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# Report: State Police in St. Mary's, Calvert Use The Most Force

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A report, promulgated by the Maryland State Police analyzing the number of times troopers from barracks around the state used force, showed that troopers serving at the Leonardtown and Prince Frederick barracks used force more than any other state police units for 2019 and 2020.

For the prior years of 2017 and 2018 both barracks were among the top three units reporting using force on suspects to affect an arrest, with the Northeast barrack holding the top ranking.

In 2019 Leonardtown based troopers used force a total of 33 times according to the report, while Prince Frederick troopers used force on suspects 25 times.

By comparison, La Plata-based troopers used force just eight times in 2019.

Last year Leonardtown troopers used force 23 times, with Prince Frederick troopers using force 22 times.

By comparison, in 2020, the La Plata-based troopers used force just three times.

For 2020, the times both Leonardtown and Prince Frederick based troopers used force accounted for a little over 19 percent of the 234 times troopers from all 24 barracks used force.

In 2019 there were a total of 235 times force was used by troopers stationed at all 24 barracks in the state; the times force was used by troopers from both local barracks accounted for roughly 25 percent of all instances.

The report stated that the vast majority of incidents in which troopers used force were justified – there were only a handful of complaints against troopers who used force and even fewer were found to be substantiated as unwarranted actions by troopers.

But the report does take the agen-

cy to task for not having more in-car cameras installed in state police vehicles.

“The department [of Maryland State Police] acknowledges in order to be an effective 21<sup>st</sup> century law enforcement agency, an investment in technology is a necessity,” the report stated.

As of January of this year, 406 in-car camera systems were installed across 22 barracks, the report stated; the agency has instituted a special deployment schedule for camera installation in barracks that have the highest level of use of force incidents.

As the result of an inquiry by The County Times, MSP spokesman Greg Shipley provided the following response:


“Each use of force incident is reviewed, and each must be reviewed based on the circumstances of that situation. It is important to note that Maryland state troopers used force in .03 percent of all calls for service and traffic stops and in 1.8 percent of all arrests, both very small percentages of the total citizen contacts. When they did use force, the force applied most often was soft, open hand techniques. Examples of soft empty hand control include escorts, body wraps, come-a-longs, muscling techniques, and pressure points, where no striking is involved and the trooper is only using his/her hand or fingers to apply pressure.

“The Maryland State Police is diligent in efforts to document use of force incidents. There is a low threshold for the use of force that initiates a report.

“In addition, of the 247 incidents reported in 2020, of the 409 troopers involved, 408 were found to be justified and in conformance with Maryland State Police policy. One incident remained under investigation at the time of the report.

“There are multiple reasons that can impact these numbers. The most

## MSP Use of Force Incidents

	2019	2020	2020 State ranking by Barrack
Leonardtown	33	23	#1
Prince Frederick	25	22	#2
LaPlata	8	3	#21

obvious is the frequency of contact with the public during calls for service, traffic stops and arrests.

“Leonardtown reported 23 use of force incidents in 2020. They also had 16,764 calls for service, 22,354 traffic stops, 773 criminal arrests and 234 DUI arrests that year.

“Prince Frederick reported 22 use of force incidents in 2020. They had 15,461 calls for service, 17,382 traffic stops, 547 criminal arrests and 247 DUI arrests.

Compare that with Princess Anne, where five use of force incidents were reported in 2020. That barrack had 8,156 calls for service, 11,680 traffic stops, 362 criminal arrests and 76 DUI arrests.

“The North East Barrack reported 21 use of force incidents in 2020 and Cecil County is obviously at the opposite end of the state. That barrack had 15,079 calls for service, 19,489 traffic stops, 1,366 arrests and 240 DUI arrests.

«You described a ‘high use of force’ in St. Mary’s and Calvert compared to much larger counties like Prince George’s Co. We have the Forestville and College Park barracks in Prince George’s County. Together, those barracks reported 29 use of force incidents, higher than both Leonardtown and Prince Frederick. Those barracks had 31,007 calls for service, 47,996

traffic stops, 1,821 criminal arrests and 1,181 DUI arrests.

“Other factors can include the responsibilities a specific barrack has in a particular county. While all barracks can provide a full range of law enforcement services, there are agreements in each county with local law enforcement regarding our roles and responsibilities. In both Calvert and St. Mary’s counties, our troopers are responding to every other call, regardless of location or type of call. In Carroll County, per agreement, troopers respond to calls on state roads, while local law enforcement responds to county addresses.

“In closing,... each incident is and must be considered on its own specific circumstances. Our policy requires both reporting and review of each use of force incident and that is complied with throughout our Department.

“Just this weekend in Calvert County, a suspect bit a trooper, sending him to the hospital. Recently in that same county, a suicidal teenager kicked a trooper in his face and chest. The circumstances of each incident are not reflected in the raw numbers reporting the use of force by troopers you have reviewed.”

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## Search Is On For Alligator in St. Mary's



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Reports from at least a year ago that an alligator has been roaming in a portion of St. Mary's County coastal waters appear to be true, according to county officials and a local wildlife expert.

"We're getting credible information," said Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services. "About a year ago we got reports that there was an alligator in the county and we dismissed it.

"But one of the local wildlife groups claims they've seen it, that they've made a video recording of it."

A local wildlife rescue worker, said they found the alligator after hearing of reports of its having taken up residence here.

"We're worried about the animal itself," the rescuer told The County Times. "I'm working with another [rescue] service.

"It's [the alligator] going to a service in Florida."

They said the rescue counterpart they are working with will keep the alligator at the sanctuary and not release it back into the wild.

The rescue worker said the alligator should be captured by the end of the week; the rescue agency already has all the transport permits in hand.

"It will be a live transport," they said.



Director of St. Mary's Emergency Services  
Stephen Walker

The alligator is only about six-to-six-and-a-half feet in length, but could still be a threat to anyone who approaches it.

"They're all dangerous," the wildlife expert said.

Walker said it was unknown how the alligator, which is not a species native to Maryland, came to be here.

"Maybe somebody had it as a pet," Walker said. "I don't know."

The county is not releasing the precise reported location of the creature; Walker said the county wants to avoid a situation such as the one in Calvert County earlier this June in which an alligator was spotted, hunted and killed by a man and his son who had found it in the area of Driftwood Beach.

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# COVID-19 Cases Spike Again

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The latest data shows that new COVID-19 cases have increased by more than 50 percent from the week beginning Aug. 15 over the week of Aug. 8, according to the St. Mary's County Health Department.

There are 309 new cases of COVID-19 as of last week compared to 202 cases for the prior week.

The new case rate is approaching that of the week of Jan. 10, when there were 349 new cases in St. Mary's.

The vast majority of new COVID-19 cases are among the unvaccinated, the health department data shows, but the number of new cases among the fully vaccinated is also increasing versus the prior week.

That trend has been increasing since mid-July, the data shows.

The health department, however, continues to urge residents who have not been vaccinated to do so; booster shots are now also available for residents who are immunocompromised.

The Delta variant of the virus, which appears to be much more infectious than prior mutations, is driving the sharp increase in new cases, Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's chief health officer, has said.

The data also shows that the most rapid increases in new cases are among those between the age of zero to 19 years old and 20 to 39 years old; however there have been increases across all age groups.

About half of the county's population has been vaccinated.

Health officials, in encouraging continued vaccinations, have said the vaccines are safe and statistics show that by and large they are.

However the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) shows that there have been 13,608 post-COVID vaccine reported deaths, 54,142 post COVID vaccine reported hospitalizations and 595,620 COVID vaccine adverse events reported.

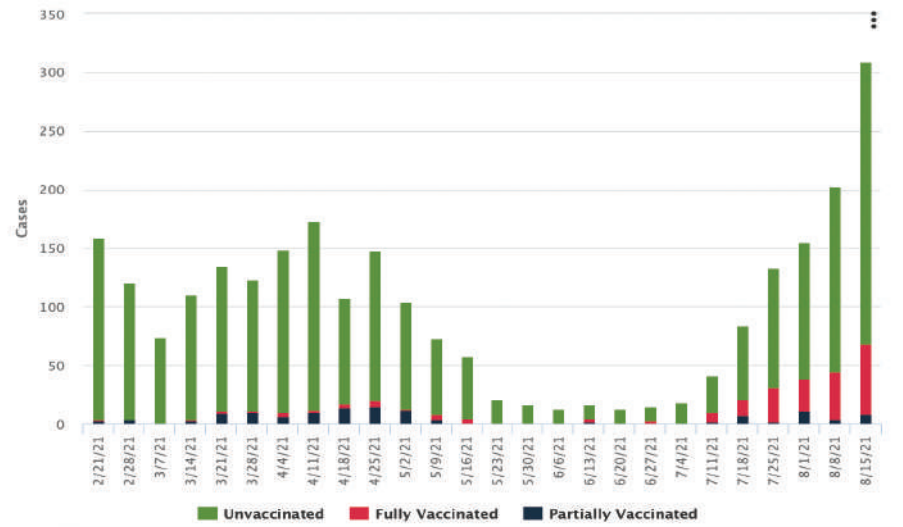
The VAERS reporting system was established in 1990 and relies on self-reporting of adverse vaccine events; the CDC states that a Harvard University affiliated study showed that the system records perhaps just one percent of all adverse vaccine events.

The system seeks to record all adverse vaccine events, not only COVID-related vaccines.

The system reports a total of 21,936 vaccine related deaths, the vast majority

## New Cases by Week & Vaccination Status

Fully vaccinated cases include positive tests detected 14 or more days after the final dose of vaccine. Partially vaccinated cases are positive tests after at least one dose of vaccine and 13 or fewer days after the final dose. Unvaccinated cases include positive tests from all individuals without any vaccine doses prior to a positive test. The date listed below each bar represents the first day of data collection for the week.



of which are post-COVID inoculations.

COVID-related hospitalizations also make up almost half of all the reported 131,897 hospitalizations due to all inoculations.

The U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services has a disclaimer for VAERS stating that the reports included in the database could be based on "incomplete, inaccurate, coincidental and unverified information."

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## County Seeking Funds for St. George Creek Dredge

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The channel under the bridge leading from Piney Point to St. George Island is narrowing due to increasing amounts of sand being deposited there by the flow of water, according to a state Department of Natural Resources survey of the waterway, and would benefit from dredging.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County unanimously approved a request from the Department of Public Works and Transportation this week to seek grant money to perform the dredging work.

The county plans to use the sand dredged from the creek on two nearby capital improvement projects: the Piney Point Road shore erosion project and Piney Point Lighthouse Museum shore erosion project. These needs make the dredge of "this creek ideal at this time," according to county project documents.

"This is good news," said public works chief John Deatruck. "I'm really glad to bring it before you."

"The boating public will be able to use that channel with more confidence; they're not going to ground out."

The county projects that they could receive grant approval by



The bridge to St. George

May of next year with the actual dredge taking place by June of 2023.

Zane Rettstatt, senior project manager with the public works department, said the projected timeline was "a pretty quick turn around."

The county is seeking \$540,000 in state waterway improvement funding for the project.

The county projects the work will move 5,500 cubic yards from under the Route 249 bridge.

The creek that separates Piney Point from St. George's Island is widely used by anglers and boaters alike.

The county estimates that 337 commercial boats and 2,250 privately owned recreational boats a year use St. George's Creek.

The county is also pursuing dredging projects at St. Patrick's Creek in Colton's Point and St. Jerome's Creek in Dameron; both are seen as critical waterways for commercial anglers and recreational boaters.

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## Sam Grow Played in Leonardtown



Photo by Brandy Blackstone



# Major Charlotte Hall Property Sold to Developer



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The property known as the Charlotte Hall Center, Inc., which includes many properties fronting the north bound section of Route 5 from Golden Beach Road down to the Charlotte Hall Farmers Market, is now owned by a Baltimore-based land developer.

The 77-acre property, long owned by the Burroughs family, was officially transferred to the new owner on July 28, The County Times has learned.

The property's name has changed as well to Golden Beach Properties, LLC.

Mike Burroughs, the representative for the Burroughs family, declined to comment on the sale of the property to ARLS Properties LLC.

Justin Rosemore, with ARLS Properties LLC, confirmed that Burroughs would still act as property manager for Golden Beach Properties LLC.

"He's managing the property," Rosemore said. "We closed the motel [The Charlotte Hall Motel] so we may do something with that parcel."

