorf Jaycees. He also is the president and a coach for the Charles County Youth League.

Vrem and his wife – who is a professor at CSM and a partner in a mental health practice in Charles County – live in Waldorf with their young daughter.

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St. Mary's College Partners with Scholarship Program Serves Dreamers Seeking Degree

St. Mary's College of Maryland has partnered with TheDream.US, a national program that provides college scholarships for intellectually curious and ambitious Dreamers seeking a college degree.

"St. Mary's College of Maryland is committed to serving Dreamers and is proud to partner with TheDream.US scholarship program to provide additional support for students with financial need to successfully navigate their college journey and graduate," said David Hautanen, Jr., vice president for enrollment management.

TheDream.US Scholarship program provides college scholarships of an amount which typically covers the difference in the lost Pell grants and federal loans that Dreamers are not eligible to receive. The Dream.US offers two scholarships: The National Scholarship is for high school or community college graduates; the Opportunity Scholarship is for students who live in state where they are not eligible for in-state tuition. For graduates of Maryland schools, this financial aid would be in addition to any state financial aid they may be eligible for by completing the Mary-



land State Financial Aid Application.

To apply for the scholarship, Dreamers must complete both the St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Dream.US scholarship applications. When submitting TheDream.US application (TheDream.US National Scholarship), prospective students should designate St. Mary's College of Maryland as their school of choice and have come to the United States before November 1, 2015. Eligible students can apply until the February 25, 2021 deadline.

For more information, visit <https://www.smcm.edu/osfa/types/scholarships/>.

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Nursing Professor Recognized for 'Outstanding Service'

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Secretary Dr. James D. Fielder announced this morning that 13 members of Maryland's higher education nurse faculty from across the state have been recognized for their contributions in nursing education and their service to Maryland nursing students. Among the awardees was College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Nursing Professor Dr. Eden Kan, who was recognized in the category of 'Engagement in the Nursing Program and Employing Institution.'

The Nurse Support Program II (NSP II), which is administered by the MHEC and funded through the Health Services Cost Review Commission, recently announced the first annual Nurse Faculty Annual Recognition Awards (NFAR), showcasing 13 of Maryland's finest nurse faculty. Each of the award recipients were nominated by their Dean or Director of Nursing as full-time nurse faculty and will receive \$10,000.

"I am so proud of the outstanding efforts of MHEC's NSP II program, which continues to cre-



Dr. Eden Kan

ate new programs that support and celebrate nursing faculty in Maryland," said Fielder. "This new recognition award offers an opportunity to publicly thank these important individuals who are making a difference in educating the next generation of nurses in Maryland."

"In Dr. Kan's own words, she prefers 'to be in the background supporting and helping others,'" wrote Acting Dean of the School of Science and Health Dr. Laura Polk in her nomination of Kan.

"As she has lived out this philosophy she has had an exceptional impact on the College of Southern Maryland nursing program."

Polk explained that in addition to being full time faculty, Kan is the course coordinator for the first semester of the program. In this role, she is responsible for onboarding each cohort of new students. Kan rose to the challenge in March 2020, according to Polk, to work to convert an admitted-student orientation to a virtual meeting, reached out to individual students regarding admission questions and concerns related to Covid-19, and spent considerable time over the summer when off-contract responding to individual student issues. Kan also designed a virtual nursing program and course orientation that was delivered to the incoming Fall 2020 cohort. This orientation will also be used in Spring 2021.

"During 2019-2020 the nursing program had several significant faculty vacancies, including the Nursing Program Coordinator," Polk continued. "Dr. Kan volunteered to take on the responsibility for hiring all nursing adjunct fac-

ulty for both the spring 2020 and fall 2020 semesters. This required Dr. Kan to spend countless hours over winter holiday break and throughout the summer reviewing resumes, interviewing candidates, and developing a plan for lab and clinical course coverage. Her offer to engage in the nursing program in this way resulted in the nursing program being able to fully cover all positions and provide students with high-quality clinical experiences."

"The average teaching experience of the award recipients was 20 years and included 10 nominees with doctoral degrees and three nominees with master's level preparation," said NSP II Director Dr. Peggy Daw. "Also, 62% of the experienced faculty awarded holds a specialty teaching certificate or the National League for Nursing's Certified Nurse Educator credential."

For more information on the awards, go to <https://nursesupport.org/nurse-support-program-ii/grants/statewide-initiatives/nurse-faculty-annual-recognition-nfar/>

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'Black Men in White Coats' Film Screening and Panel Discussion

Watch the film (register on www.stmalib.org) and then join moderator Kelsey Bush as he discusses the documentary 'Black Men in White Coats' with special guests Dr. Emmanuel Atiemo, MD and Dr. Chile Ahaghotu, MD, MBA, MHL, FACS on Thursday, March 4 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Only 2% of American doctors are black men, and black men have the lowest life expectancy in the United States. This documentary dissects the systemic barriers preventing black men from becoming medical doctors and the consequences on society at large. Register to watch the film and for the discussion on www.stmalib.org.

STEM Fun

Connect straws to create lines &

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Who's Nesting in My Yard?

Join Barb Whipkey, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Lexington Park and LaPlata, as she shares information with us about the birds who may be nesting in our yards on Wednesday, March 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Barb will give tips on helping to create successful nesting habitats and feeding

tips for these birds. She will also put some of those old wives' tales that we have all been taught to rest. Register on www.stmalib.org with an email address to receive a link to join the online event.

Virtual Mystery Book Club

Join us on Friday, March 12 from 7 – 8 p.m. for a Virtual Mystery Book Club. Each month we will discuss a different mystery novel. This month's title will be *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Advocating for Our Loved Ones and Ourselves: Presentation plus Q&A/Discussion

Join Loretta Woodward Veney, healthcare advocate expert, on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. as she speaks about the follow-

ing topics: what it means to be an advocate, best practices for advocating for others and ourselves, seeking and finding the help you need, preparing for medical appointments, planning for emergencies, what to do when things go wrong, and defining the role of an Ombudsman. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Gardening 101: Jumpstarting Your Homegrown Garden Indoors

Join us to learn the basics of gardening and how to plant your seeds with the guidance of an experienced gardener on Saturday, March 13 from 1 – 3 p.m. Master Gardener Patrice will give us an overview of gardening, followed by a live interactive demo during which you'll be guided in planting seeds at home! Register and find a materials list on www.stmalib.org.



Rash Of Fires Has Responders Concerned

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Cold winter temperatures mean people will seek warmth indoors, but they can also mean a greater risk of structure fires, emergency response officials warn.

There have been six structure fires in St. Mary's County in the last two weeks alone which have kept volunteer firefighters busy.

Fire officials say firefighters usually deal with perhaps one house fire in St. Mary's County a month, but rashes of fires do occur on occasion.

Homeowners must take precautions this winter season, officials said, to avoid what has befallen other families.

The steps to fire safety were simple.

"There have definitely been some major fires lately," said Gerald Gardiner, emergency manager with the Department of Emergency Services. "Make sure to have working smoke detectors; it's tremendous at saving lives."

Some of the fires that have hit St. Mary's recently include four house fires as well as two garage or storage shed fires. Fire investigators said improper use of power cables can be a common culprit of such wintertime fires.

"People need to make sure when they run electric heaters in garages or something similar that they make sure it's a proper cord," Gardiner said.

Accelerants and other flammable items are another serious potential problem; at the second Bushwood fire this week a storage shed with 20 antique cars owned by the late Eddie Bailey were completely destroyed.

"Store combustibles in the right place," Gardiner said. "Use appropriate containers for gasoline or kerosene and keep them in a garage or a shed."

Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal John Nelson, head of investigations for Southern Maryland, said the fire that destroyed the classic cars had plenty of fuel with the tires of the vehicles being combustible as well as materials for the seating.

Nelson said fire investigators often expected house or structure fires to increase during cold winter months but there was often little explanation beyond that as to why such a spate of fires would occur now.

Only investigations could determine what the reasons were for individual fires.

"It's been a mix of causes," Nelson told The County Times. "None of these seem to be connected."

The latest house fire, which displaced a family of five people,

took place Feb. 21 on Flower Drive in Lexington Park; its cause was the simple improper disposal of smoking material.

"The cold weather always brings more residential fires," Nelson said.

Space heaters, either using fuel or electrical power, can be particularly dangerous, Nelson said, and should be kept at least three feet from any combustible materials.

Not all space heaters were created equally, he said, and homeowners should check to ensure that they have been tested for safety by Underwriters Laboratory.

"You don't always know what you're getting on-line," Nelson



said.

One common, but dangerous, practice of homeowners to heat their homes was to connect multiple electric space heaters to a power strip or to hook a power strip into another power strip to power several heaters at once.

This can lead directly to an overload of a single electrical socket, Nelson said.

"It definitely causes a higher risk of causing an electrical fire," he said.

Both Nelson and Gardiner, who both serve in the local volunteer fire service, said if a fire occurs in a home, residents should neither hesitate nor panic and inform first responders of the incident as quickly as possible.

"Don't delay," Gardiner said. "It's easier to cancel them [firefighter response if the fire is a false alarm] than to have the fire

build up.

"Minutes count, seconds count," Nelson said even a small fire can become a large one rapidly.

"A fire will double in size every minute," Nelson said.