Other than the potential redevelopment of the motel parcel, Rose-

more said his company does not have any plans for redevelopment in the near future.

"We have no major plans right now for the rest of the property," Rosemore said.

ARLS Properties LLC recently acquired another major property in Charlotte Hall, the Wentworth Nursery property at the intersection of Charlotte Hall Road and Route 5.

There are plans to redevelop that property into a Royal Farms convenience store and fueling station.

Rumors have circulated that the property could be redeveloped into a site for a big box store, but Rosemore said he knew of no larger corporate entities who were exploring the Charlotte Hall area as a new location.

"That's not even on our radar," Rosemore said. "We have long term lease with tenants there."

Rosemore said his company would also concentrate on making certain repairs on the property, such as surfaces and roadways, that had not been repaired for some time.

"We are going to honor all leases," Rosemore said.

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# CSM Requires Indoor Masking for Fall Semester

*Responds to Rising Number of COVID-19 Cases*



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces it is postponing its transition to Phase 4: Normal Operations and will remain in Phase 3: Reduced Operations in response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases and increased positivity rates in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. This delayed shift in operations means faculty, staff and students will be required to wear masks indoors on all campuses at all times, effective immediately.

"We are firmly in year two of this global pandemic and we've learned a lot," CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy told faculty and staff during a college-wide forum Aug. 13. "We know a little more about how this virus behaves and we've learned how to work safely around it. With the numbers of infections on the rise, we will do our part to respond to the metrics, create the safest possible environment, and make universal indoor masking a requirement. For now, masking is really the only significant change students will see in our fall plans."

"It is an understatement to say that the CSM community had been looking forward to things being closer to 'normal' for the fall semester which begins Aug. 25," added CSM Vice President of Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey. "But as cases and hospitalizations rise in our area, we believe it is best to be cautious."

For students, faculty and staff not much will change from how we have been operating this summer, Comey said. The following health and safety guidelines will remain in effect until further notice:

Masks must be worn at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

All students and employees must take the COVID-19 Self-Assessment in the CSM Safe app before coming to campus and be prepared to show their green QR code when requested.\*

Student services and instruction will continue to be mostly virtual, with some classes and services available on campus in larger spaces for safety. Therefore, classes that were already scheduled to meet on-campus will continue to meet on-campus. If there is a change, students will be notified by their instructor.

CSM new fall campus hours will

remain in effect but visitors and students should check a department's office hours to make sure that department is open prior to visiting one of the campuses.

CSM's Student Life will move forward with organizing a number of outdoor events for the fall and those opportunities to gather as a community will follow social distancing guidelines.

While CSM does not require universal COVID-19 vaccination, faculty, staff and students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Vaccinated students can enter to win prizes, with CSM's #VaxUpHawks COVID-19 Vaccine Challenge.

The public can monitor CSM's operational status at [csmd.edu/ready/covid-19/](https://csmd.edu/ready/covid-19/). Please visit the website often for resources and updates. CSM remains in close contact with local, state and federal authorities, and will share information as quickly as possible when and if operating conditions change.

Students should make sure they are monitoring their CSM student email accounts, as well as the MyLearning course shells for their individual courses, and stay in close contact with their professors if they have any questions about their courses.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or any other flu-like symptoms (e.g. sore throat, body ache, congestion) should not come to CSM campuses. Anyone exhibiting these symptoms will be required to leave campus immediately.

Students and their families are encouraged to download the free "CSM Safe App" for iOS (Apple) and Android devices. Those without internet access or smart phones can contact the CSM Public Safety and Preparedness Department at any CSM campus locations during fall campus hours. To contact campus security at the La Plata Campus, call 301-934-7888 or from a campus phone on ext. 7909. Contact campus security at the Leonardtown Campus at 240-725-5333 or from a campus phone on ext. 5333. To contact campus security at the Prince Frederick Campus, call 443-550-6033 or from a campus phone at ext. 6033. At the Regional Hughesville Campus, security questions or concerns can be directed to 301-539-4898.

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# ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

**Burglary/Drug Arrest-** On July 31, 2021, Dep. Salas responded to the 21800 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported burglary. A witness observed **Destiny Marie Ayres**, age 19 of no fixed address, force entry to a hotel room. Ayres was previously issued a notice not to trespass for the property. Ayres was located on scene and in the room she occupied was a bag containing rolled paper and suspected cocaine. Ayres was arrested and charged with Burglary 4th Degree, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Trespass: Private Property.

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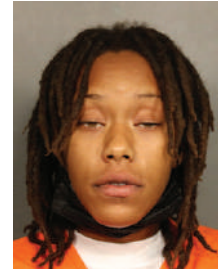
**Drug Arrest-** On August 2, 2021, Dep. Forbes responded to the 46400 block of Chapman Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported burglary to motor vehicle. The victim advised he located an unknown female inside his vehicle, attempting to steal his property. The female was identified as **Jennifer Leigh Heiston**, age 36 of no fixed address. Heiston was located on scene and found on Heiston's person was a suspected CDS smoking device containing suspected cocaine residue. Heiston was charged with Burglary 4th Degree, CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Para-



Jennifer Heiston

phernalia. Heiston was also wanted on an outstanding warrant for Trespassing.

**Assault/Reckless Endangerment/Drug Arrest-** On August 4, 2021, Dep. Chase conducted a vehicle stop in the 21400 block of Pegg Road in Lexington Park. Contact was made with the vehicle operator, **Kelli Aaliyah Richardson**, age 20 of Lexington Park. Suspected marijuana was observed in Richardson's purse and she was advised to exit the vehicle. Richardson was able to get the vehicle in gear, and accelerated at a high rate of speed, dragging both Sgt. Connelly and Dep. Chase down Pegg Road as well as off the roadway. Dep. Chase became dislodged from the vehicle and Sgt. Connelly was able to get the vehicle in neutral and stop the vehicle. Both deputies sustained non-incapacitating injuries as a result of being dragged by the vehicle. Richardson



Kelli Richardson

was removed from the vehicle at which time she resisted arrest and kicked another officer on scene. Located in the vehicle were clear capsules containing suspected heroin. Richardson was arrested and charged with two counts of Assault 1st Degree, three counts of Assault 2nd Degree/Law Enforcement Officer, Reckless Endangerment, Resisting Arrest, and CDS: Possession-not Marijuana.

**Assault-** On August 12, 2021, Dep. Matterna responded to the 21800 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Bobby Raymond Davis**, age 35 of Lexington Park, punched the victim in the head, and pushed the victim causing visible injury. Davis also broke the victim's cellphone. Davis was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Bobby Davis

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The vendor will also provide recommendations of additional equipment, installation, wiring, and any additional cabling and mounting brackets required. The bidder shall provide training for 1 year at the vendor's location. All equipment and installation provided by the vendor will be guaranteed for 2 years minimum from date the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department takes delivery of the boat from P.L. Jones Boatyard and Marina. The installation of the material shall be at P.L. Jones Boatyard and Marina in Fishing Creek, MD.

One original and one copy of the sealed bid should be addressed to John Gatton, Chief Engineer and marked "Sealed Bid for Marine Equipment". The bid will be received at the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., PO Box 520, 13820 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD 20680, until 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on September 17, 2021. At which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bids for comparable equipment will be accepted for only Package #2. The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the proposals submitted when such waiver is in the best interest of the Department.

Inquiries concerning proposal information should be directed to John Gatton, Chief Engineer, at 301-872-5571 or email peanutgatton@msn.com.

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# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## 529 PLANS: NOT JUST FOR COLLEGE

If you've heard of 529 plans, you might think they can only be used to help pay for college. And you wouldn't be alone: Less than one-third of adults properly identified that a 529 plan can be used for more than just higher education, according to a survey by Morning Consult and Edward Jones. But what are these other expenses?

Before we get to them, let's review the main benefits of 529 plans. Contribution limits are high and earnings can grow tax-free if withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses such as tuition and room and board. (Withdrawals for nonqualified distributions are subject to taxes and a 10% penalty on the earnings portion.) Plus, as the account owner, you maintain control of the plan, so you can switch beneficiaries to another qualified family member, if necessary.

Now, let's consider the other uses of 529 plans, which have been made possible by various pieces of legislation over the past few years:

**Student loan repayments** – The average amount of student loan debt per borrower is well over \$32,000, according to the Federal Reserve. So, many people welcomed the news that 529 plans could be used to repay student loans. There's an aggregate lifetime limit of \$10,000 in qualified student loan repayments per 529 plan beneficiary, plus \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings. Being able to use 529 plans to repay student loans gives you some flexibility if your family members have excess balances in their accounts.

**K-12 expenses** – A 529 plan can now be used to pay up to \$10,000 per year in tuition expenses at private, public and religious elementary and sec-

ondary schools. This amount is per student, not per account. However, not all states allow 529 plans to be used for K-12 expenses – or to be technical, some states consider K-12 tuition to be a nonqualified 529 plan expense, which means the earnings portion of a 529 plan is subject to state income taxes and possibly a "recapture" of other state income tax breaks connected with 529 plan withdrawals. So, make sure you understand your state's rules on K-12 expenses before taking money out of your 529 plan.

**Apprenticeships** – Not every child wants or needs to attend a college or university. And now, 529 funds can be used to pay for apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. These types of programs, which combine on-the-job training with classroom instruction, are offered at community colleges and trade schools. Once students complete their apprenticeships, they often go on to well-paying careers in a variety of fields. And since these types of programs are typically far less expensive than a four-year college degree, a 529 plan can have a particularly long reach.

The tax treatment of 529 plans for all these expenses can vary from state to state, so, if you move to another state after you've established your plan, you'll want to know the rules. Even if you don't move, it's still a good idea to consult with your tax advisor about how 529 plan withdrawals will be treated.

Nonetheless, a 529 plan could be valuable to you in many ways. Consider how you might want to put it to work for you and your family.

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# Southern Maryland Fire Marshal, K-9 Handler Honored



Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal Melissa Decker of the Southern Regional Office has been named the recipient of the 2020 "James C. Robertson, Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year" award. "Senior Deputy Decker exemplifies the overall desire and commitment our investigators embrace to ensure the safety of Maryland's citizens," stated State Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci.

Senior Deputy Decker was nominated by her supervisor, Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal John Nelson. Decker was cited for her many achievements in 2020, including 26 initial investigations, six felony arrests, and led as an additional investigator on 62 other fire and explosive investigations.

In 2018 DSFM Decker was selected to be a Task Force Officer (TFO) for the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Baltimore Field Division, and assists the BATF on work in the field of arson and explosive Investigations along with other federal incidents where needed.

Graduating from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Accelerant Detection Canine School in December of 2016, DSFM Decker and her partner "Sky" are among 59 ATF-ADC teams throughout the United States. Since graduation, Melissa and her K-9 partner have worked numerous fire scenes throughout Maryland and surrounding states. In 2020, public education changed how agency K-9 handlers could provide in-person demos, so S/DSFM Decker used technology such as Google Meets, Microsoft Teams, and Zoom to give presentations and demos to the public.

DSFM Decker participated in

the Shop with a Cop events in Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's County, which were all on consecutive weekends. She also took part in the back-to-school shop with a cop in Calvert and St. Mary's County.

DSFM Decker agreed to be the point of contact for the agency for the National Fallen Firefighters weekend. She assisted with coordinating the transportation of families to the ceremony from the airport. OSFM volunteers pick up families from across the country at the airport and escort them to the National Fire Academy makes them feel welcome and comfortable as they make their way to the fallen firefighter's memorial weekend, where their loved ones will be honored.

In August 2020, DSFM Decker was requested to assist with the Arson K-9 block during the Special Agent Training at the ATF National Academy in Glynco, Georgia and provided instruction on the capabilities of canine teams.

Decker was nominated with five other Deputy State Fire Marshals from each agency's regional offices as contenders for the James C. Robertson Award. All five deputies were applauded for their dedication to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

"Each of these individuals represents their peers with great devotion and distinction," Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Gregory J. Der said. "Each has gone above and beyond the call of duty. They come to work every day, looking forward to the challenge of making Maryland a safer place to live, work, play, and raise a family."



# Our Grandma's Hands: Seeking Family Recipes

*They Define an Area's Food Heritage*



The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is excited to announce a new regional initiative designed to capture and memorialize the tastes, the people and the foods of Southern Maryland.

At the core of the project, titled 'Our Grandma's Hands', is the traditional heart of the home 'the kitchen' where people gather to commune and savor cherished family recipes and food traditions that define their heritage that have been lovingly passed down by the hands of matriarchs and patriarchs to mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and onwards from generation to generation.

"There are few things more evocative of home as kitchen aromas and certain 'family' recipes prepared by family members; these recipes are the fabric around which memories are cloaked and the past kept alive," commented Craig Sewell, SMADC's Southern Maryland Meats Manager who conceived the project. "Our goal is to not only preserve some of the traditional foods of the region but to share the people and their stories as they prepare these foods. This project is essentially a time capsule that will allow us to capture the heritage of the Southern Maryland cooking traditions before they are gone."

SMADC is now inviting families throughout Southern Maryland's diverse geographic and ethnic communities to nominate their recipes for consideration. Through a selection process, up to eight

recipes will be chosen that exemplify the project. SMADC will interview the 'keepers' of these recipes following them into their home kitchens to film them creating the foods that have sustained their family for generations.

Selected recipes with their associated stories and memories will be published on the SMADC website and featured along with SMADC's 15-episode 'In a Cook's Kitchen' series developed to encourage and instruct home cooking methods through expanding a recipe repertoire utilizing local Southern Maryland foods. The project will also publish a printed component to be shared with heritage tourism sites and partners around the region.

To nominate a recipe for consideration, please complete 'Our Grandma's Hands' Nomination Form on the 'News & Events' page at SMADC.com, or call Craig Sewell at: (410) 271-1469. Recipes may be nominated by the current custodian of the recipe, family members, and others. The consent of the current recipe 'keeper' or author is required. Recipe Nominations are due by September 13, 2021.

This project has been financed in part with State Funds from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, an instrumentality of the State of Maryland. However, the contents and opinions do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

Nominate your recipe at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/Smadc/OurGrandmasHandsNomination>

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# Five Quilts Awarded Leadership Executive Program Graduates



Five local veterans were presented with Quilts of Valor (QOV) by PAX Sound of Freedom, the St. Mary's chapter of QOV, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park on Aug. 21. Pictured (l to r): DeeDee Kelly (Navy, two years), Stephen Kelly, Jr. (Navy, 13 years), Bob Chapman (Army, 20 years), Bart Reabe (Navy, 20 years), and Stephen (Ron) Olsen (Air Force, 20 years). If you, a family member or friend served in the U.S. armed forces, you are entitled to receive a Quilt of Valor. The only stipulation is that quilts must be awarded in person to the service member. Please contact PAX Sound of Freedom group leader, Sylvia Lague, at (941) 705-0094.



On July 22, 2021, Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM)'s Class of 2021 graduated the executive program with a closing session and ceremony at Anmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center. The 27-member class completed an extended, 11-month program comprised of monthly sessions devoted to exploring regional topics like healthcare, public safety, and education.

The program, which typically spans nine months, was extended as a result of challenges and restrictions imposed by COVID-19. The graduation ceremony featured remarks by LSM Board President Mary Beth Cook and a speech by Class of 2021 member Marsha Williams, elected by her classmates to represent the group.

resent the group.

At the conclusion of the event, these local mid- and upper-level executives were awarded certificates and celebrated the culmination of their program with board members, sponsors, and friends.

Leadership Southern Maryland is a nine-month tuition-based program and is designed and dedicated to educate and inspire a diverse group of current and emerging leaders to create collaborations and partnerships to impact the community needs of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties and incorporates a cross-section of the region to include diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender.

*Press Release from LSM.*

## 154th Calvert County Jousting Tournament



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Colonial Church & Music 1pm - 4pm (Air Cond)/Box Supper -noon- 6:00pm (Take Out Only)



# Concert Set for Port of Leonardtown Winery



Phillip Michael Parsons

Phillip Michael Parsons returns to Leonardtown when he performs this Sunday, Aug. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Port of Leonardtown Winery. This FREE Concert is part of the exciting summer of music presented by the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival.

There is limited seating at the Winery available on a first come, first serve basis (attendees may also bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the concert from the adjacent Port of Leonardtown Park). El Coqui, Dan D's & Kona Ice food trucks will be on location, and the tasting room will be open for you to sample award

winning-wine and refreshing slushies (Please note that admittance for this concert is FREE, and that food and drink are available for purchase). Overflow parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. A walking map from the overflow parking may be found at: [VisitLeonardtown-MD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest](http://VisitLeonardtown-MD.com/LeonardtownMusicFest).

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is produced by the Town of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association and funded in part by the St. Mary's County Arts Council.

*Press Release from Town of Leonardtown*

# Relief Funding Businesses Approved Impacted by COVID-19

During their business meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved additional funds to be allocated for the St. Mary's County Online Sales and Telework Fund.

Funds have been made available under the American Recovery Act, enabling the Commissioners to make additional grants to businesses to assist entities in setting up an online sales framework and/or offering employees telework opportunities. St. Mary's County recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused economic hardship for many businesses. St. Mary's County has reactivated the Online Sales/Telework Grant Fund to provide local relief from this hardship.

The Online Sales/Telework Grant Fund will have a maximum budget of \$94,874.00. The maximum award per grantee is \$5,000.

Small businesses must be based in St. Mary's County, be in good standing with the State of Maryland, St. Mary's County Department of Land Use and Growth Management, and Office of the Treasurer, established before March 9, 2020, and currently be in operation.

Priority will be given to entities that do not have more than 20 total employees (including part-time employees), excluding the owner.

Priority will be given to entities that have not received a COVID-19 Business Relief Grant or Loan from the Maryland Department of Commerce or a grant from the Maryland Department of Labor to purchase equipment to assist in the expansion of opportunities for telework.

Grants may be used for expenses incurred to establish or expand online sales and/or telework during COVID (after March 2020).

Eligible businesses can submit an online application starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, at <https://www.yesstmarysm.com/OSTGrant>

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, or when 19 qualified and complete applications have been received, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions, please contact Kellie Hinkle, Deputy Director [Kellie.Hinkle@StMarysMD.com](mailto:Kellie.Hinkle@StMarysMD.com) 240-925-7178.

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# St. Mary's College Initiates Land Acknowledgment and Pledge

St. Mary's College of Maryland recently launched an initiative to acknowledge the land on which the College sits and its historic links to Indigenous Peoples and their territories.

According to Argelia González Hurtado, assistant professor of Spanish, there was a shared desire from several members of the St. Mary's College community to honor historical links between Indigenous Peoples and the College. This materialized with the 2020 Margaret Brent Award and Lecture – an imprimatur of the College that is officially bestowed by the College president and organized by the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies program – which featured Sarah Deer who is a professor at the University of Kansas and an activist for Indigenous women.

Another factor was the unique educational mission of the College as The National Public Honors College which centers on, among other things, being accessible and diverse. Thus, the College community will endeavor to continue to unearth and understand historic

realities so that they inform the work of everyone on campus. This, in turn, enhances the College's ability to become more accessible, inclusive and equitable, especially for those populations most affected by societal inequities.

As a result, members of the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies program, in consultation with José Ballesteros, professor of Spanish and director of equity programming for The Division of Inclusive Diversity, Equity, Access and Accountability (IDE-AA); Julia King, professor of anthropology; and members of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, collaborated on the land acknowledgment pledge.

The pledge, which will be featured in permanent plaque installations across campus, included in faculty syllabi, and read at the beginning of events on campus, states the following:

"We acknowledge that the land on which we are learning, working and gathering today is the ancestral home of the Yacocomico and Piscataway Peoples. We also acknowledge that St. Mary's City



was partly built and sustained by enslaved people of African descent. Through this acknowledgment, we recognize these communities and all those who have been displaced and enslaved through colonization."

"We also adopted the Piscataways' preferred spelling of Yacocomico," said King.

The goal of the land acknowledgment pledge is not only to respect and honor the contributions of Indigenous Peoples and enslaved people of African descent, but to support and learn from all diverse communities in order to build a more sustainable future.

*Press Release from SMCM.*



## Library Closed in Observance of Labor Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Tuesday, September 7.

## Tween and Teen Gaming

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, join us for some virtual gaming. The next game afternoon will be Wednesday, September 8 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. We'll play games like Among Us, Quiplash, Drawful, and Murder Trivia Party. Wit, weirdness, and hijinks are encouraged. Make sure to register with an email on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the Zoom link. Two devices are recommended: one for Zoom and one to use as a game controller. Intended for ages 10 to 18.

## Bridgerton Book Club

Come discuss Romancing Mr. Bridgerton, the third book in the Bridgerton book series by Julia Quinn on Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. If you were a fan of the Netflix hit, or if you just want to read the series, come join us for book 4 of a Bridgerton read-along! This month we will read Romancing Mr. Bridgerton. We will discuss the plot, character casting, the use of tropes and all things Bridgerton related. Next month we will be reading and discussing book five To Sir Phillip, With Love. Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the zoom link. Books are available in print, audio, and ebook format through the Library.

## Criminal Minds: Killer Handwriting

Join us on Friday, September 10 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. as we join Terry Antonie-



wicz for Criminal Minds: Killer Handwriting. Terry has been fascinated with handwriting ever since the early 1960's, when she discovered two things: the magic of calligraphy and the mystery of handwriting analysis. She pursued a career in calligraphy that spanned more than 50 years; creating, updating and repairing documents for royalty (two commissions for Queen Elizabeth 2), governments and churches around the world. Her hand has even been filmed writing in the four-part Disney documentary, "Leonardo da Vinci".

Alternately reviewed as, "Creepy, but spell-binding", Ms. Antoniewicz takes the participants' curiosity through the various steps that reveal the character of each of the subjects she presents through a different method via hand-

writing analysis. She will cover some of the most high-profile cases using handwriting specimens of killers to show their behaviors. Some of the criminals include: Jack the Ripper, Ted Bundy, The Unabomber (Ted Kaczynski), the Lindbergh Kidnapping Case and John Wayne Gacy. Terry will even cover a couple of high profile criminals from the DMV area, such as: John Allen Muhammad (The DC Sniper) and Joe Roy Metheny (Tiny).

While the participants may be familiar with the cases, information provided during the presentation may leave some audience members pondering what is historically known and documented! Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.



# Back To School St. Mary's



- Open House Schedule
- School Calendar

Fall 2021



# St. Mary's County School Schedule

## August

30

- Schools Open for Students

## September

6

- Holiday – Labor Day (schools and offices closed)

23

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities-Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities – End of Interim Period

24

- Professional Day - No School for Students Staff Development - Collaborative Planning

## October

4

- Interim Distribution (Middle/High)

11

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students - Parent Conference Day

15

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities/ Collaborative Planning – Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

29

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students Professional Responsibilities – Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities-End of 1st Marking Period (43 days)

## November

9

- Report Card Distribution

11

- Holiday – Veteran's Day – All Schools and Offices Closed

24

- Thanksgiving Break - No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

25-26

- Holiday – Thanksgiving (All schools and offices closed)

## December

10

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities/ Collaborative Planning – Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

17

- Interim Distribution (Middle/High)

20-30

- Winter Break - No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

24-31

- Holiday – Winter Break (All schools and offices closed)

## January

3

- Schools Reopen - Students in School

17

- Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (All schools and offices closed)

21

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students Professional Responsibilities – Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities-End of 2nd Marking Period (45 days) and 1st semester (88 days)

## February

1

- Report Card Distribution

4

- Professional Day - No School for Students Staff Development - Professional Responsibilities

21

- Holiday Presidents' Day (All schools and offices closed)

25

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities-Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

## March

8

- Interim Distribution (Middle/High)

25

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities-Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

## April

5

- Report Card Distribution

8

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities-Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

11-14

- Holiday Spring Break No School for Students and 10-11 Month Employees

15

- Holiday All Schools and Offices Closed

18

- Holiday All Schools and Offices Closed (*possible makeup day*)

## May

13

- End of Interim Period

20

- Two Hour Early Dismissal – No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students – Professional Responsibilities-Head Start and PreKindergarten Parent Involvement Activities

24

- Interim Distribution (Middle/High)

30

- Holiday Memorial Day (All schools and offices closed)

## June

1

- Commencement Leonardtown High School

2

- Commencement Great Mills High School

3

- Commencement Chopticon High School

14

- Last Day for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students

16

- Two Hour Early Dismissal - No School for Head Start and PreKindergarten Students Last Day for Students Grades K-12 - End of 4th Marking Period (52 days) and 2nd Semester (95 days) - Professional Responsibilities (including 3 inclement weather make-up days)

20-21

- Fourth Quarter Report Cards for Secondary Students Mailed



# Back To School, Back to Normal; Almost

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

After about 18 months of virtual learning and rotating cohorts of in-person learning at St. Mary's County Public Schools, students are finally all going back to brick-and-mortar classrooms to continue their education, hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The havoc wrought by the pandemic on the lives of students, parents and educators has been unprecedented and it would not be unreasonable to think that getting all students back to school would be a unifying event.