Kitchen fires can be a serious threat as well; what can start out as a minor nuisance can turn into a major catastrophe.

"Don't leave cooking unattended," Nelson said. "If there is a fire in your kitchen put a lid on it, don't try to move it, take it outside or dump it in the sink."

Trying to move or dump the fire inside instead of capping it, Nelson said, could only serve to spread the fire inadvertently.

"Don't go back in the home," Nelson said. "Let the firefighters do their job."

"Once it [the fire] starts advancing, the amount of smoke and toxins you can be overcome by increases dramatically."

Gardiner said the threat of fire this winter should impress on homeowners the need to ensure that their insurance coverage would fully compensate for a fire that either damaged or destroyed their home.

Gardiner said recent flooding in St. Mary's caught many homeowners unaware when they found that their insurance policies did not cover damage caused by rising waters.

"Make sure you look at your insurance policies and see how well they [their homes] are covered," Gardiner said.

Nelson said residents can get in touch with their local volunteer fire company to find out whether they offer free smoke detectors as well as installation.

His company, 7th District Volunteer Fire Department, of which he is also the chief, works to keep smoke detectors on hand for free distribution and installation for local residents.

In one year, his company offered the Longview Beach community just such a service and found that some residents had either no detector or an obsolete one.

Fire companies who can offer the replacements, Nelson said, are required by law to use new model smoke detectors that have a sealed, 10-year life battery that ensures their reliability.

Residences have not been the only ones hit by a rash of fires but school facilities as well.

Just this month fires broke out at two relocatable classrooms, one at Lexington Park and the other at Ridge elementary schools; both were attributable to a malfunction in the heating and air conditioning units at both buildings, Nelson said.

The relocatable classrooms were not occupied.

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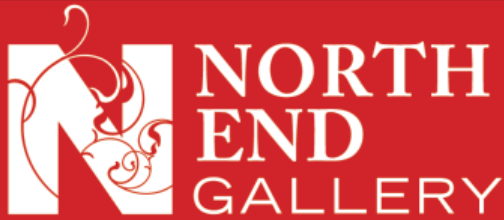


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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Wanted for Escape-Nelson Battle Jr.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Nelson Leroy Battle Jr., age 36 of Lexington Park. Battle has an active warrant for his arrest for the charge of escape, due to violating the conditions of his pre-trial release on the initial charges of burglary and assault. Battle is 5'9", weighs 160 pounds, and has green eyes with black hair.



Nelson Battle

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Nelson Leroy Battle Jr., is asked to contact Detective James Bare at (301) 475-4200 extension 78118 or by email at James.Bare@stmarysmd.com. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Identities Needed for Vandalism Suspects

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identities of the persons shown in a vandalism investigation. On Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 between 5-5:30 pm, the suspects illegally entered Chaptico Park by removing a section of the split-rail fence and rode

on the BMX bicycle track causing damage to it.

Anyone with information about the identities of the suspects or this incident is asked to call Deputy Shawn Shelko at 301-475-4200, ext. 78147 or email shawn.shelko@stmarysmd.com. Case # 8702-21



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Assault/Disorderly Conduct

On February 14, 2021, Dep. Raley responded to the 25400 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. While conducting the investigation, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Foote, age 25 of California, attempted to confront a witness who was providing information to officers on scene. Shortly after, officers observed Foote in an active fight, where she was striking the victim repeatedly. Foote was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct, and Obstructing and Hindering.



Kaitlyn Foote

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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Navy Scientists Earn Patent For Innovative Camera Test Instrument

Two scientists from the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) recently earned a patent for an instrument and technique that tests the image-capturing sensor in digital cameras helping buyers determine the quality of the camera before purchase.

“The acquisition and sustainment of capability is a weapon of war and development efforts are an important aspect of what we do to support the Fleet,” said NAWCAD Commander, Rear Adm. John Lemmon. “This invention is an example of the cutting-edge technology, top-tier capability, and intellectual capital NAWCAD brings to both industry and our warfighters”.

Developed by NAWCAD scientists Aaron Hendrickson and Dr. Gary Lohman, the Focal Plane Illuminator has broad application for imaging systems across the entire

military and camera industry.

“A better test technique was needed because manufacturers’ specifications are unreliable and based on outdated methods,” said Hendrickson. “Manufacturers test cameras in different ways, so comparing cameras by their spec sheets is comparing apples to oranges.”

Their first-of-its-kind invention also has application for testing cameras throughout their lifecycles.

“Until now, there’s been no standard way to test picture degradation over a camera’s lifetime – we assume cameras work until they don’t,” said Lohman. “When the Navy makes weapons-grade decisions on camera systems found in satellites, UAVs, fixed ground instruments, and aircraft turrets, it needs to understand and monitor the camera’s quality to ensure sys-

tems perform as well as when they were new.”

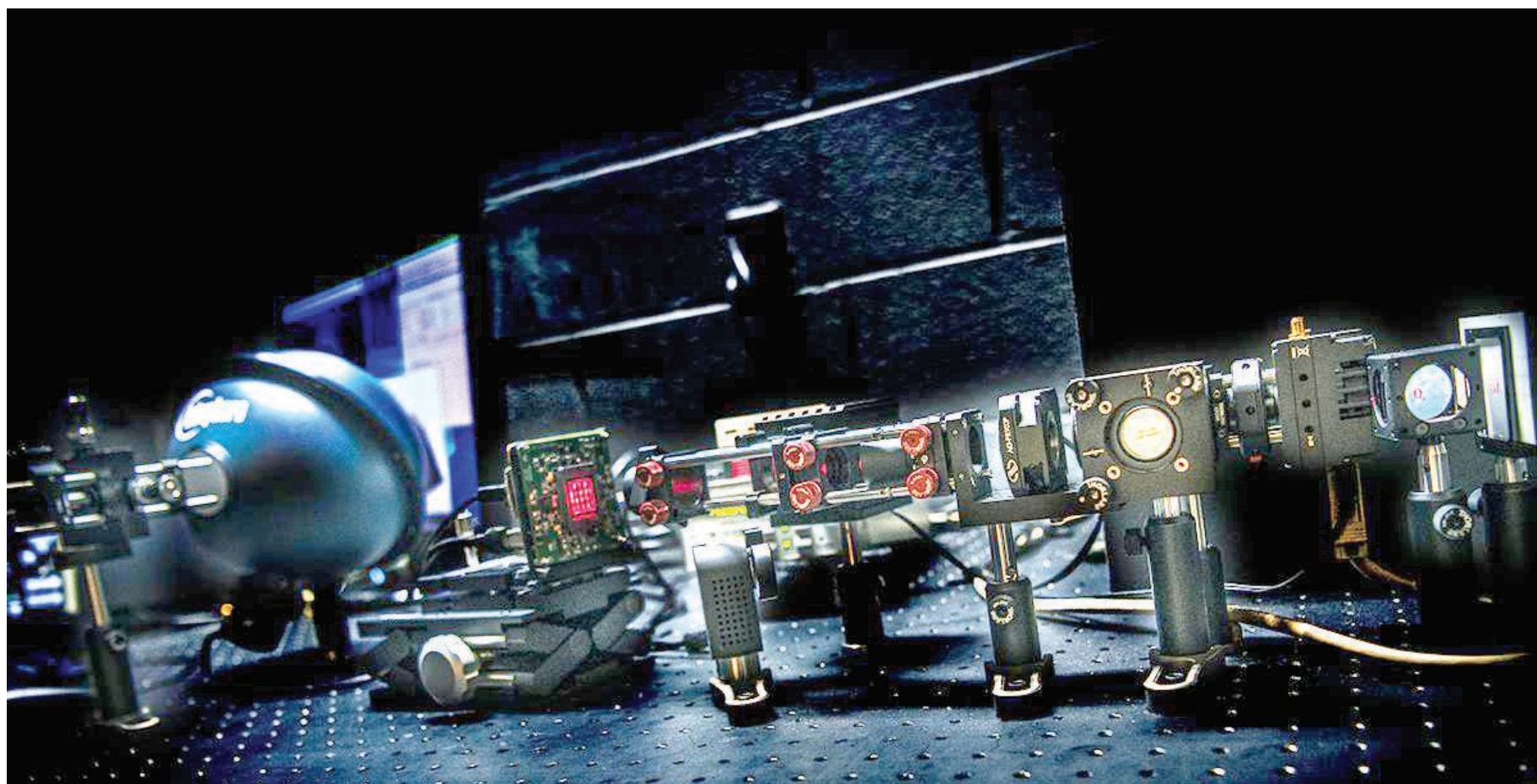
Additionally, the Focal Plane Illuminator tests an image sensor while still in the camera. Current test methods require users to remove the sensor from the camera body for testing, which can be time-consuming and risks damaging the camera.

The Range Commanders’ Council, a national organization of Department of Defense test and training ranges, has long recognized the need for a better test procedure. The council tapped Hendrickson to research and develop a better way.

Several ranges have already expressed interest in the new test capability. While few test kits exist at this time, ranges send cameras to Hendrickson at NAWCAD’s Atlantic Test Ranges where the Focal Plane Illuminator was incepted

and successfully supports testing for naval aviation today. Interested ranges should contact Hendrickson to leverage the new technology.

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The Focal Plane Illuminator, a camera sensor test instrument invented by scientists at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). (U.S. Navy photo by Aaron Hendrickson)

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.