But the return to school for the 2021-2022 academic year is unprecedented in another way; there has never been so much division over how students are returning.

The continued, rapid spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 is striking all age groups in St. Mary's but mainly in young people and young adults.

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith has said the system's policy is to require masking of all those entering school buildings – except in a few necessary circumstances – until the new case rate and transmission rate of the virus has diminished significantly.

This has led groups of parents to speak out at school board meetings and actively protest at the school system headquarters on Moakley Street in Leonardtown, saying masks are not only ineffective and unnecessary but unhealthy for children to wear for a prolonged period.

"My grandson is getting anxious about wearing a mask again," said Marcus Drake of Mechanicsville while attending a rally against masking at Moakley Street Aug. 11.

Karin Bailey, school board chair and mother to two children who attend, is confident in the plan to return them to class with masks.

She said both are ready to get back to some sort of normal life for a young person.

Her daughter is a rising senior, Bailey said, who hasn't had a normal year of schooling since she



St. Mary's County School Board Chair Karin Bailey

was a freshman.

"She is ecstatic to be going back to school five days a week," Bailey told The County Times. "My son, he could give or take; but he likes the interaction with others in school."

The school system's operational leader has done what is necessary to assure her that her children will be returning to as safe an environment as possible.

"I don't have any reservations," Bailey said. "Superintendent Smith has done a great job of assessing things with the health department about everything we need to do."

Wearing masks indoors is the one thing that can make the full return of everyone to school, Bailey said.

The latest guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, as well as the state's Department of Health, state that students don't have to socially distance while in school, Bailey said.

During the previous school year, students not only had to mask but only about half of a school's student compliment could attend in-person classes while the other half learned virtually.

This ad hoc system allowed students who were struggling academically – the system had to deal with more failing grades due to the pandemic than ever before –



Superintendent Dr. Scott Smith

but it was still not a substitute for full in-person learning.

Under the current guidelines if a student is in close proximity while in class to another who is found to have been infected, they will not have to be taken out of class.

"This way there's no contact tracing or isolation required," Bailey said. "For all the parents I have who are not happy about masks I have just as many who are happy we're requiring masks."

The Education Association of St. Mary's County (EASMC), which has been critical in the past about system plans to put children back into school, even on a rotating basis, during the pandemic is now in support of the current plan.

"We regularly consult with the superintendent and his cabinet and agree with the current plan to use science and data to make decisions about masking and in-person learning," said EASMC President Sarah Penrod in a prepared statement. "A safe and healthy return to in-person instruction is our top back-to-school priority."

"To do this while our community is in high transmission, we agree and will continue to support that universal masking in our schools is a necessity."

Smith said in a video message released to parents this week that school will resume in full Aug. 30, bringing back 18,000 students and

more than 2,300 employees.

"Now... we're in the high community transmission range," Smith said, noting that there are more than 100 new cases per 100,000 residents in a week in St. Mary's.

If the school system had to follow last year's health guidelines, it would be impossible to avoid mass student quarantines with such high transmission rates.

"There is now an exception [under CDC guidelines] for school aged children," Smith said. "If all students are masked any student who is three feet or more away from a student with COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined, unless they [too] are symptomatic."

The masking requirement, while community viral transmission is high, Smith said, affects all regardless of vaccination status.

Masks can be removed, however, for eating and drinking, during student presentations or performances or sports activities, and while outside, Smith confirmed.

"When we drop out of the high transmission category, we will be able to move from universal mandates to recommendations and ultimately personal choice," Smith continued in his recorded message. "We all want to return to normal as quickly as we can, but that will depend on our continued collective effort."

According to defined school policy, when the transmission rate drops to between 50 to 99 new cases per 100,000, masks in school will be required for those not fully vaccinated.

A new case rate of between 10-49, masking in schools will be recommended for those not fully vaccinated, the school system's policy reads.

Bailey said masks will also be required on buses.

As the school system is set to open its doors next week, Bailey said the only option now was to move forward.

"There's nothing allowing the complete shutdown of schools again," she said.

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# St. Mary's County Public Schools 2021-2022 Open House Schedule

## Benjamin Banneker Elementary School

27180 Point Lookout Road  
Loveville, Maryland 20656  
Ms. Audrey Ellis, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Grades K-5: 2:00-3:30 PM

## Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School

23595 Hayden Farm Lane  
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650  
Ms. Denise Mandis, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
COMPASS: 9:00-10:00 AM  
Grades K-5: 1:00-3:00 PM

## Chopticon High School

25390 Colton Point Road  
Morganza, Maryland 20660  
Mr. Marc Pirner, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 12:30-2:00 PM

## Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Ctr.

24005 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650  
Mr. Michael Egan, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 1:00-3:00 PM  
Dynard Elementary School  
23510 Bushwood Road  
Chaptico, Maryland 20621  
Dr. J.R. Beavers, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Grade K-5: 2:00-4:00 PM

## Esperanza Middle School

22790 Maple Road  
Lexington Park, Maryland 20653  
Ms. Jennifer Consalvo, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
7th Grade: 8:00am-9:00am  
8th Grade: 9:30am-10:30am  
6th Grade: 6:00pm-8:00pm

## Evergreen Elementary School

43765 Evergreen Way  
California, MD 20619  
Ms. Jamie Jameson, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021  
Grade K-5: 1:00-3:00 PM

## Fairlead Academy

24005 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Dr. Lisa Johnson,  
Academic Dean  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 1:00-3:00 PM

## George Washington Carver Elementary School

46155 Carver School Boulevard  
Great Mills, MD 20634  
(physical address)  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
(mailing address)  
Ms. Donna Thorstensen,  
Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 1:30-2:30 PM

## Great Mills High School

21130 Great Mills Road  
Great Mills, Maryland 20634  
Dr. Jake Heibel, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Grades 9 & 10: 12:30-2:00 PM  
Grades 11 & 12: 2:00-3:00 PM

Green Holly Elementary School  
46060 Millstone Landing Road  
Lexington Park, Maryland  
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Ms. Beth Ramsey, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 1:30-2:30 PM

## Greenview Knolls Elementary School

45711 Military Lane  
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Ms. Janet Fowler, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Head Start: 10:30-11:30 AM  
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Grades 3-5: 2:00-3:00 PM

## Hollywood Elementary School

44345 Joy Chapel Road  
Hollywood, Maryland 20636  
Dr. Jennifer Gilman, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 1:00-2:00 PM  
Grades 1-5: 2:00-3:30 PM

## Leonardtown Elementary School

22885 Duke Street  
Leonardtown, Maryland  
20650  
Dr. Contina Quick-McQueen,  
Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Last Names A-L: 1:15-2:15 PM  
Last Names M-Z: 2:30-3:30 PM

## Leonardtown High School

23995 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, Maryland  
20650  
Ms. Jill Snyder-Mills, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 12:30-2:00 PM

## Leonardtown Middle School

24015 Point Lookout Road  
Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Dr. Deborah Dennie, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
6th Grade: 6:00-8:00 PM  
7th Grade: 9:00-10:00 AM  
8th Grade: 10:15-11:15 AM

## Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School

37840 New Market Turner  
Road  
Mechanicsville, Maryland  
20659  
Ms. Theresa Buckler, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
All Grades: 2:00-3:30 PM

## Lexington Park Elementary School

46763 South Shangri-La Drive  
Lexington Park, Maryland  
20653  
Dr. Rebecca Schou, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 1:30-2:30 PM,  
Grades 1-5: 2:30-3:30 PM

## Margaret Brent Middle School

29675 Point Lookout Road  
Mechanicsville, Maryland  
20653  
Ms. Glenna Edwards, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
7th Grade:  
Last Name: Abell-Linn 8-9:00 AM  
Last Name: Lockhart-Young  
9:00-10:00 AM  
8th Grade:  
10:30-11:30 AM  
6th Grade:  
Last Name: A-J 5:00-6:30 PM  
Last Name: K-Z: 6:45-8:15 PM

## Mechanicsville Elementary School

28585 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville, Maryland  
20659  
Mr. Joshua Lynch, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 1:30-2:30 PM  
Grades 1-5: 3:00-4:00 PM

## Oakville Elementary School

26410 Three Notch Road  
Mechanicsville, Maryland  
20659  
Ms. Laurel Dietz, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 1:00-2:00 PM,  
Grades 1-5: 2:00-3:30 PM

## Park Hall Elementary School

20343 Hermanville Road  
Park Hall, Maryland 20667  
Mr. Jeffrey DiRenzo, Principal  
Aug. 27, 2021,  
Pre-K & Kindergarten:  
By Appointment Only  
Grades 1-5  
Last Name A-M: 1:00-2:00 PM  
Last Name N-Z: 2:00-3:00 PM

## Piney Point Elementary School

44550 Tall Timbers Road  
Tall Timbers, Maryland 20690  
Ms. Kelly Courtney, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Grades K-5: 2:30-3:30 PM

## Ridge Elementary School

49430 Airedale Road  
Ridge, Maryland 20680  
Ms. Honora Batelka, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 2:30-3:00 PM  
Grades 1-5: 3:00-4:00 PM

## Spring Ridge Middle School

19856 Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, Maryland  
20653  
Dr. Wendy Zimmerman,  
Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
7th Grade: 8:00-9:00 AM  
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6th Grade: 6:00-8:00 PM

## Town Creek Elementary School

45805 Dent Drive  
Lexington Park, Maryland  
20653  
Ms. Lindsay Brenfleck, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 2:30-3:00 PM  
Grades 1-5: 3:00-4:00 PM

## Virtual Academy

20833 Great Mills Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Ms. Madelyne Giles,  
Academic Dean  
Aug. 26, 2021  
All Grades: 1:00-5:00 PM

## White Marsh Elementary School

29090 Thompson Corner Road  
Mechanicsville, Maryland  
20659  
Ms. Julia Steele, Principal  
Aug. 26, 2021,  
Kindergarten: 12:30 - 1:30 PM,  
Grades 1-5 1:30 - 2:30 PM





# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## MQ-25 Achieves Another First, Conducts Air-To-Air Refueling With E-2D

The Navy's Unmanned Carrier Aviation program completed its first aerial refueling flight with an E-2D aircraft Aug. 18 at MidAmerica Airport in Mascoutah, Illinois.

The Boeing-owned MQ-25 test asset, known as T1, transferred fuel to an E-2D Advanced Hawkeye, the newest variant of the E-2 platform which was upgraded with an aerial refueling capability in 2019.

"Once operational, the MQ-25 will refuel every receiver-capable platform including E-2," said Capt. Chad Reed, the Navy's Unmanned Carrier Aviation (PMA-268) program manager. "This flight keeps us on a fast track to getting the Stingray out to the fleet where its refueling capability will greatly increase the range and operational flexibility of the carrier air wing and strike group."

This test marks the second refueling flight for the MQ-25 program. In June, the government/industry team completed the historic first unmanned tanking

flight with an F/A-18 Super Hornet.

During the six-hour flight, Navy E-2D pilots from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero (VX) 20 approached T1, performed formation evaluations, wake surveys, drogue tracking and plugs with the MQ-25 test asset at 220 knots calibrated airspeed (KCAS) and 10,000 feet. This test allows the program to analyze the aerodynamic interaction of the two aircraft. The team can then determine if any adjustments to guidance and control are required and make those software updates early, with no impact to the developmental test schedule.

T1 testing will continue over the next several months to include flight envelope expansion, engine testing, and deck handling demonstrations aboard an aircraft carrier before the MQ-25 engineering, manufacturing and development aircraft are delivered next year.

"MQ-25 is leading the way as naval aviation transforms to include cutting-

edge unmanned platforms," said Capt. Michael France, the Navy's Airborne Command & Control and Logistics Wing (ACCLW) commodore. "Our fleet integration team (FIT) is actively preparing for the Stingray's arrival and we're excited for the innovative capabilities of the MQ-25 that will transform our mobility and power projection. For the first time, the eyes and ears of the fleet will now be able to provide up-to-the-minute information from deep within theater to facilitate rapid-decision making by carrier strike group leadership."

The ACCLW will integrate the MQ-25A Stingray into the carrier air wing alongside the E-2 and C-2 squadrons. The Stingray's persistent mission tanking coupled with the E-2D's new aerial refueling capability will enhance the Hawkeye's ability to provide comprehensive battle management for extended periods from anywhere within the battlespace.

The MQ-25A FIT is working with

PMA-268 and Boeing to ensure the end user (MQ-25 operators) have early input as the aircraft moves quickly from development through test. The Navy will begin standing up the fleet replacement squadron, Unmanned Carrier-Launched Multi Role Squadron (VUQ) 10, later this year followed by two MQ-25A squadrons, VUQ-11 and 12. These squadrons will deploy detachments to the U.S. Navy's aircraft carriers.

MQ-25 will be the world's first operational carrier-based unmanned aircraft and provide critical aerial refueling and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities that will greatly expand the global reach, operational flexibility and lethality of the Carrier Air Wing and Carrier Strike Group. The Stingray is a foundational step toward the Navy's strategic vision of a future fleet augmented by unmanned systems to pace the evolving challenges of the 21st century.



The unmanned MQ-25 Stingray test asset conducts its first aerial refueling flight with an E-2D Aug. 18 at MidAmerica Airport in Illinois. (photo courtesy of Boeing)



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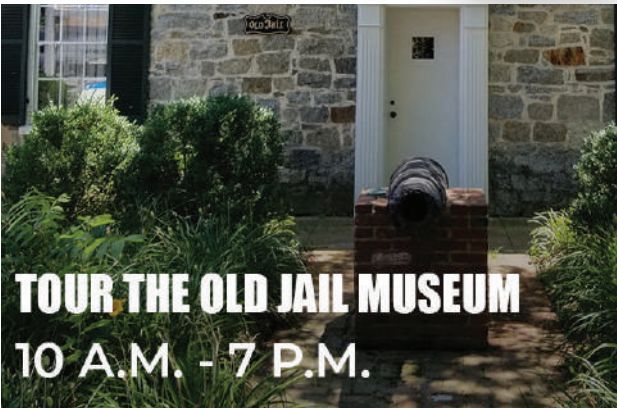
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# Letters to the Editor

CountyTimes

## Nineteenth Amendment Anniversary

### To the Editor

August 26, 2021, is the 101st anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment to the constitution, giving women the right to vote in the United States. This right came after more than 70 years of struggle by some very determined and strong women -- they suffered scorn, threats, harassment, and even imprisonment so that women could have a say in the governing of our country. Voting is what makes this country what it is, so it's imperative that we exercise that hard won right -- research the issues carefully, make informed decisions, and vote accordingly.

August 26 is called Women's Equality Day which used the anniversary date of the certification of the 19th amendment as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights for women. I believe women are equal, but it is still a

work in progress. Today women earn on average 20 percent less than men, this is a comparison of men and women with equal experience and equal roles. About 30 percent of elective offices in the United States are held by women. Women currently hold only six percent of the 500 CEO position for the largest publicly traded companies in the USA. While women's rights have come a long way over the years, there is still a very long way for us to go. At the current rate of change, it will take us about 200 years to achieve equality, none of us currently alive have that amount of time to wait for the change. Women and men should continue to press for that equality.

*Katherine Stone  
Member, St. Mary's County  
Commission for Women  
Lexington Park, MD*

## Mask Caution: Unjustified Fear

### To the Editor:

I sympathize with the parents of children in schools being required to wear face mask while the authorities fail to act judiciously. Their idea is to act with an abundance of caution but in this case caution is unjustified fear.

Instead of having so much caution the schools need to have some courage, have some backbone, and drop the paranoid fear. The science tells that the COVID is not a threat to children except is extraordinary cases of pre-existent conditions which are easy to identify.

The face masks are more unhealthy than is the virus because the mask become unclean and unsanitary very fast and to be healthy the masks need to be replaced several times every day

just for simple hygiene which is far more of a threat to the children's health than is the exaggerated virus. The science is not on the side of an abundance of caution, and even a naive child can sense when their superiors are acting out of an abundance of cowardice.

By requiring the school students and teachers to wear face masks then that is living in unqualified fear at a time when the need is to have a little courage. In a case like this the St Mary's County Public Schools do not have to follow the lead from other areas and instead take the lead in our own schools by doing what is right by protecting the schools from the fear mongering.

*James Cusick  
Hollywood, MD.*

## Are Masks Cruel, Unnecessary?

Forcing masks on kids in school is cruel and unnecessary. If you follow the science, you will find no evidence to support that masking children in the classroom is a legitimate medical precaution. Children have one in a million chance of dying from Covid. One in a million! They are more likely to be struck by lightning than to die from Covid. They are more likely to die of the seasonal flu.

Forcing kids to wear masks all day in school is child abuse. It says right on the side of the boxes of the masks that they do not protect against viral disease! These are the medical grade masks that are provided to the students by our schools if they do not have one. This is the "science" that our elected officials are following.

The truth is that there is not one true study that has been done on the effectiveness of masking schoolchildren to prevent the spread of Covid because there aren't any control groups available. We can, however, look at locations (states, other countries) that have not mandated masks on children and see that in these places there are NO MORE Covid cases or deaths than locations that have mandated masks. Masks on children simply do not work!

Here is what the science tells us masks do:

- Exacerbate anxiety and breathing difficulties, especially for children
- Impair the development of communication and language skills, especially for young children
- They contribute to high levels of CO2 in the human body, especially in children
- They become breeding grounds for dangerous bacteria, especially in children
- They can cause severe acne and other skin problems
- Possibly even affect facial development

Here is what OUR CHILDREN tell us masks do to them (quotes from children):

- "I can't breathe"
- "I can't concentrate"
- "I can't see because my glasses are fogging up"
- "I feel lonely"

- "I feel scared"
- "I can't understand what you are saying"
- "My head hurts"

Science does not support that there are any positive benefits of masking school children, for them or for those around them. And then there's this: Schoolchildren and teachers and other school staff don't have to wear masks, IF they are vaccinated. Even though the vaccine, we have been told, and it has been shown, does not stop the vaccinated individual from contracting Covid, but instead MAY protect that individual from being hospitalized or dying from Covid. If a vaccinated person can still get Covid, and they can, then they can also transmit Covid to others. Therefore, there is no difference between a vaccinated person and an unvaccinated person in terms of the dangers they pose to those around them. Creating a class system based on vaccination status is not only wrong but it is discrimination.

A simple, rational policy would be this: "Masks are permitted," allowing parents to decide what is in the best interest of their own child.

To the school board: You all have the power to put a stop to this abuse of our children. You are the ones who hire and fire the superintendent. He works for you. You work for the students and parents. Do your job and stand up against this madness being mandated by Scott Smith!

To the County Commissioners: You all control the money. Controlling the money gives you power to sway opinions and behaviors. I call on you to defund the school board until they stop this abuse of the schoolchildren of our county.

To the citizens of St. Mary's County: With our votes, we have the power to decide who runs our school board and who our commissioners are. Let's not forget what those who currently hold these positions have done (and not done) to protect our children from this tyranny.

Respectfully,

*Karen Sauter  
Hollywood, MD*



## A View From The BLEACHERS



# VALUE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Admission: Nick Saban rubs me wrong. The Alabama head football coach spews Bill Belichick-ian level rudeness. Joy is a foreign emotion. And honesty isn't an ingrained trait.

Remember how Saban dumped the Miami Dolphins? With rumors swirling about a possible move to Alabama, here's Saban in late December 2006: "I'm not going to be the Alabama coach." Right. Two weeks later, he was the Alabama coach.

Of course, my judgment of Saban isn't fair. I don't know the man. My opinion has formed over years of short interactions with the press – people he apparently enjoys as much as a root canal. That hits a nerve with me (touché), for obvious reasons. Still, I acknowledge dropping the gavel on Saban prematurely.

There has to be more to Saban, layers casual observers don't see. You can't win like he has, and continue to compel parents to put their sons in your care or coax the nation's best athletes to play for you, if self-serving, curmudgeon is your consistent persona.

I recently got a peek at the Saban lurking beneath the surface.

The five-minute video started with TBS sportscaster Ernie Johnson saying, "When Nick Saban asks if you would come and speak to his football team, yes and no...not the answers. 'What time?' is the answer." Johnson had been invited by Saban to speak to his players; he had a lot to say. He talked about sacrifice, looking your teammate in the eye and saying, "I'll do anything for you", knowing your role and executing it, and being a better human. For two other points, love and value, Johnson spoke specifically about his adopted son. See his wife, upon hearing of children in need in Romania, provided the nudge to "go off-script" – from the job, two kids, house on the hill, etc. - as Johnson put it. When his wife arrived at the clinic in Romania, the nurse handed her a special needs child and said, "Don't take this boy, he's no good."

The Johnson's brought him home.

Fast-forward to high school and Michael, since diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, connected with the

basketball coach. The coach saw value in Michael, as the Johnson's had years earlier, and made him an honorary member of the team. In Michael, who struggled to move and communicate, often using his go-to "love you" conveyed via sign language, the coach saw a way to teach his team two things: how to give maximum effort and having a heart for others.

The impact was much broader.

On senior night, Michael was the last player introduced. As the crowd cheered, Johnson said he gazed at the student section and all were standing while signing "I love you." In that moment, Johnson said he realized that a coach from Indiana and a "no good" orphan from Romania had taught a school in Georgia about love.

Powerful stuff. The video is available on YouTube if you're so inclined.

Johnson's story reminded me of another - Surf Dog Ricochet. Ricochet was supposed to be a service dog, only she struggled with aspects of her training. With an uncertain future, she was entered in a dog surfing contest and excelled. Ricochet then started working with special needs children, displaying an innate ability to surf with them - on the same board. See, she senses how to counterbalance her weight with the child's, keeping both safely on the board and riding the wave. That's amazing value. Look her up. Prepare for a heart-warmer.

Well if all that doesn't just cause the mind to race. Those from Generation-X and prior have a running joke about the Millennial-and-forward generations being sowed under the assumption they are special. Time to check the humor. We are all special. Valuable. The value might not be obvious and discovery may require going off-script and a supportive catalyst. But it's there. Have I found my value? Have I cultivated others?" Have I at least been mindful and respectful of the value in others?

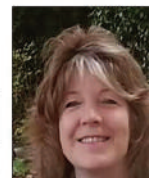
I'll stop there for collective contemplation of human (and canine) value; juxtaposing my prior opinion with his invitation to Johnson to speak, clearly I underestimated Nick Saban's...

Thanks, coach.

Send comments to [RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com)

## Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann

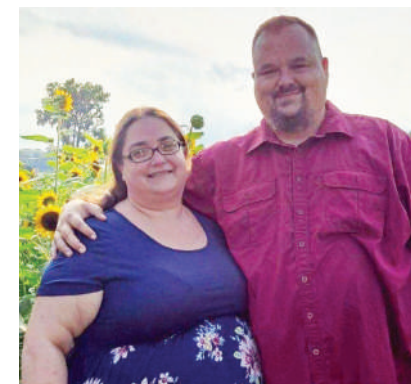


### And...the Magic of Adulthood

Last week I spoke of the magic of childhood, but we, as adults, also get to experience magic in our everyday lives. We aren't always completely aware of the magic around us; it may flit by us quickly like a Hummingbird peeking in our bay window, or a cardinal appearing at just the right moment to let us marvel that the earth's creatures come in all sorts of beautiful colors, or the cardinal can remind us of loved ones past, as the tradition goes. Someone may turn back and hold a door open for you, and smile. So many beautiful things happen each day, small though they may seem.

I love striking up conversations anywhere and everywhere; talking to store personnel, cashiers, people standing in line, just about anyone, anywhere...though I must admit, I have my grumpy, achy days too, and just don't want to "people" at all, but they are few and far between thank goodness. My sons used to be horrified (just as I believe my husband is, when I catch him rolling his eyes once in a while), and my sons would say, "Mommie, why do you have to talk to strangers and everyone??" I told them both, "That all we really have in this life are people and their stories, and everyone has such neat stories, even if it is a story we all share, it's always different from person to person." A few years back, my younger son told me that he finally understood what I meant, and now talks to everyone, everywhere too. I guess we do influence our children's lives in good ways.