Thursday, February 25

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

Tobacco Cessation Program

The Tobacco Cessation Program is free and that takes place over the course of 8 weeks (weekly 1 hour sessions). Participants learn behavioral modifications, stress management, and other techniques to help them quit using tobacco products. Next Series: Thursdays, February 4, 2021 – April 15, 2021 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Learn more or register at: www.smchd.org/tobacco

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participants establish and stick with positive lifestyle changes, such as healthy eating habits, physical activity and positive stress management, which can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This free program includes 16 weekly sessions, followed by monthly sessions for ongoing support from a lifestyle coach. Register at www.smchd.org/dpp.

Youth Mental Health Webinar

Online; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

All community members are invited to participate in this free webinar to learn more about youth mental health as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, how to recognize and acknowledge signs of distress, prevention measures, interventions, and stress management activities to help parents support their children. For more information or to register for this free webinar, visit: <https://smcyouthmentalhealth.eventbrite.com>

Friday, February 26

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

Tuesday, March 2

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, 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 at 301-645-0660 or email us at admin@ccsomd.com.

Wednesday, March 3

Wayback Wednesdays

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DAV Assistance Program

St. Mary's Square ReStore; 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, March 4

CSM Dual Enrollment Virtual Parent Information Night

6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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Brain.e.ology via Zoom

Kathy Creswell, Program Specialist at Garvey Senior Activity Center, will facilitate Brain.e.ology on Tuesdays, March 9-April 20 at 1:30 p.m. Losing memory or cognitive ability is a tremendous fear but there is growing evidence that cognitive ability can be maintained or even improved to the end of life!

Brain-e-ology is designed to:

- dispel the limiting myths of memory loss and aging
- give participants a better understanding of how their brain works
- give participants the tools to incorporate brain fitness activities into their daily lives
- create open minds

More than 90% of participants report that they feel like they have more control over future memory loss after taking this program! There is no fee for this program. Class size is limited so register early. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080. Class supplies will be distributed curbside at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on March 4.

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Independent Project Club News

Next Project Reveal Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 1-3 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center

Work on a project at home between now and March 9. Bring it to the Curbside Reveal Event on March 10. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to learn more about it. Here are the new assignments:

- Sewing Club- Something with Scraps- Use at least 3 different fabric patterns- can be anything at all, large or small.
- Garden Club- Three Herbs in a Pot- Make a potted herb garden. Can use one large pot as long as

plants are compatible OR can use three different pots.

Scattergories- it's back with a new day and time!

Fridays March 12, 26; April 9, 23, 1 p.m. via Zoom

Candice and Shellie will again be hosting Scattergories two times a month but on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 p.m. This game requires paper, pencil and computer or smart phone to connect with us on ZOOM. The rules are easy, but the categories can be challenging. If you like thinking up things that start with a specific letter while competing against a timer and other players, then this is for you! To get in on the game, e-mail Candice.Nelson@stmarysmd.com. She will e-mail you the link on the morning of play. Players will be admitted starting at 12:50 p.m. so that the game can begin on time.

March Monthly Craft: Spring Blossom Branches

Friday, March 19, 11 a.m. via Zoom

Just in time for Easter, these simple branches are easy and inexpensive to make but are gorgeous! All you need are:

- Bare branches or sticks from your yard
 - Green painter's tape
 - Pastel or white wrapping tissue
 - A jar, can or vase to put them in
 - Small stones, glass marbles or other material to anchor the vessel and hold branches in place
- Contact Shellie at Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to sign up. A link will be sent to you the day before class.

Cooking Demonstration via Zoom! - Sherry's Go-To Recipes for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Eating healthy is easier than you think! If you want to improve your eating habits and overall health without renouncing tasty meals, you can learn new cooking tips and recipes from Sherry to use in your own home.

This online cooking demonstration held on Wednesday, March 24 from 4-5 p.m. focuses on meal planning and preparation of the most nutrient-dense foods. Sherry will show you how to save time in the kitchen yet eat truly healthy and nutritious meals. It's a great class for those who want to find joy in making healthy meals.

In this class, we will make:

- Homemade Baked Granola for breakfast
- Lunch: The BEST Salad with your choice of homemade salad dressing: Apple Cider Vinaigrette or Peanut Butter Vinaigrette
- For Dinner: Easy Chicken Picatta served over cauliflower pasta
- Q & A

Sherry's years of experience teaching cooking classes are endless, and her background includes the following:

- Hosted "Healthy Living " segments that included cooking demos on PBS television for 7 years
 - Written over 150 books including 50 cookbooks
 - Authored 2 healthy cookbooks
 - Attended Culinary School at the University of Montana
- Funding for this program is provided by the Maryland Department of Aging Senior Center Operating Funds Grant. To register for the class, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080 and leave your name, phone number and email address.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



LIVING LIFE AGAIN



I hope everyone is enjoying our return to nice weather. My husband and I were so happy to sit outside in our chairs near the firepit for a while yesterday. Mindy was happy too. We have spent so much time inside with the weather, the Covid, and then the extremely tiring aftereffects, that poor Mindy has not had a lot of long, playtime outside. It was so nice to see her doing her happy dog dance while squirming on her back yesterday. And she made us laugh when she did a long tummy crawl across part of the yard. I think dogs know when they are being cute. Mindy does, she will stop in the middle of her cute antics and look over at us before continuing.

We have had one really fun outing last week since our main recovery when we added a side trip after my husband's shoulder MRI at SMH to drop by Shepherd's Old Field Market (SOF Market) on Duke Street in Leonardtown. Robert needed a bit of fun since there was an issue with him and the MRI machine. My husband is barrel-chested and has big arms from cutting and lifting wood for the woodstove, his softball years, and from his pool work. So, as he was getting slid into the machine, his shoulders were touching the sides of the tube, and he told the imaging tech that this was not going to work. I, of course, was sitting outside in the car and received a text from him to that effect and that they were going to have to try and get him in the other MRI machine in the outpatient pavilion. To me, it is remarkable that anyone can even get in one of those machines. He made it through the second MRI and off to SOF Market we went.

The space is beautiful inside of SOF Market, and I was surprised how many new vendors there are since my last visit. I love seeing the shops of friends that I have either been in a craft shop with or have done craft/art shows with over the years – makes me happy to see that a lot of us are still going strong. I admired the works

of friends Lorie Burch and her pottery, Mary Lou Troutman's amazing paintings and art giftware, and Lori Schendel and daughter Megan's beautiful sewing and quilting creations. We stopped in the Brudergarten and enjoyed some delicious Oysters Rockefeller while listening to the polka music playing in the background, which had me remembering fun times at Blob's Park in the 70s. We left there with the sound of oom pah pah playing in our heads for the rest of the day. Actually, the strains of oom pah pah have been on constant repeat since my husband has continued to walk around the house saying that for days. I have threatened to cut off his handlebar mustache – I always tell him he looks like Kaiser Wilhelm. But I know the mustache is from his treasured days as a firefighter.

Today is going to be a really big convenience center outing, since we have recyclables that have been piling up for weeks. I did take a whole carload of donation items to Hooks and Hangars Saturday and it sure felt good to finally unload all of those donation items I had been gathering since the start of the pandemic. I love that their large donation carts are outside now right in front of the shop windows. Easy peasy, and there was even a worker who was out there in a flash to help me unload. Since Saturday, I have already been filling up my car with the next batch of donation items. I am really on this downsizing kick last year and this year, especially with number 60 just 4 months away. Something about turning 60, and maybe all that we have been through health wise has, for some reason, added urgency to this daunting task. Okay, back to living and loving life...and errand and dump running on this gorgeous 60 degree day.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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Seahawks Fall to Delaware State in Exhibition

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's basketball team traveled to Delaware State University to take on the Division I Hornets on Sunday (Feb. 21) afternoon in an exhibition contest. The Seahawks fell to the Hornets by a final score of 75-58.

St. Mary's College - 58, Delaware State - 75

How It Happened

Albert Scott drilled a jumper to begin the game and gave the Seahawks their first and only lead of the contest. Trailing by four at the 10:15 mark, the Seahawks used a three-pointer from Cameron Rucker to trim the Hornet lead to one. However, that would be the closest the Seahawks would get to the Hornet lead. St. Mary's College finished the half strong with a made jumper from Daryn Alexander and headed into half-time trailing 41-33.

Delaware State pulled away from St. Mary's College with a 16-point run to begin the second half and extended their lead to 24 points. With short time remaining in the contest, the Seahawks strung together a 10-point scoring run, their best of the game, to trim the Hornet lead to 17. Back-to-back three-pointers from Darian Callaway and Alexander highlighted the run. Callaway went on to sink a jumper to end the game to



bring the final score to 75-58 in favor of the Hornets.

Inside the Box Score

Alexander led the Seahawks on the offensive end with 16 points. Elijah Crawford finished the afternoon as the Seahawks' second leading scorer with eight points. Lewis Olumide dished out a team-high two assists in the game.

Rucker collected a team-best 10 rebounds, while Scott recorded the Seahawks' lone block. Alexander, Lewis, and Micah Henry led the team with two steals each.

Zach Kent led the Hornets with a double-double, recording 19 points and 11 boards.

Up Next for the Seahawks

Feb. 25 at Neumann University/6 p.m.