This past week or so, between pool calls, doctors (and split between the hips cortisone shots yesterday, YAY! And, yes, I know the risks, but, hey quality over quantity as my husband says), and all the other items on our daily lists, I have been trying to find an out of the way place to go for our upcoming 20th wedding anniversary trip in November. Normally we stay at the lovely 1940s era resort in Irvington, Virginia called The Tides Inn. They host a wine festival every year on the Saturday we are there, and we have been there every year, all 7, since it began, except last year of course. During Covid, and under their new leadership, The Tides decided to go full tilt on their renovations, and the rooms and open areas are more amazing looking than ever. As I started getting our reservations set up, I found much to



my dismay, that I guess in order to recoup their costs (understandable) that the prices have raised quite a bit. My husband would probably still do it because it is our only real trip during the year. Although... he did mention I may want to look for some other places with wineries and such around, in Virginia, Maryland or even Pennsylvania. And that's what we did last year where we stayed at a beautiful, elegant old hotel in Luray (or Looray as the locals say) where Covid cases were pretty much non-existent, and visited wineries, drove the Skyline Drive, and had a wonderful time. I would be happy to accept any suggestions you might have. So, this is a work in progress, but wherever we end up will be magical, I know.

And speaking of magical things...there is a little change here in my column this week, I am honored to have been asked to convey these beautiful words from a loyal "Wanderings" reader named Chance Stubblefield to a very special woman in his life now and in the future: "I never knew love like ours was possible before meeting you. You are my soulmate, and my everything. Will you make me the happiest man alive every day for the rest of my life? Angela Tennyson will you marry me?" I hope that all my readers will take a moment to wish this lovely couple best wishes and years of happiness in the years to come, as I do with all my heart. And, Chance and Angela, I will look forward to receiving pictures of your magical wedding day when the time comes.

To each new days magical adventure through life, Shelby

And as always, thank you for all your emails, messages, and phone calls, they mean so much.

Please send your comments or ideas to: [shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com) or find me on Facebook



# St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

## Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658  
 Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050  
 Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for the most up-to date information

### Dance Fitness with Zumba Gold®

What is Zumba Gold? It's dance fitness with Latin music such as Sala, Merengue and Reggaeton. It's exhilarating and easy-to-follow moves in a party-like atmosphere at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Tuesdays from 10-45-11:45 a.m. Need a little excitement in your life or camaraderie with others who like to have fun? Join Geno, our dynamic certified instructor who uses the spirit of Zumba Fitness with modified moves and pacing to suit the needs of our members. Try the first class for free when you drop-in to see for yourself.

### Art with Jamie Classes Returning in September

Loffler Senior Activity center welcomes the return of Jamie's art classes! Jamie offers 4 classes each month on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session and can be paid either in advance or per session. September's classes will

focus on drawing techniques. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660, beginning August 20 at 8 a.m. to register for September sessions. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655, or e-mail [Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com) if you have questions.

### Video Series Returning to Loffler Senior Activity Center

In September the monthly educational videos at the Loffler Senior Activity Center resumes. The PBS American Experience Production Coney Island will be showing on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. Coney Island was unlike anything anyone had ever seen, and eventually, everyone came to see it. At the turn of the century, Coney Island exploded in a forest of glittering electric towers and a riot of rides, restaurants, recreated disasters, freak shows, and historical displays when three vast amusement parks -- Steeplechase, Luna Park, and Dreamland -- were built. Indicative of its overwhelming popularity, on a single day in

September 1906, 200,000 postcards were mailed from Coney Island. A showcase for the wonders of the machine age, Coney Island was an extraordinary amusement empire that astonished, delighted, and shocked the nation -- and took Americans from the Victorian age into the modern world. 60 Minutes. Free. Leave a message at our reservation line 301-475-4200, ext. 1660 to register for this class. For questions contact [Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com).

### Make a Pinecone Garland

The Loffler Senior Activity Center monthly craft for September takes place on Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. Using pinecones, a fabric strip and some raffia you can make a simple but attractive garland that can be used as an alternative to an autumn wreath for your front door- or maybe you'd like to hang it at the top of a kitchen window as a decorative valance. It's quick, fun and effective! (Wearing thick rubber gloves is recommended for handling the

pinecones.) Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Limited space available. Free. For questions contact [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com)

### Crochet DIY

Come work on your projects and share secrets and stitches with us. Exchange yarn with others who love to crochet or are just getting back to it. You never know what projects you'll discover and friends you will meet. Drop in at the Northern Senior Activity Center every Monday from 1-4 p.m.

### Contract or Party Bridge Looking for Players

Care to play bridge twice a month? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center and is looking for new members. For questions contact [Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com).

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# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Aug. 26 - Aug. 29

### Hollywood VFD Annual Carnival

24801 Three Notch Road  
Hollywood  
7:00 PM-11:00 PM  
Annual Fundraiser with rides, food, games, and prizes. Great for kids of all ages.

## Thursday, Aug. 26

**Pouring Paint Terracotta Pots**  
Garvey Senior Activity Center  
23630 Hayden Farm Ln,  
Leonardtown  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Create your own Terracotta pot to plant a beautiful flower or succulent plant in. You will get to choose the color and the style of painting you prefer to do. The cost for this class is \$10. Advanced payment is required. Registration opens July 20 at 8 a.m. and can be done by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1075. Space is limited.

## Friday, Aug. 27

**Virtual Scattergories**  
Virtual—ZOOM  
1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Give this game a try- and be prepared for a few laughs! Candice and Shellie are hosting it together on the designated dates. You will need paper, pencil and computer or smart phone to connect with us on ZOOM. The rules are easy and although the categories can be challenging some of the words people come up with are hilarious and frequently get counted so creativity is rewarded! 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! E-mail [Candice.Nelson@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Candice.Nelson@stmarysmd.com) to sign up.

## Saturday, Aug. 28

### Free Document Shredding Event

St. Andrews Landfill  
44837 St. Andrews Church Road  
California  
8:00 AM-12 Noon

This community event will provide residents with the opportunity to have their confidential, private, and important documents destroyed by a professional shredding service at no cost, turning sensitive documents into confetti-sized pieces.

This type of shredding ensures that confidential material cannot be copied. All paper material shredded during the event will be recycled.

Please refrain from bringing materials that are not confidential in nature, such as newspapers and magazines (acceptable at any of the six Convenience Centers) as they will cause the truck to fill up more quickly. The shredder can handle simple staples, paper clips, spiral notebooks and thin metal prongs, however, it cannot accept 3 ring binders. Please limit the number of boxes you bring to 3 standard bankers' boxes (10"H x 12" W x 15" D) per person.

For more information or details on this event, please contact the Department of Public Works and Transportation at 301-475-4200, ext. 3550. For information on other recycling programs, log on to our website at [www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/](http://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/)

### 154th Calvert Co Jousting Tournament

Christ Church  
3100 Broomes Island Road  
Port Republic  
10:00 AM-6:00 PM

This event features the traditional equestrian sport of ring jousting: spearing rings while riding a galloping horse, beginning at noon. The competition is broken down into 4 classes based on skill. Ring jousting has been active in Maryland for over a century and a half, ultimately becoming Maryland's official state sport in 1962.

For more information: [www.christchurchcalvert.org/154th-jousting-tournament-and-church-fair/](http://www.christchurchcalvert.org/154th-jousting-tournament-and-church-fair/) or call 410-586-0565.

## Aug. 28 -Aug.29

**Virtual Bake Auction**  
2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept.  
& Rescue Squad  
45245 Drayden Rd.  
Valley Lee

6:00 PM-6:00 AM  
Fundraiser sponsored by the 2nd District VFD & RS Auxiliary

After all pictures of baked goods have been posted on the "SDVFD-DRS Auxiliary Facebook Page", the virtual viewing and bidding will begin online

Saturday, August 28th through Sunday, August 29th at 4:00 p.m.

\*\*Go to: SDVFD-DRS Auxiliary

Facebook Page to View and Bid\*\*  
(Aux. Facebook url: [www.facebook.com/pg/SDVFD-DRS-Auxiliary-260355781452833/posts/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/SDVFD-DRS-Auxiliary-260355781452833/posts/))

ALL WINNERS pick-up their items on Sunday, August 29th, between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. At the 2nd District Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad

Cash or check accepted (Make checks payable to 2nd Dist. VFD & RS Aux.)

For more info contact: Robin at 240-577-0270

## Sunday, Aug. 29

### Play chess for fun.

The Taphouse  
23418 Three Notch Road  
California  
11:00 AM-1:30 PM

Looking for friendly competition playing chess. All skill levels welcome. This is not an organized league or sponsored event. Please bring your chess set.

### Kitten Yoga at Spice Studio

22725 Washington St  
Leonardtown  
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

SPICE Studio is partnering with Tiny Toes Kitten Rescue for a gentle yoga flow class with kittens and an opportunity to adopt the kittens after class.

Traci and Naomi will lead you in this all-levels gentle yoga flow.

Cost of the ticket is \$20 with 50% of the proceeds benefiting Tiny Toes Kitten Rescue.

All sales are final. Space is limited to 14 participants.

[clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/mainclass?fl=true&tabID=7](http://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/mainclass?fl=true&tabID=7)  
Questions about adoption? Please email [tinytoeskittenrescue@gmail.com](mailto:tinytoeskittenrescue@gmail.com).

## Monday, Sept. 1

### Pave the way for the 2nd Dist. New Fire Department and Rescue Squad

6:00 AM-6:00 PM

Contacts to call for more info / how to buy brick: Dee Dee 240-561-2750 / Stephanie 301-481-9879

Buy bricks as a memorial of a loved one / thank you to our volunteers—past & present / note etc.

Email for more information: [brickfundraiser@sdvfdrs.org](mailto:brickfundraiser@sdvfdrs.org).

To buy a brick / bricks:

1) on line Go to: [www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/SDVFD-DRS](http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/SDVFD-DRS)

2) go to [www.sdvfdrs.org/index.cfm](http://www.sdvfdrs.org/index.cfm) and select click here to purchase a brick

3) Buy a brick from one of our Depts. Volunteers on MOST SATURDAYS from 8:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. by visiting Dyson's Building Center in Great Mills.

Make checks payable to SDVFD-DRS Building Fund. and then Mail to: SDVFD-DRS, Attn Fundraising, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692

## Coming Up

### Christ Episcopal Church of Chaptico presents Sunset Dinner Concert and Silent Auction.

September 18, 6pm-9pm

The dinner menu is set and the date is quickly approaching! Dinner as follows;

Shrimp cocktail appetizer  
Fresh vegetable salad  
Succulent pork loin with scalloped potatoes and fresh green beans  
A delicious variety of homemade desserts

Come out and enjoy live music, scrumptious dinner and silent auction full of treasures!

### Yard Sale Extravaganza

Sept 10 and Sept 11: 7 am to 1 pm both days

Mt. Zion UMC 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Mechanicsville

Contact Brenda Bellere at 301-884-4489

All proceeds raised benefit the Hungry Team. The mission of the Hungry Team is to keep the food pantry stocked and also help to offset the cost of specific utility bills for those in need in St. Mary's County. [www.mtzionmech.org](http://www.mtzionmech.org)

### Spaghetti Dinner

September 10; 5-8 PM

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

SPAGHETTI DINNER to benefit Christmas in April, St. Mary's County, Inc. on September 10, 2021 at St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Tossed salad, dressing, Italian bread and butter, Iced tea and water. Your choice of spaghetti with marinara, meat or alfredo sauce. Also zesty meat balls. Homemade desserts will be available. \$20.00 per person, \$8.00 for ages 6-12 and under 5 eat free. Carry outs available. Silent Auction will be on going. For more information, please dial 301-884-2905.



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## In Remembrance

### Dorothy Marie Scott Hill



Dorothy Marie Scott Hill, 101, of Scottsville, KY passed away Thursday, August 12, 2021 at Cal Turner Rehab & Specialty Care. She was born in Welcome MD but lived most of her life near Upper Marlboro, MD. Later in life, she moved to Coloumbus, MS and for the last 4 years, she School Board. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Robert Scott and Rosie Marie Pfeiffer Scott and wife of the late Fred Calvin Hill.