Press Release from SMCM.

Orioles Win 50-and-Over Title



The Orioles 50-and-Over Softball Team (A Division) won the 2020 Season-ending tournament with wins over Tri-County Aire (9-3) in the semi-final game and 4-0 over So. MD Toyota (the regular season champs) in the championship game at Capt'n Sam's Field.

Shown, (1 to r) back row: Bobbie Bogie, Jr. Knott (player/manager), Kenny Sothoron, David Dean, and

Eddie Greer. Middle Row: Bill Gainey, John Mattingly, Bill Mattingly, and Barry Mattingly. Front row: Wayne Guy, Randy Parks and Gary Morgan. Not pictured: Adrian Hall, Gary Bell and Glenn Garner.

In the B Division Dickie Wood's Baysox team defeated Tommy McKay's Shorebirds in the tournament final 5-3.



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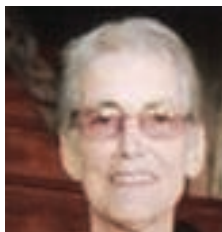
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In Remembrance

Sheila Lumpkins Guy



Sheila Lumpkins Guy, 59, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2021 after a courageous battle with pancreatic

cancer. Sheila was born on September 24, 1961 to the late Gerald and Barbara Ann Lumpkins. Sheila was the loving wife of Tom Guy. She is survived by her sons Trevor (Sabrina) Guy and Tyler Guy, as well as her precious granddaughter, Avery Marie.

Sheila also leaves behind her siblings – Jerry, Pete, Jack (Mary Lou), Sandy, Donnie, Bo (Robbie), Brenda (Pee Wee), Rick (Lynn), Gail (Dan), Bonnie, a host of nieces and nephews, as well as her very special friend Stephanie Baker.

Sheila attended the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD. After graduating she went to work for the Federal Government at the Patuxent River Naval Base as a graphic artist, until her retirement in April of 2019.

Sheila played softball for the Captain Sam's and Pennies women's team. She enjoyed spending time on the water,

fishing and crabbing with her husband, traveling back to her school in Frederick, MD to attend homecomings, hanging out with family and friends, as well as vacationing at the beach. Sheila also traveled to Hawaii.

Due to COVID-19 the Funeral Services have been postponed at this time and will be rescheduled at later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Maryland School for the Deaf, 101 Clarke Place, Frederick, MD 21701.

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

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

Michele Gabriele Youngerman



Michele Gabriele Youngerman, "Fi Fi", 81, of Lusby, MD passed away on February 20, 2021 in Prince Frederick, MD.

She was born on April 24, 1939 in Paris, France and was the daughter of the late Jeanine Gomiot and Leonce Bart. Michele was the loving wife of James C. Youngerman whom she married on January 19, 1961

in St. Nazaire, France.

Michele is survived by her children; Lucille Youngerman of Ormoy, France, Roger C. Youngerman of Lusby, MD, siblings; Richard Bart of Pierrefeu, France, and Patrick Bart of Paris, France, as well as 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son Jimmie G. Youngerman.

Michele moved to Calvert in 1978. She was a homemaker as well as the owner of Lusby Sunoco.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Roger C. Youngerman, Mitchell C. Youngerman, Austin C. Youngerman, Mark Garner, James Cody, and Mike Fraley.

Robert Stevie Lawrence

Robert Stevie Lawrence, "Torque Wrench", 67, of Avenue, MD passed away on February 19, 2021 in Washington, DC. Born on October 4, 1953 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the loving son of Rosemary Lawrence, and the late Francis McQue Lawrence. Stevie was the loving husband of Anna Gail Guy Lawrence, whom he married on August 3, 1974, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Morganza, MD. Stevie is survived by his siblings Gwen Tarantola (Mike) of Mechanicsville, MD, Mac Lawrence (Kathy) of Clements, MD, Ida Abell (B.K.) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Tina Graves (Glenn) of Bushwood, MD. He was preceded in death by his sister Brenda Wathen.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Chop-ticon High School in 1971. Stevie was the Station Chief at the Patuxent River Fire Department for 25 years, retiring in October 2004. He was the owner and operator of Pull & Tug Enterprises in Avenue, MD.

Stevie joined the Department in 1992 and served as an Asst. Engineer from 1993 - 2014. He also served the Squad as Installation and Audit Committee Chairman. He was Vice Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, as well as, the Annual Lawn Mower Races Committee in association with Bowles Farm - the Squads biggest fund raiser.

Stevie also served in the Seventh District Vol. Fire Dept. from 1971 - 1985, serving as an Asst. Engineer for 6 years.

Stevie was inducted into the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Associations Hall of Fame in 2015.

Stevie worked for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Fire Dept. for 35 years retiring as a Supervisory Station Chief with prior service as a Lieutenant and Captain. Stevie was an EVOC Instructor for MFRI for over 20 years."

Additionally, the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department posted about Lawrence's passing.

"Stevie was a member of our department for a number of years in the 1970's. Stevie was a great friend of the department and was always there to help us out when needed," the department said on Facebook. "In the picture below, Stevie is using his tow truck from his business Pull and Tug Enterprises, to help us transport our 1951 engine to get restored. We thank Stevie for his service to our community, he will be greatly missed."

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 1, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM with Fire Department prayers recited at 10:00AM followed by EMS prayers in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery Bushwood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Danny Ellis, Ronnie Mattingly, Tommy Bowles, Kim Mason, Lee Pilkerton and Billy Guy. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, Patuxent River Fire Department, and Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and ACTS (A Community That Shares) P.O. Box 54 Bushwood, MD 20618.

Robin Marie Clarke



Robin Marie Clarke, "Shugi", 83 of California, MD passed away on February 18, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on March 4, 1938 in

Washington, DC and was the daughter of the late Neil Pfeil McLeod and Herschel Vincent McLeod. Robin was the loving wife of Claude Clarke, whom she married on February 1, 1958 in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD. Robin is survived by her children; Gary Clarke (Becky) of FL, Heidi Dietrich of Lusby, MD, daughter in law Lisa Clarke, and 3 grandchildren. Along with her siblings Wayne McLeod of Leonardtown, MD, and Jo Ann Disbrow of Ft. Wayne, IN. She was preceded in death by her son Terry Clarke, siblings Herschel McLeod, Jr, Barbara Lawrence, and Brenda McLeod.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident; attending Leonardtown High School, and Trinity College. Robin was a teacher at Little Flower School.

When she was first married she was employed by Walter Dorsey at the St. Mary's Journal News Letter. She later taught first grade at Little Flower



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School. Later in life she worked with her husband in his company Claude Enterprises.

Robin as a loving mother and supporter of her children endlessly. She was a kind and helping person to many in her lifetime. Robin loved her dog Marley who she rescued from the pound and was her passion. She was active in the animal rescue and always had a stray dog around where she would find it a home. Her family and friends will miss her greatly.

Roger "Wayne" Copsey



Roger "Wayne" Copsey, 69, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on February 17, 2021 in Washington, DC. He was born on July 15, 1951 in Leonardtown, MD and was the son of the late Mary R. and Clements William Copsey. Wayne was the loving husband of Judy Copsey whom he married on February 7, 1976 at Immaculate Conception Church in Mechanicsville, MD.

Wayne is survived by his children Amy Copsey and Jenny (Brian) Connelly, both of Mechanicsville, MD, 5 grandchildren, and siblings Irene Hill of Chaptico, MD, Joyce Alvey of Mechanicsville, MD, Bernice Newton of Mechanicsville, MD, and Elaine Gass of Hollywood, MD. He was preceded in death by his brother, Clements "Dagger" Copsey, Jr.

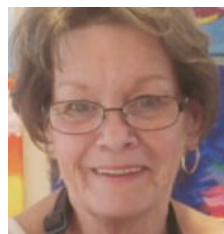
Wayne was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident. He graduated from Chopticon High School in 1969. He was the owner and operator of Copsey Seafood and Ice. In 1968, Wayne joined the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1968 and was an active member until his passing. He was a past member of Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad and Mechanicsville Optimist Club. Wayne was a U.S. National Oyster Shucking Champion in 1982 and 1998. Wayne enjoyed fishing, crabbing, playing cards, turkey and duck hunting, and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

The Family will receive friends on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 AM with Father Michael Tietjen officiating. Interment will follow at Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery in Helen, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Milton Copsey, Robert Newton, James Hill, Billy Copsey, Evan Erskine, and Brandon Connelly. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Tyler Unkle, Emily Connelly, Joseph Connelly, Jordan Connelly, and Members of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department

and Auxiliary.

Contributions may be made to Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 37, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Theresa Louise Corboo



Theresa Louise Corboo, 69, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital,

Leonardtown, MD. Born on March 21, 1951 in LaPlata, MD; she was the loving daughter of the late Earl Rudolph Alvey and Elsie May (Jordan) Alvey.

Theresa married the love of her life, John J. Corboo, Jr. on October 25, 1969 before John entered the Navy. Together they have spent the last 52 years proving that love endures all. Their love story was blessed when they welcomed two (2) beautiful daughters, Renee and Missy.

A classy, graceful and kind woman, Theresa made friends everywhere she went. A social butterfly in every scenario; she never wanted anyone to feel like a stranger. She retired as the Assistant Treasurer of Citizen's Bank, and during that time she offered excellent customer service which gave way to long lasting friendships and became a well-respected associate to all she served and worked with during her career.

She was an artist at heart in many ways; that could paint you a picture or craft a project to inspire you to attempt your own. She spent many hours with her grandchildren crafting, woodworking, fishing, crabbing, sewing, and gardening. She used every opportunity she could to teach and inspire others to be the best form of themselves possible. She found quilting to be a peaceful, artistic outlet and has blessed many with her quilts. She could spend hours meticulously piecing and stitching her designs. She worked with her daughter Missy quilting for special charities, children and many family members who will forever cherish each and every stitch. If you were blessed with a quilt from Theresa, you know her whole heart went into the creation, design and execution of her work. Her work will be cherished for generations, keeping them wrapped in warmth as if she were hugging them close. She enjoyed seeing customers and working with Renee and Missy as a former member of Cecil's Old Mill.

Theresa cherished her family above all. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. The lessons she shared with them to be humble, kind, forgiving and compassionate have made them all better people. With her wisdom and guidance,

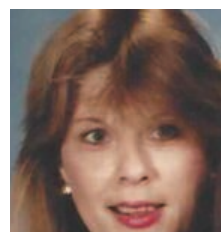
they will continue to pass these lessons down the generational line. A great woman has left us, but her legacy will never leave. As you see the vibrant colors of sunset, know Theresa is the artist painting you a sky filled with love.

Theresa is survived by her husband John Joseph Corboo, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD; her daughters, Theresa R. Gardiner (Michael) of Avenue, MD and Mellissa M. Hughes (David) of Hollywood, MD; six (6) grandchildren, Michael H. Gardiner, Jr. (Lauren), John J. Gardiner (Megan), Jordan Corboo (Nora), Katie Gardiner (Jack), Shelby Gardiner and Cory Corboo; five (5) great-grandchildren, Connor, Ana, Emilia, Jack Jack and Paisley; and her siblings, Margaret Wallace, Philip Alvey and Wanda Jirousek. She is predeceased by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to: Alzheimer's Association; Greater Maryland Chapter, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601 or Hospice of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall.

Charlotte Ann Faunce Cox



Charlotte Ann Faunce Cox, (Cissy), 64, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

in Leonardtown, MD. She was the second child born to Helen C. Faunce and the late, John B. Faunce on January 6, 1957 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Cissy grew up on Cremona Farm and had wonderful childhood memories with her siblings that she often looked back on. Friends and relatives would visit and crab feast were guaranteed

every weekend in the summer. Cissy graduated from Chopticon High School and went to work for the Department of Education and worked as an Administrative Assistant and then a Legal Secretary for most of her career. She met many kind and wonderful people who became her lifelong friends.

Cissy's greatest joy came from being a mother to her son, Ronnie. The two were close and she cherished every moment spent with him. Nothing compared to the happiness she felt when surrounded by her family and friends. She was known for her thoughtful and giving ways and always knew how to make you feel special. Cissy loved to spoil Ronnie and her nieces and nephews; as well as her beloved yellow Lab, Buddy. We will miss her beauty, her signature shade of lipstick, her sense of humor and laughter, her hugs and most of all her strong love for family.

Cissy is survived by her son, Ronald N. Cox, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD; mother, Helen C. Downs of Mechanicsville, MD; and siblings, John Faunce (Lisa) of Clements, MD; J.R. Faunce (Tami) of Mechanicsville, MD and Wendy Norris (Billy) of Mechanicsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her father, John B. Faunce.

Pallbearers are her nephews and cousins: John Faunce, Jr., Bobby Norris, Tyler Faunce, David Downs, Ray Downs and Jimmy Johnson.

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

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department.

All services have been made through Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

Timothy Allen Ridgell

Timothy Allen Ridgell - the Man, the Myth, the Legend - of St. Inigoes, MD crossed the veil while among the mountains of West Virginia on February 14, 2021.

Timmy, as he was known by many,



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In Remembrance



was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He was born at Quantico Naval Hospital to John Allen and Anna Mae "Hoppy" (Langley) Ridgell on August 15th

in the year 1957. He - with a free spirit, contagious personality, and warm hospitality - lived his 63 years.

At the age of 23, he captured the eye of Bonnie Woodburn. They were married at St. Michael's Catholic Church on February 16, 1980. They have 2 children: Ashleigh (Ridgell) Andrews with her husband, Jordan, and John C. Ridgell with his wife, Crystal, all of whom reside on 'The Compound' in St. Inigoes, MD. Personal happiness was an iconic trait of Timmy, and nothing brought more joy to him than spending time with his 5 grandchildren: Wyatt Allen Andrews, Colton James Andrews, Heidi Marie Ridgell, Hazel Mae Ridgell, and Josie Marie Andrews were the center of Pop Pop's life. For each birthday, Pop Pop's tradition was gathering all the grandkids at the Donut Connection for unlimited donuts and scratch offs.

Growing up, Timmy shared his companionship with his brother, Philip "Heavy" Ridgell (Brenda), who now reside in St. Inigoes, and sister, Sarah Lynne Ridgell, now residing in Great Mills, MD. As a child, he had a strong relationship with his mother and learned the art of hard work and entrepreneurship from delivering fresh harvested crabmeat and oysters to local restaurants for Copsey Seafood. Up until 1992, he continued the farming operations on the family homeplace. That year, he harnessed his love for the road and seafood by starting A & J Transport Trucking Company. For 10 years, Timmy, aka the "Mason Jar", in a well-maintained Peterbilt tractor, brought seafood around the states. In 2002, the Ridgells opened Chesapeake Trophy on Great Mills Road.

Timmy had a love for life and a large depository of friends and acquaintances from all facets of his life. At the age of 16, Timmy joined the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. He was a dedicated member and current Secretary of the Department. He was active on many committees associated with the Volunteer Fire Department, including Past-President. He was a member of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He was instrumental and took great pride in the Ridge Firemen's Carnival. Not a carnival goer attended without knowing Timmy! Additionally, he was well known by many due to his involvement in the Maryland State Firemen's Convention in Ocean City. He had a special role in awards for the

convention and was known for strategic parking of the trailer for the "Krailer Krew."

Maintaining an active social life was a vital part of Timmy's life. He was often found at the Hideaway Bar, Monk's Inn, and Friendly Tavern. The words "Hey Partner" and "Just Have a Snort" echoed among friends. He was active in many local billiard leagues. Whether men's or mixed, 8 or 9 ball, Timmy was the nucleus of the fun. He even opened a side business maintaining and felting tables. Timmy was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling with his friends to golf on many different courses. He was part of the annual outing to Myrtle Beach to battle for "The Cup." He was proud of his Southern Maryland home and was a constant fixture at the Oyster Festival, St. Mary's County Fair, and was a candidate for County Commissioner in 2018.

Timmy had an inborn quest for adventure. Many recall the memories of his Winnebago. Wally the Winnebago had no boundaries and went on adventures with no plans in place, often spending the night with family in a Walmart parking lot. Timmy loved his dogs and they always became important travelling companions. His sitting time was often spent in his favorite chair with the westerns. He was quite the spoiler as he narrated them as they played. The center of family time was his home in West Virginia - a place for him to gather with family and friends. All who visited the house felt at home and looked forward to returning for hunting, riding side-by-sides, golf, trips to get ice cream, or just exploring the beauty of the mountains. Everyone was special among the hills and beckoned to return to a place that Timmy loved so dearly.

The family wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all of the calls and messages of support during this most trying time. Timmy was a dedicated community member and friend to many. He was loved by all, and those who knew him called him friend.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Michael's Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Allen Raley, Bradley Cooper, Leroy Owens, Billy Bodnar, Danny Langley, Julian Schwab, Bill Mattingly, and Steve Facini. Honorary pallbearers are Gary Ridgell, Ralph Ridgell, Barry Mattingly, Jimmy Fairfax, John 'Bubba' Chapman, and the members of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520 Ridge, MD 20680.

The arrangements are under the direction of Brinsfield Funeral Home in Leonardtown, MD.

Darrel Clinton Hamm

Darrel Clinton Hamm, 69 of Great Mills, MD passed away on February 14, 2021 at his home.

Darrel was born on August 5, 1951 in Beaver, OK to the late Loyal Hamm and Nellie Marshall Hamm.

Darrel proudly served in the United States Navy for 14 years. After leaving the Navy he was employed as an Electronics Technician at BAE for 16 years. He married Barbara Jean Suits Hamm on July 12, 1984 in Wampsville, NY. Together they enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys football team and watching NASCAR especially when Dale Earnhart Sr. was racing. Darrel and his family attended the Church of Christ, California, MD. He enjoyed watching the classic TV shows Hogan's Heroes and Andy Griffith. Family life was important to him and he cherished spending time with his wife and children and his Beagle named Jerry.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Timothy Allen Hamm of Lexington Park, MD and Nicholas James Hamm of Bowie, MD; siblings, Rodney Hamm and Marilyn Hamm both of Oklahoma City, OK, and Terry Hamm and Jim Hamm both of Liberal, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Services will be officiated by Minister Charlie Wharton on March 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at the Church of Christ, 44850 St. Andrew's Church road, California, MD 20619. Interment is private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

JC Tubbs



JC Tubbs, 79 of Hollywood, MD passed away at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD on Monday, February 15, 2021.