She is survived by son, George

Calvin Hill (Ide) Mechanicsville MD, daughter Margaret Smith (Ronald Conner) Scottsville, KY, grandson Brian Smith (Rebecca) Ootelwah, TN, brother William Benjamin Scott, Suitland, MD, great granddaughter Addison Smith

Funeral service was private. Burial Friday, August 27, 2021 in Maryland Veterans Cemetary in Cheltenham, MD.

### Mary Elizabeth Walker



Mary Elizabeth Walker, 78, of Leonardtown, Maryland passed

away Monday August 16, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland. She was born April 27, 1943 in Elizabethon, Tennessee to William Slep and Virginia Ellis. On March 9, 1962 she married Larry Paul Walker; they were happily married for over 59 years and passed within four days of each other. Mary owned her own business in California, Maryland for many years before retiring. After retirement Mary enjoyed crafting, sewing, crocheting, and spending time with her family. She was also an active member of the Leonardtown Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Julie Sierra.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Beth Walker; sister, Hellen Jones; son-in-law, Ed (Shari) Sierra; and five grandchildren, Eddie Sierra, Elizabeth Getty, Jonathan Sierra, Jack Getty, and Catie Sierra; she leaves behind a large extended family as well.

Mary and Larry Walker were laid to rest with a private graveside service on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Mary's City, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

### Larry Paul Walker



Larry Paul Walker, 80, of Leonardtown, Maryland passed away Thursday August 12, 2021 at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. He was born February 20, 1941 in Trenton, Tennessee to R. Paul Walker and Simone Dunahoo. On March 9, 1962 he married Mary Elizabeth Slep; they were happily married for over 59 years and passed

within four days of each other. Larry served honorably in the United States Navy before retiring and working for BAE Systems. After retirement Larry enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. He was also an active member of the Leonardtown Baptist Church and volunteered on Sundays as a greeter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie Sierra.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Beth Walker; two sisters, Jill (Harry) Miller and Suzy (Charlie) Collins; son-in-law, Ed (Shari) Sierra; and five grandchildren, Eddie Sierra, Elizabeth Getty, Jonathan Sierra, Jack Getty, and Catie Sierra; he leaves behind a large extended family as well.

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### Shirley Ann Wilkerson



Shirley Ann Wilkerson was born into this world on January 29, 1943, in the town of Leonardtown, Maryland to the late Wilmer Vernon and Eva Mabel Higgs (Wathen, Hill). She made her beautiful transition to glory on August 19, 2021, peacefully at her home. The last words she heard in this earthly realm were from one of her favorite passages of the bible, Song of Solomon 6:8 "Who is coming up from the wilderness leaning on her beloved? Beneath the apple tree I awaken you. There your mother was in labor and gave you birth. Put me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. Love is as

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strong as death.”

Shirley was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. In her early years she was a waitress and licensed beautician and she raised a large family of 9 children. She felt God's call on her life in the late 1970's and became one of the first ordained female ministers in Southern Maryland. She established her first home based church Cornerstone Ministries which quickly grew as many people were being touched and transformed by her teaching. She later established her second ministry Master's Touch located in Waldorf, Maryland. The hallmark of her ministry was to show the power of God's love over all else. Her particular favorite lessons revolved around the Song of Solomon and The Tabernacle Teachings. She was a mighty prayer warrior and forever bold, steadfast and true to an unshakable faith to the very end of her days.

She had a great love of the water, growing beautiful flowers in her yard, being an avid reader and collecting many spiritual books, beautiful clothes and shoes. Most of all she loved being surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who she called her trophies. She had deep and abiding close relationships with both of her sisters, Jean Bartelmes (Jerry) and Janet Nagle (John).

Shirley is predeceased by her soulmate and loving husband Joseph P. Wilkerson, her son William Ernest Hill, her daughter Sheila Wilkerson Beadle and her grandson Michael A. Bennett.

She leaves to cherish her memory Joseph P. Wilkerson, Jr. (Donna), William G. Wilkerson (Joyce), Barbara A. Wilkerson Bennett, Dorinda L. Hyde (Tony), Melissa G. Wilkerson, Corey S. Wilkerson, Jaime L. Wilkerson (Sharon) and William G. Beadle, III (Jennifer). Shirley had 17 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren. She also leaves untold numbers of people whom she loved like a spiritual mother having brought to them the knowledge of the saving grace of God throughout her many years of ministry.

It was her wish to leave a legacy from 1 Corinthians 13:13 “Until then, there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.”

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Cre-

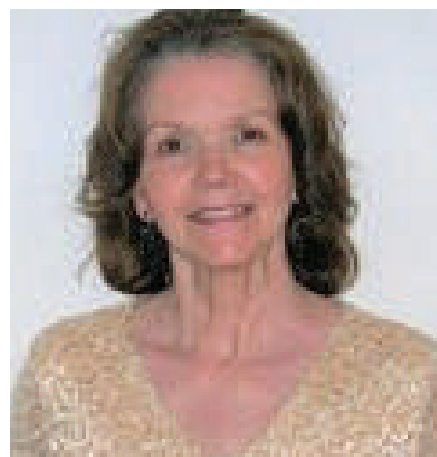
matory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home and officiated by Pastor George Jarboe and Pastor Joseph Wible. Interment will follow immediately in Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

All are invited to share in a time of fellowship with the family after the interment at The River Church in Hughesville, Maryland.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

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

### Martha “Marty” Barnett



Martha “Marty” Barnett, 77 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on August 19, 2021 at her home, surrounded by loved ones.

Marty was born on December 21, 1943 at Fort Benning, GA to the late Sergeant Major of the Army George W. Dunaway and his wife, Mary (Peck) Henry.

Marty married her loving husband, Michael S. Barnett on February 22, 1978. They spent 43 happy years together and raised three children. Marty was an active member of the community, where she volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician and later as a Paramedic for over 20 years. She began her volunteer service as part of the OWL Volunteer Fire Department in Woodbridge, VA, and after moving to southern Maryland, continued as part of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad and St. Mary's County Advanced Life Support Unit. Outside of her emergency medical service, Marty was formerly a member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad

Auxiliary. Marty was known to be an excellent cook and baker, who also enjoyed working with flowers. She was an avid reader of mysteries, thrillers and romance novels. But most of all, Marty enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends.

Marty is survived by her husband, Michael S. Barnett, her children; Patrick B. Barnett of Henderson, NV, Jacquelyn T. McCray of Charlotte Hall, MD, and Michael E. Barnett of Madison, MS, her eight grandchildren, and her siblings; Michael H. Dunaway of Las Vegas, NV and Suzanne L. Hunt of Southport, NC. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, George R. Dunaway.

Family will receive friends on Friday, August 27, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a Funeral Service celebrating her life, led by Deacon Bill Kyte at Brinsfield Funeral Home, located at 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow on a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Marty's name to the St. Mary's County Advanced Life Support Unit, at PO Box 2421, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Dale Eugene Russell, Sr.

Dale Eugene Russell, Sr., 67, of Lexington Park, MD, passed away on August 14, 2021 at his home.

He was born on June 13, 1954 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Theodore Marshall Russell and Mary Elizabeth Porter Russell.

Dale is a lifelong resident of



St. Mary's County. He was employed for over 20 dedicated years as a truck driver for the Trading Post in Great Mills, MD. He was looking forward to retirement at the end of this year. He recently bought a boat which he planned to spend time with his son and grandchildren on family outings. His hobbies included rebuilding engines, working on cars, watching movies, and fishing. He grew bountiful vegetable gardens. He enjoyed the company and conversations with his best friend Charlie.

Dale is survived by his son, Dale “DJ” E. Russell, Jr. (Sarah) of Hollywood, MD, his brother, Mark S. Russell of Flowery Branch, GA, his grandsons, Teddy and Lucas Russell; and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings: Linda S. Jones, Janet F. Purcell, and Ted A. Russell.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Karen Rose Schanck

Karen Rose Schanck, 58, of Hollywood, MD passed away on



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## In Remembrance



August 15, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 16, 1963 in Lynchburg, VA to Helen Joan Wilson Rose of Lynchburg, VA and the late George Daniel Rose, Jr.

Karen is a 1985 graduate of Virginia Tech earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics. In 1987, she married the love of her life, Richard Wayne Schanck in Lynchburg, VA. Together they celebrated over 34 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for 33 dedicated years as a Mathematician for the Department of Defense before her retirement in 2020. Her hobbies included genealogy research, sewing quilt tops, musicals, family vacations, and baking cookies. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church of Laurel Grove. She contributed to the church in many ways including teaching the Toddler Sunday School for 15 years. She especially enjoyed spending holidays with family, which she has done for the past 26 years. Family was her pride and joy and she especially loved time she spent with her children.

In addition to her beloved husband, Karen is also survived by her children: Megan Katherine Schanck of Hollywood, MD,

Sarah Schanck Collins (Dan) of Philadelphia, PA and Benjamin Wayne Schanck of Abingdon, MD; her mother; her brother, Brian Daniel Rose (Dede) of Gastonia, NC; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her father.

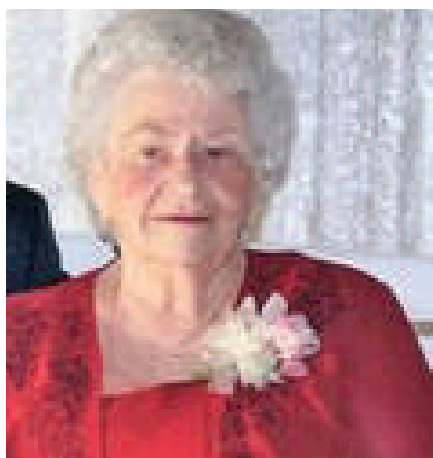
Family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 6 to 8 pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10 am at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mount Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. A family only interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity or UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Isabelle Waring Raley



Isabelle Waring Raley, 92 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on August 14, 2021 at Solomons

Nursing Center in Solomons, MD, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on April 17, 1929 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Edward J. Waring and Emily Hickey Waring.

Isabelle was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. On April 19, 1952 she married the love of her life, James Carroll Raley, Jr. Together they celebrated over 59 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in February 2009. As a young woman, she enjoyed roller skating, bike riding, and dancing. Shortly after meeting her husband, she taught him to dance the jitterbug. She was outgoing, friendly, dedicated to her family and enjoyed helping her community. She was a past volunteer for Hospice of St. Mary's, St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, an aide at St. Mary's Nursing Center, and a lifelong member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, the Ladies of Charity and a past member of the choir. She and her husband were avid travelers, taking many cruises with a favorite being Alaska, which they did twice. She also went to the Caribbean, Panama Canal, and Riverboat cruises. They enjoyed a cruise with their children to Bermuda.

Isabelle is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Davis and Suzanne Mower (Scott), both of Leonardtown, MD; her son, Jack Raley of Takoma Park, MD; her grandchildren: Austin Davis of Leonardtown, MD, William Davis of Leonardtown, MD, Kristen McKee (Scott) of Leonardtown, MD, Deanna Flynn (Logan) of Edgewater, MD, and Katelynn Drvar (Dan) of Warrenton, VA; her great grandchildren: Devon Bailey, Kaylee Davis, Cameron Davis, Faith Davis, Colton Davis, Gavin Phelan, Madilynn McKee, and Riley Drvar; and extended

family and friends. In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she is also preceded in death by her sister, Emily Gage and brother, Edward Jenkins Waring.

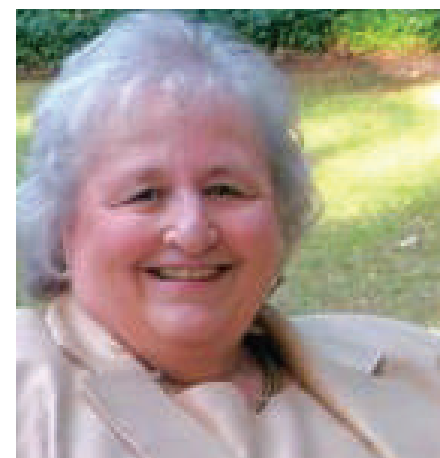
Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and St. Aloysius Catholic Church, P. O. Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Joyce Lucille Thompson



Joyce Lucille Thompson, 78, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2021, to join her beloved husband Charles in heaven. She was born October 26, 1942, in La Plata, Maryland to Lawrence A. Berry and Vera Mae "Hamilton" Long.