He was born on May 12, 1941 in Iowa City, IA to the late Robert Jackson Tubbs and Esther L. Cook.

JC is a graduate of Corydon High School in Iowa. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for four years, until his honorable discharge in September 1964. During his service, he earned the Good Conduct Medal.

The Navy may have brought JC to St. Mary's County from Iowa, but a little redhead named Shirley Loudon kept him here. While stationed at Patuxent River, he met Shirley through her sister's boyfriend and was smitten. He ended up spending the rest of his life here with her. They started and raised their family here and he continued his

career as a civil servant until he retired in 1996. He worked for many years after his official retirement, first for McKay's Food Stores and then Walmart for 16 years.

JC loved his family and liked nothing better than to attend the many card parties, picnics, and other social gatherings that his family had, even if it meant dressing up in his wife's clothes for some crazy skit that someone came up with. If there was something happening, JC was right in the thick of it.

He loved antique tractors, and if there was a tractor pull or a lawnmower race in the county and he knew about it, he would be in the stands watching. He was active in his church Hollywood United Methodist Church, and spent many years as a member of the church choir, a trustee, an SPRC member, and served in many other capacities as a leader in the church. He even offered his services as Jolly Ole St. Nick at the Church Christmas Programs, putting smiles on many children's faces, including his own grandchildren. He put his acting skills to the test in several "Pairs and Spares" Sunday-School Class Plays.

He also enjoyed his quiet time, reading westerns or doing a crossword or Sudoku puzzle with Shirley. You could usually find a partially finished jigsaw puzzle on a table in their house during the winter months. He loved his Iowa family too, and never missed the chance to go back home and visit them. He was a doer and a fixer, whenever something needed fixing in "the place" (for which he called Home) he and his partner in crime, (Brother-in-law) Ron Simpson could fix it together.

Anyone who knew JC knew if they needed him, he was there. His love of family, strong work ethic, easy smile and desire to help anyone in need, no questions asked, will be the legacy he leaves behind for all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his beloved wife, JC is also survived by his children: Michael Alan Tubbs (Dana) of Great Mills, MD, Kimberly Dawn Bentley (Bill) of Hollywood, MD, Melanie Althea Stacy (Chris) of Great Mills, MD and Janet Crystal Langley (JW) of North Port, FL; his siblings: Roberta Biddle, Juanita Scott, Richard Tubbs, Beverly Gustafson, David Tubbs, Dwayne Richards, and Carla Brown; his grandchildren: Michael "Kyle", Mindy Lucinda, Raymond Ellis, William "Cody", Elizabeth Marie, Joshua Christopher, Jonathan Corry, Brandy Leigh, Ryan Matthew, Faith Rianna, Crystal Lynn, Ashley Nicole, Courtney Marie, and Rebecca Ann; 15 great-grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents his stepfather, Carl Richards; and his siblings also precede him in death: Guy Tubbs, Mary Lou Sunday, and Melvin Tubbs.

Servings as pallbearers will be Kyle

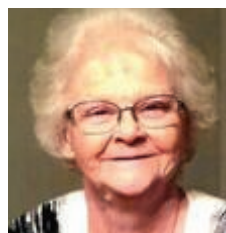
Tubbs, Jonathan Fender, Brandy Fender, Ryan Fender, Cody Bentley, and Scott Stauffer. Honorary Pallbearer Raymond Hayes.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hollywood United Methodist Church, 24422 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

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Linda Rose Feather



Linda Rose Feather, 72, of Hollywood, MD departed this life on Friday, February 12, 2021 after a lengthy battle with illness. As the warrior she

was, she fought until the very end with dignity and grace. Born on November 26, 1948 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Ernest Henry Cadieu and Virginia Lee Rose Cadieu.

Linda married the love of her life and best friend, Milton Ray Feather on March 1, 1965. They were married forty-seven years and raised three children, Regina, Wonda and Donald.

Linda was a beautiful soul with the heart of an angel. She cherished God and her family above all. Linda was a devoted Mom, Gram, Gigi, sister and friend. She was an active member of Laurel Run Church of God in Friendsville, MD.

Linda was a kind and loving woman who had a heart of gold. She enjoyed going to the Senior Centers (Southern Pines and Friendsville). Linda loved Bingo, music (Elvis Presley & Conway Twitty were here all time favorites), going out to eat, and shopping.

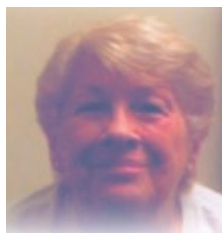
Linda may be gone, but she will never be forgotten. Her beautiful soul left her earthly body and is now in the arms of our Heavenly Father. She is in no more pain and has been reunited with loved ones in Heaven who have gone before her. The memories that Linda has left behind will forever live on in our hearts.

She is survived by her three children, Regina Lynn Guthrie of Hollywood MD, Wonda Ann Philyaw and her husband, Harley of California, MD, and Donald Ray Feather and his wife, Patty of Lake View, SC; twelve grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one sister, Barbara Lee Leonardi. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Milton Ray Feather.

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

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Sara Jo Morgan



Sara Jo Morgan, 79, of Leonardtown peacefully passed away on February 11, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital with her daughter and granddaugh-

ter by her side. Born to Joseph and Sarah Dumont on April 29, 1941, she was their middle child. She grew up in Point Marion, PA and had what her daughter called, "It's a Wonderful Life" childhood. She was a majorette for her High School and she was an avid roller skater. She was amazing to watch dancing on roller skates. If her family had not moved to St. Mary's County when she was 20, I believe her interest was hopefully to pursue a professional skating career.

She was part of the insurance industry for 30+ years. She worked for Waring Ahern Insurance for almost 20 years and then set up an office out of her home for the remainder of her years as an agent. She also managed the 235 Diner for several years. She played many sports around the county for many years. She played with the Tricoda Darts and was president of the league for a short time and Women's Horseshoe Leagues. Her true passion was playing on the North Shuffleboard League. She was very competitive in all sports and gave it her all, which she has many trophies to show for it. The teams she played with usually won the Championship games. She was a BIG fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Her apartment is full of Steeler memorabilia.

She is survived by her daughter Georgie Marquess and son Joe Alvey. She has four (4) grandchildren, Judy Smith (Travis), Sara Marquess-LaQuay (Robert), Evan Alvey, and Mason Alvey. She has six (6) great-grandsons, Dashawn Smith, Marquess Smith, Deandre Smith, Kenyon LaQuay, Kameron LaQuay, and Karter LaQuay. She and her great-grandson Deandre had a very special bond and he was so protective of her, she will now be his guardian angel.

She has a sister, Pauline Dumont who resides in California. She has many special friends at Newtowne Village Apartments and her care-taker Penny Lambert who she cherished and missed greatly. The "gals" at Newtowne dubbed her "The Princess" and it really tickled her.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mary Evans.

Donations can be made in her name to the Leonardtown Rescue Squad. They always took very good care of her on calls when they had to assist her.

Gary S. Wiley

Gary S. Wiley, 84, of California,



MD (formerly CA State) passed away on February 15, 2021 at Discovery Commons in California, MD.

He was born on July 19, 1936 in San Francisco, CA to the late Jack Stanley Wiley and Doris Ellen Krebs Wiley.

After high school, Gary served in the U.S. Navy, earning the Good Conduct Medal. He received a B.A. in Accounting from Stanford University and spent his career as a dedicated and skilled Certified Public Accountant for many years until his retirement in 2018. In April 1998, he married his beloved wife, Nancy in Little Shasta, CA. Together they celebrated over 17 years wonderful years of marriage before her passing in 2015.

He was a member of the Lions Club and Toastmasters.

Gary is survived by his children: Marc, of Colorado and Tracy of California; step-daughter Rachel of California; Gary's twin brother, Jack Wiley of Hollywood, MD and Jack's wife Linda; his sister Jo Fessenden of CA; his grandchildren: Beau, Dakota, Lexi, Taylor and Christopher; his great-grandchildren; Clayton, Jaycee, and Delayne; his mother-in-law, Doris Holm of CA; and many more extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Wiley.

All services will be private.

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Craig Thomas Wilson Jr.



On the morning of February 11, 2021 heaven gained another angel. Craig Thomas Wilson Jr. departed this life in a tragic car accident.

Craig Jr. was born on April 8, 1985 in Cheverly, Maryland to Craig Wilson Sr. and Donna Silver. Craig Jr. was a resident of Hyattsville, Maryland, but was most recently living in Malabar, Florida where he was working at his father's company, Palm Bay Concrete. Craig took great pride in his career as a truck driver, and was also a very proud graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on cars, playing pool, listening to good music, and watching D.C. sports – especially his beloved Redskins.

He will be remembered for his kindness, love of life, and heart of gold. He was a bright light to all who knew

him. His loyalty and his devotion to his fiancé, friends, and family was second to none. Craig was incredibly compassionate, and without hesitation would do absolutely anything for anyone that he loved.

At times Craig could seem a bit quiet and reserved, but it never took long for his larger-than-life personality to come out. He had a great sense of humor, contagious laugh, and was always down for anything. Craig loved to have a good time, and it was always a good time when you were with him.

Craig had recently proposed to his love, Candyce Naomi Herd, and they were engaged on December 25, 2020. He was incredibly excited and extremely proud to be starting their life together. He looked forward to becoming a devoted husband, and dedicated step-father to Nilah Lavon Herd, as he loved them both dearly.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Milo Sr. and Doris Wilson, grandmother Elizabeth Wilson, and grandfather Erle Roberts.

Craig Jr. is survived by his father Craig Wilson Sr. and step-mother Marsha; mother Donna Silver and step-father Jeff; grandmother Mary Roberts; and brothers Christopher Wilson, Jacob Silver and Selena, and Jeremy Silver; sisters Hannah Dorough and Kevin, and Jessica Silver. He is also survived by fiancé Candyce Naomi Herd and her daughter Nilah Lavon Herd, two nieces, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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

Eddie Reece



Eddie Reece, 84 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away at his home on February 14, 2021.

He was born on June 12, 1936 in Coeburn, VA

to the late Arthur and Nellie Mae Woodring Reece.

On September 14, 1958, Eddie married his beloved wife, Rosalee Marie "Rosie" Wise in Lexington Park, MD. Together they celebrated over 52 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in October 2010. Eddie was a member of the Calvary Gospel Church in Waldorf, MD.

Eddie was a gold member of Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 891 for 65 years. He started his own concrete finishing company in the early 80's. Eddie retired in 2006.

Many who knew Eddie, describe him as having "the biggest heart". With that heart, he loved his family. His kindness and compassion for others was showed every day.

Eddie loved the simple things in his

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In Remembrance

life, playing cards with his family and going to the Casino. He was a die-hard fan of the Washington Redskins, Washington Nationals and Nascar. Joe Gibbs racing team being his favorite. If he was not watching sports, he was watching old western movies.

Before his wife Rosie health declined, the two of them loved to take long and weekend trips. He enjoyed the many trips to the beach with his children, brothers and their families. It was a family affair! He took many trips to his hometown, Coeburn, VA, to visit family. He loved to take his family and show where he grew up, coal mining places and the mountains.

Eddie will truly be missed.

Eddie is survived by his children: Teresa Orenca of Mechanicsville, MD, Janet Clements (Tony) of Hollywood, MD, Ralph "Buddy" Reece of Mechanicsville, MD and Timothy Reece (Elizabeth) of Mechanicsville, MD; his siblings: Douglas Reese (Bobbie) of Bryans Road, MD, Alma Hackle (Norm) Montrose, VA, Frank Reece (Sherry) of Coeburn, VA, and Thelma Mayewski (Gary) of Churchville, NY; his grandchildren: Jamie Thompson (Melissa), Jeffrey Thompson (Elsie), Katelyn Reece, Ashlyn Reece, and TJ Reece; his great grandchildren: Shane Orenca, Jenna Thompson, Ethan Thompson, Ili- eigh Thompson, and Leon Martin; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his son, Eddie Gene Reece; his grandson, Kevin Orenca; and his siblings: Billie Wallace, Joseph Reece, Ralph Reece, Arthur Reece, Robert Reece, and Rex Reece.

Family will receive friends on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a Funeral Service held at 11:00 a.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, MD. The service will be livestreamed and may be found at [Boxcast-Eddie Reece Service](https://www.boxcast.com).

Servings as pallbearers will be Jamie Thompson, Jeffrey Thompson, George Alling, Billie Bookwalter, Georgie Rentzell and Mark Burch.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD 20636 and Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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

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Thomas Matthew Styles

Thomas Matthew Styles, loving known as Tommy, 49, formally from Mechanicsville, Maryland passed away on February 13, 2021.

He was born on June 16, 1971 in Bethesda, Maryland to Clyde Otis



Styles and Betty Ann Crowell.

Tommy was a talented and gifted carpenter, flooring installer, security locks and door installer and drummer.

There was not much that Tommy could NOT do. During his time working with his Uncle, the late Wesley Styles, for Metro Metals, Tommy worked alongside as they installed various security framing, doors and locks at the White House. While working at Flooring Max for Pete Griffin Jr, Tommy was chosen to be on a team to work on a home makeover for Oprah Winfrey's friend and life coach Lyanla Vanzant's home lead by interior designer Nate Berkus. Tommy took pride in everything he did

whether for customers, friends or family. He gave everything his all and put his heart and soul into all that he did. Tommy enjoyed carpentry, fishing, playing the drums, cooking, listening to music and the Washington Redskins. Most of all he loved Jesus and spending time with his family. He was very proud of his children and looked forward to becoming a Grandpa one day. The times we shared have given us all memories that will transcend time. He is and will be deeply missed until we reunite with him in Heaven.

Along with his wife of 17 years, Tammy, Tommy is survived by his beautiful children, son Daniel Styles and wife Lydia of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, son Nathan Styles and his wife Carine of Northpole, Alaska, daughter Faith Marie Styles, son John Patrick Styles and step daughter Schae Quade-Herbinko of Callaway, Maryland. He is also survived by his siblings, sister Beatrice Ann, "BeaBea" Stapleton and her husband William, brother Clyde Otis II, "Rocky" Styles and his wife Avis, sister Tina Arita Sellentine and her husband Steve, sister Gloria Jean Velenti and her husband Gino, brother David Wayne Styles and his wife Monica and sister Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Styles and many nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Faith Styles, his brother William Patrick Styles lovingly known as Big Bill, and his sister-in-law Cindy Styles.

All services at this time will be private.

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

Robert Stevie Lawrence



Robert Stevie Lawrence, "Torque Wrench", 67, of Avenue, MD passed away on February 19, 2021 in Wash-

ington, DC. Born on October 4, 1953 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the loving son of Rosemary Lawrence, and the late Francis McQue Lawrence. Stevie was the loving husband of Anna Gail Guy Lawrence, whom he married on August 3, 1974, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Morganza, MD. Stevie is survived by his siblings Gwen Tarantola (Mike) of Mechanicsville, MD, Mac Lawrence (Kathy) of Clements, MD, Ida Abell (B.K.) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Tina Graves (Glenn) of Bushwood, MD. He was preceded in death by his sister Brenda Wathen.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Chop-ticon High School in 1971. Stevie was the Station Chief at the Patuxent River Fire Department for 25 years, retiring in October 2004. He was the owner and operator of Pull & Tug Enterprises in Avenue, MD.

Stevie joined the Department in 1992 and served as an Asst. Engineer from 1993 - 2014. He also served the Squad as Installation and Audit Committee Chairman. He was Vice Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, as well as, the Annual Lawn Mower Races Committee in association with Bowles Farm - the Squad's biggest fund raiser.

Stevie also served in the Seventh District Vol. Fire Dept. from 1971 - 1985, serving as an Asst. Engineer for 6 years.

Stevie was inducted into the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association's Hall of Fame in 2015.

Stevie worked for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Fire Dept. for 35 years retiring as a Supervisory Station Chief with prior service as a Lieutenant and Captain. Stevie was an EVOC Instructor for MFRI for over 20 years."

Additionally, the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department posted about Lawrence's passing.

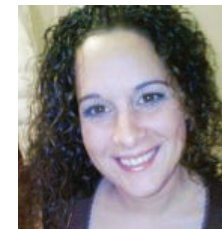
"Stevie was a member of our department for a number of years in the 1970's. Stevie was a great friend of the department and was always there to help us out when needed," the department said on Facebook. "In the picture below, Stevie is using his tow truck from his business Pull and Tug Enterprises, to help us transport our 1951 engine to get restored. We thank Stevie for his service to our community, he will be greatly missed."

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 1, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM with Fire Department prayers recited at 10:00AM followed by EMS prayers in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery Bushwood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Danny Ellis, Ronnie Mattingly, Tommy Bowles, Kim Mason, Lee Pilkerton and Billy Guy. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Seventh District Volunteer

Rescue Squad, Patuxent River Fire Department, and Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609 and ACTS (A Community That Shares) P.O. Box 54 Bushwood, MD 20618.

Shannon Danielle Parker



Shannon Danielle Parker, 44, of Tall Timbers, MD, formerly of Modesto, CA passed away of February 1, 2021 in Callaway, MD.

Shannon was born on June 17, 1976 in Modesto, CA to the late Steven Allen Walker and Cheryl Lynn Nunes Russell of Piney Point, MD.

Shannon was hardworking and full of life. She had a strong work ethic, and spent many years doing what she loved, being a waterman. She married her wife Penny Luckel in 2014. They enjoyed working on the water together. Shannon loved listening to music; her favorites were Janis Joplin, Alanis Morissette, and Eminem. She was a social butterfly, she never met a stranger and enjoyed having a good time with her friends. She was very loving and couldn't leave a room without a hug and a kiss. You could tell she entered a room by her distinctive, raspy voice. She had a one of a kind laugh and had no filter. She was athletic growing up and was extremely proud of coaching her daughters' basketball team when they were in grade school.

She is survived by her wife Penny Luckel of Waldorf, MD, her mother, Cheryl Lynn Russell and William Russell, of Piney Point, MD, her children Britni Parker (Augustus) of Lexington Park, MD, Brionna Parker of Tall Timbers, MD, and Shaun Furtado of Piney Point, MD, her siblings, Chad Walker (Amanda) of CA, Shawn Walker (Shannon) of Ceres, CA, Michelle Elliot (Chuck) of Pasadena, MD, and Steven Walker of FL, her grandchildren, Makenna and Tristan Proctor, of Lexington Park, MD, Makeira and Kingsley Robinson of Tall Timbers, MD, and Julie Green, Daniesha Thomas, and Brandon Campbell who were like children to her.