Joyce was a loving and devoted wife to Charles Willard Thompson (deceased) for 56 years and a devoted Mom to her four (4) children. She adored her grandchildren and always welcomed them in her tender, loving arms. From the early years of her marriage to Charles, until her death, she was



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Kendra LeAnn "Sweet Pea"

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My love always,

Your Twin, Carolyn



a long-time resident of Mechanicsville, Maryland.

A devout Catholic, Joyce was a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family, church and friends. She was known for her pure and kind heart, filled with unconditional love for everyone. She accepted God's plan for her life, even as she battled many health issues in her later years.

She is survived by her daughters Ella Beavers (Danny) of Thomson, GA; Patricia Copsey (David) of Mechanicsville, MD; and Michele Grassinger (Thomas) of Mechanicsville, MD, and her son Charles W. Thompson, Jr. (Barbara) of Mechanicsville, MD. She is also survived by her eight (8) grandchildren and two (2) great grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by her brothers, Laurence A. Berry (Roxanne) of Bryans Road, MD, and half-brother Thomas Harold Jacobs (Danita) of New Bern, NC. Joyce is preceded in death by both of her parents Lawrence A. Berry and Vera Mae Long.

The family will receive friends for Joyce's Life Celebration on Thursday August 26, 2021, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD. Prayers will begin at 7:00 pm, officiated by Deacon Ammon Ripple.

On Friday, August 27, 2021, the family will be accepting friends and family for a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 29119 Point Lookout Rd, Morganza, MD at 11:00 am, officiated by Father Michael Tiejn. Interment to follow immediately after at The Queen of Peace Cemetery at 38833 Chaptico Rd., Mechanicsville, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bread of Life Center

for Peace, PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### Steven Rene Tharpe



Steven Rene Tharpe, 61, of Lexington Park, MD departed this life peacefully on Friday, August 13, 2021 at Hospice House of St. Mary's with his family by his side. Steve was the youngest of nine children, he was born January 17, 1960 in Ridge, MD. He was the son of the late Claude Washington and Laura Gray Tharpe.

Steve was the beloved husband of the late Roxanne Tharpe whom he married on August 8, 1987. He's survived by their children: Jennifer, Audrey, and Steven Tharpe, Jr. all of Lexington Park, MD. His grandchildren are: Eddie Kline, Mark Barber, Makiya Beall, Kenny Buckler, Nathan Clements, Ja'mayia Dorsey, and Steven Tharpe, III.

His surviving siblings are: William Tharpe of Red Oak, VA, Robert Tharpe of Denham

Springs, LA, Ann Grym of Bellmore, NY, and Darlene Tharpe of Lexington Park, MD. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Ruth Quade, Joan Pulignano, Danny Tharpe, and Terry Tharpe.

Steve was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident and was a dedicated, hard-working Construction Superintendent for W.M. Davis General Contractor for almost 25 Years. Steve was an active member at Lexington Park Baptist Church. At church, Steve was well known as, "The quiet man that sat in the back pew, greeting everyone with a smile". He was proud to bring his grandchildren to church as well. Steve's faith in the Lord grew even stronger during the five weeks that he battled cancer.

Steve was very devoted to his grandchildren. He was more than just a "Pop-Pop," his life truly revolved around them. Ensuring that they were taken care of to the best of his abilities and always trying to teach them something new. He was a kind-hearted, gentle soul that loved to make people laugh and make the best of trials and tributes. He touched many lives and will truly be missed by all that knew him.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Steve's honor to Hospice House of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. in Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### Florence E. "Betty" Violet

Florence E. "Betty" Violet, 91,



of California, MD and formerly of Clinton, MD passed away on August 15, 2021 at her residence.

Born August 1, 1930 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Joseph E. Carr and Ruth V. (Phipps) Carr.

Betty graduated from Eastern High School in 1947. She moved to Southern Maryland from Clinton, MD in 1990. Betty was a Secretary for Greater SE Community Hospital for thirty years, retiring in June 1990.

Betty is survived by her children, Kathleen Hatfield and husband Jeff of Prince Frederick, MD, Robin Haley and husband Steve of California, MD and Cindy Armour (late husband Kevin) of Lusby, MD. She was beloved Nana to David, Jaimie, Jonathan, Cheryl, Leslie, Emily, John, Tim and Cody and their spouses. She is also survived by fifteen great-grandchildren and siblings, Ruth Butler of VA and Bill Carr of VA. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Frank L. Violet whom she married on October 28, 1949 and her brother, Eddie Carr.

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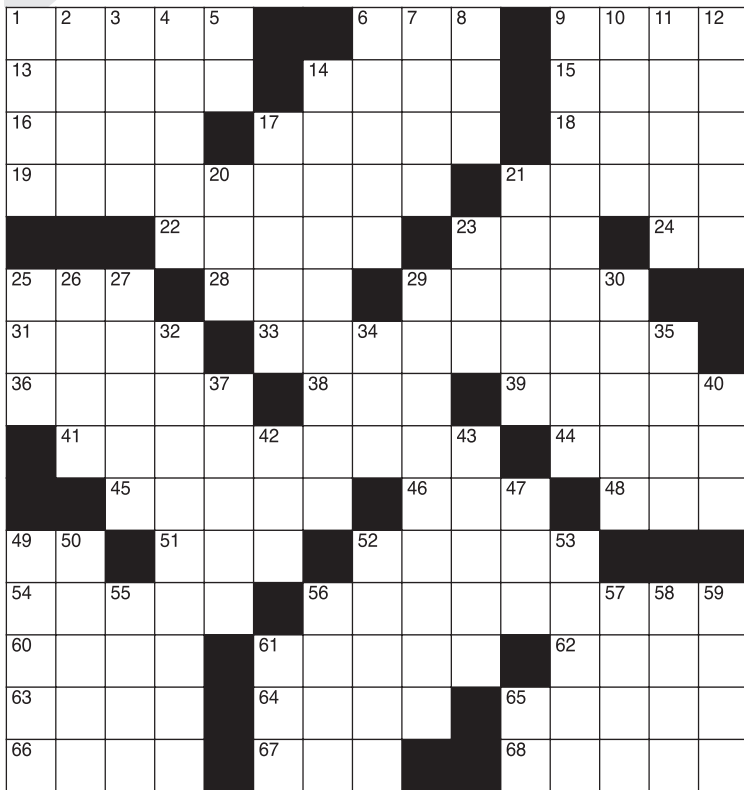
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# GAMES & PUZZLES



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Ponds
- 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- 14. Small sailboat
- 15. "Luther" actor
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Detects underwater objects
- 18. Harsh, grating noise
- 19. Steward
- 21. Fencing sword
- 22. Painful places on the body
- 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
- 28. Small lump
- 29. African antelope
- 31. Electronic point of sale
- 33. Carefully chooses
- 36. Ringworm
- 38. Unrefined
- 39. Drenches
- 41. Type of pants
- 44. Son of Noah
- 45. Spiritual being
- 46. Upton Sinclair

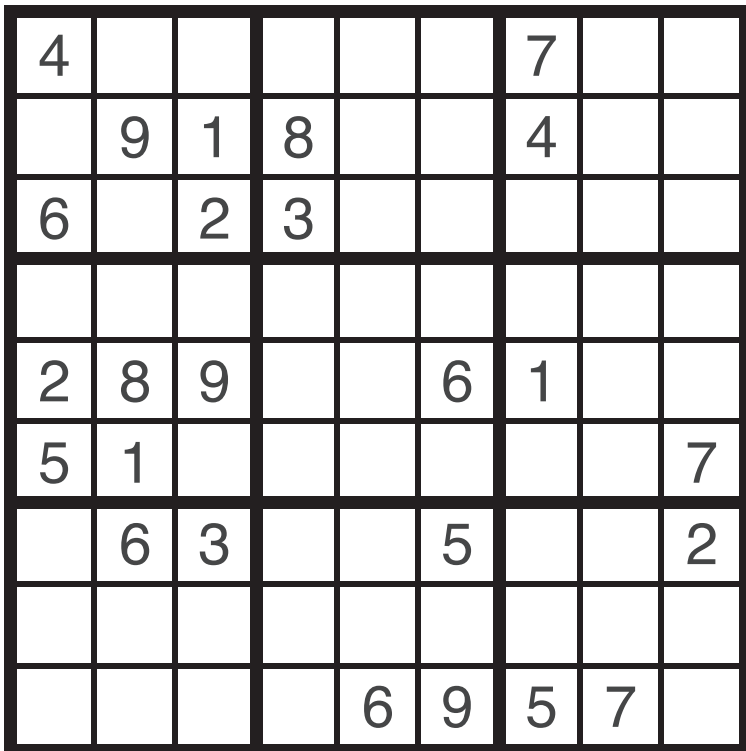
novel

- 48. Journalist Tarbell
- 49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 51. Born of
- 52. Rich tapestry
- 54. S. China seaport
- 56. Being without clothes
- 60. Surrounded by
- 61. Remains
- 62. Away from wind
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who can see the future
- 65. A very large body of water
- 66. Digs up earth
- 67. Type of screen
- 68. Old Norse poet

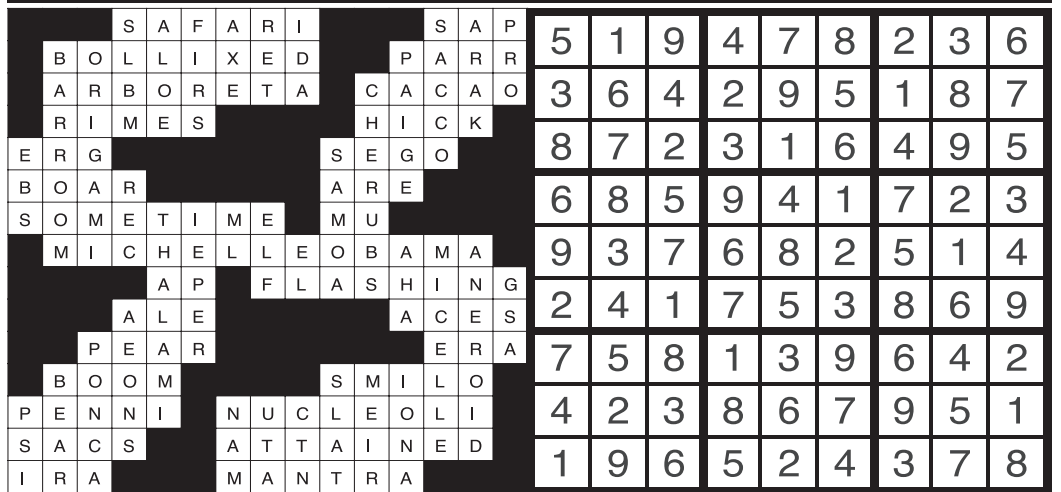
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Spanish city
- 3. Sudden, very loud sound
- 4. Type of chair
- 5. Tin
- 6. Sea eagles
- 7. Broad volcanic crater
- 8. Some animals have it
- 9. Ottoman palaces
- 10. Divulge a secret
- 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 14. Poisonous perennial

- 17. Gulf in the Aegean
- 20. Clothes
- 21. Chairs
- 23. Family of regulator genes
- 25. NY ballplayer
- 26. Impressive in size or scope
- 27. Jacques \_\_\_, Fr. biologist
- 29. Manhattanite
- 30. Genus of lemurs
- 32. Sings to
- 34. River in southern Italy
- 35. Supplemented with difficulty
- 37. Farewell
- 40. Senior officer
- 42. Utah resident
- 43. Begets
- 47. Boy
- 49. Violently break
- 50. Brief appearance
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 53. A light informal meal
- 55. Fabric with smooth finish
- 56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 57. Ancient Greek City
- 58. Close tightly
- 59. Commit
- 61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
- 65. Heavy metal



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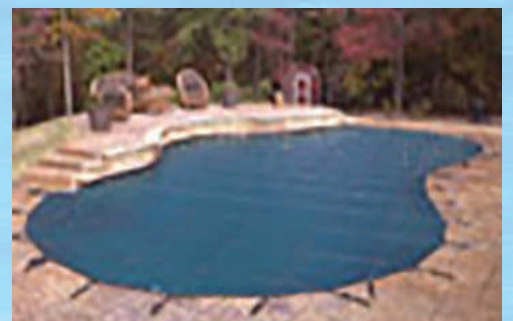
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