She is preceded in death by her father Steven Walker, her grandmother Rose Pe-Pe, her uncle Daniel Nunes, and her niece Alexis Thomas.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. The service will be livestreamed and may be found at [Boxcast-Shannon Parker Service](https://www.boxcast.com).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV20-000268

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC
11426 YORK ROAD, 1ST FLOOR
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

THE ESTATE OF CHARLES K CUSIC

SERVE: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
27160 BARTON ST
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

THE ESTATE OF MARY C CUSIC

SERVE: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
27160 BARTON ST
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

CHARLES K CUSIC, JR, REMAINDERMAN

SERVE: 24926 SOTTERLY RD
HOLLYWOOD, MD 20636

AND

JAMES K CUSIC REMAINDERMAN

SERVE: 1068 CATTLE DRIVE
LUSBY, MD 20657

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the propely situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

27160 BARTON ST
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AND

Unknown Owner of the property 27160 BARTON ST. described as follows: Property Tax ID 06-021115 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the propely.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET,
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

LOT 32 & P/O 31; BLK A; SEC 2 PLAT 21/244; SAINT MARY'S BEACH and assessed to CHARLES K CUSIC and MARY C CUSIC, also known 27160 BARTON ST, Tax Account No. 06-021115 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired. It is thereupon, this 21st day of January, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 21st day of March 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 21st day of March 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County, Maryland

Legal Notices

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Ordinance No. 206, Leonardtown Comprehensive Plan- future growth area section revision.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 pm on March 15, 2021 to the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Commission, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

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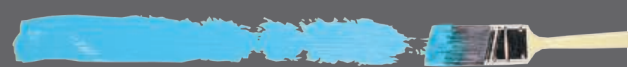
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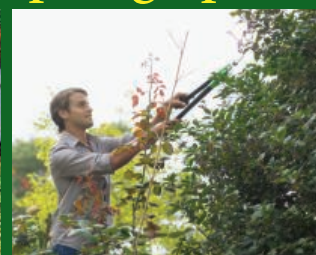
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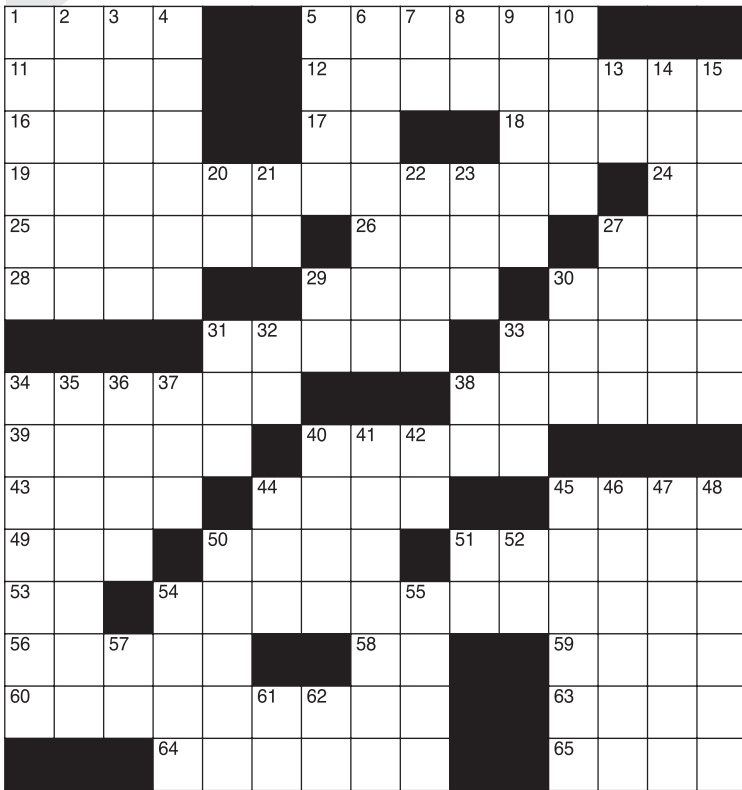
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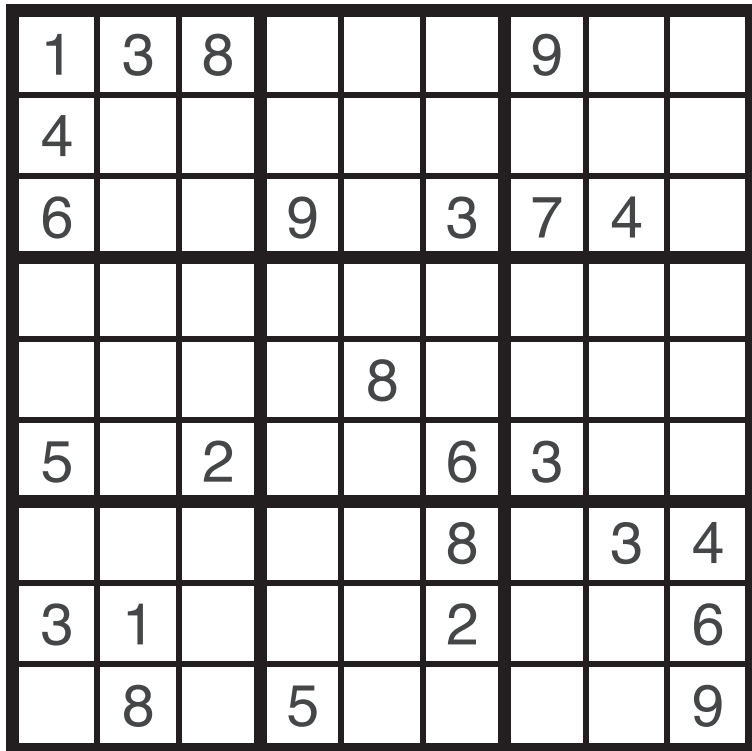
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- 24. Junior's father
- 25. Go up or climb
- 26. Concern
- 27. When you hope to get there
- 28. Iacocca and Oswald are two
- 29. Plant of the lily family
- 30. Male college organization
- 31. National capital
- 33. Raccoonlike animal
- 34. Symbols of fertility
- 38. Astronomy unit
- 39. Series of ridges in anatomy
- 40. Hebrew leader
- 43. A portent of good or evil
- 44. Supreme goddess
- 45. Gelatinous substance
- 49. Engage in a contest

- 50. Famed ballplayer Ruth
- 51. Pledge
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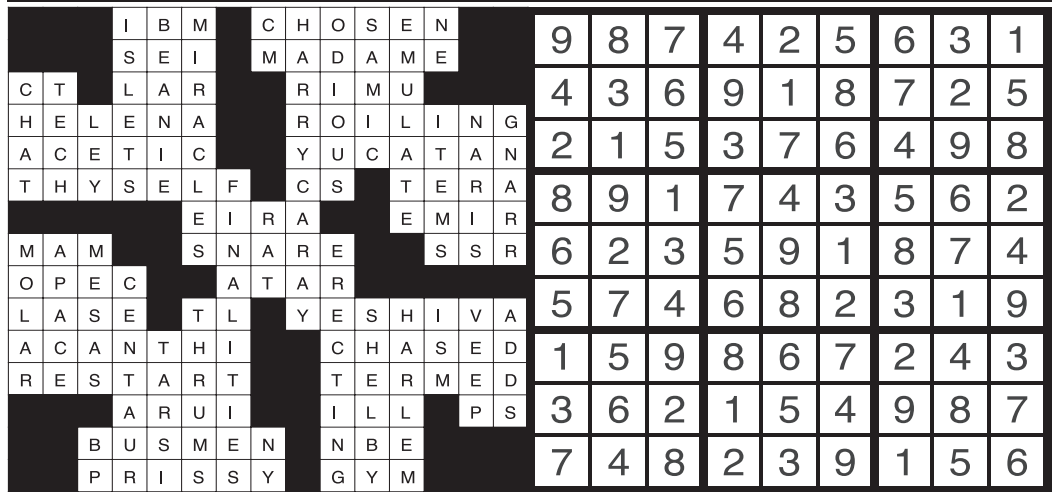
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- 2. Disquiet
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- 6. Joins two pipes of different diameter
- 7. Exist
- 8. Overdose
- 9. Pleat of fabric
- 10. Predict the future
- 13. Burgeoning technology
- 14. Having made a valid will
- 15. Having no fixed course
- 20. ___ route
- 21. Lethal dose
- 22. Indian musical pattern of notes

- 23. Athlete
- 27. Geological times
- 29. Atomic #21
- 30. In support of
- 31. Brew
- 32. Certificate of insurance
- 33. Taxi
- 34. Type of saying
- 35. For cigars
- 36. Phil ___, former CIA
- 37. Local area network
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Philippine Island
- 41. Not great or bad
- 42. Eastern part of NY state
- 44. Gov't lawyers
- 45. Constructions
- 46. Former British gold coin
- 47. Unkeyed
- 48. Rechristen
- 50. Threaten persistently
- 51. Southeast
- 52. Cools your home
- 54. Removes the leaves
- 55. Regretted
- 57. Thus
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- 62. Exclamation of surprise



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