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Ivanchev Charged with Murder, Released from Jail

“Enormous Risk to Public Safety”

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Lexington Park man who police say caused a high-speed crash in Charlotte Hall in July that killed two people in another vehicle has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder.

Aleksander Ivanchev, 38, had already been charged with vehicular manslaughter in the deaths of Shawn Bailey and Melody Russell, who were killed and according to prosecutors “incinerated” when his vehicle struck theirs at the intersection of Route 5 and Golden Beach Road at a speed believed to be about 100 miles per hour.

Bailey and Russell were engaged to be married in November.

Ivanchev’s District Court case has been dismissed in favor of a Circuit Court case, which includes numerous other criminal charges.

Ivanchev’s trial has been scheduled for Oct. 28.

In September, when his case was still in District Court, Ivanchev was being held in the county detention center on a no-bond status; he had requested a second bail hearing with his defense counsel arguing that there was no actual evidence that he had acted maliciously or with intent in the crash and that he could neither access proper medical care nor prepare adequately for his defense at trial.

His defense counsel stated in court papers that the crash was nothing “other than a tragic accident.”

Prosecutors disagreed.

In court filings Assistant State’s Attorney Laura Caspar argued that Ivanchev was a potential flight risk despite having a home, business and wife and children in St. Mary’s because he had close



Aleksander Ivanchev

ties to the Eastern European country of Bulgaria, his place of birth.

Caspar said Ivanchev “poses an enormous risk to public safety.”

Her statement further argued that in the moments leading up to the fiery crash multiple witnesses on the road called the county’s emergency communications center stating Ivanchev’s vehicle was travelling at roughly 100 miles an hour as far as one mile prior to the collision.

At a Circuit Court bail hearing Oct. 8 Judge David W. Densford put Ivanchev on house arrest, with a curfew and restrictions on his personal movement.

Ivanchev must also meet with a court-appointed supervision officer three times a week, according to Densford’s order, and he must submit to electronic monitoring as well as random urine and breath analysis.

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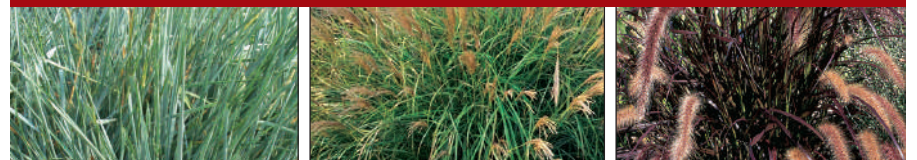
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Oyster Festival Returns to St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County residents will be able to return to the best seafood the region has to offer at the two-day Oyster Festival at the Leonardtown Fairgrounds starting Oct. 16 through Oct. 17.

"It's going to look very much like prior years," said Karen Stone, event organizer and director of the county government's Museum Division. "Everything you expect to be there will be there."

The county Oyster Festival is known primarily for its hosting of the U.S. Oyster Shucking Championship but also the annual oyster cookoff, which brings amateur chefs from around the region and the country to create their own recipes using oysters.

These recipes range from soups and stews to casseroles.

Other food vendors will be there, too, Stone said offering smoked as well as grilled oysters, crab cakes and seafood chowders to name a few.

The tasting tent for raw oysters will also be open, she said, and will have a wide selection of both wild-caught raw oyster as well as farm raised oysters to sample; craft beers will also be on tap.

Live bands will provide entertainment, Stone said, as would the Verti-



Queen Oyster Dr. Regina Faden

cal Dance Studio and the Professor Horn Puppet Show for children.

Tickets will be on sale at the gate but the Oyster Festival, which is put on by the Lexington Park Rotary Club, is offering a discounted two-day pass.

Persons who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to wear masks, Stone said, but as nearly all of the activities will outdoors or indoors with ventilation, they would not be required.

"Everything is going to be out of buildings, pretty much," Stone said.

The winner of the U.S. Oyster Shucking championship will go on to the world championship held in Galway, Ireland; there will be a men's and a women's U.S. champion at the end of the competition.

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Colvin Files For Reelection to District 1

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County Commissioner for District 1 Eric Colvin has filed for reelection to the county's chief legislative body.

Colvin told The County Times that he wants to continue the work to which he has contributed over the last four years on the commissioner board.

"I want to continue to preserve the rural heritage and character of our county while still supporting growth and improving infrastructure," Colvin said. "I want to especially continue to focus on broadband infrastructure and access."

Colvin said he had other long-term goals. "My goals are to maintain transparency in local government, continue to support our EMS system...work with our Senator [Jack] Bailey and our state delegates to push back against unfunded mandates from Annapolis," Colvin said. "I also want to continue to build consensus among the commissioners and work proactively with our Board of Education, sheriff, Metropolitan Commission, library and other partners like the Department of Social Services."

Colvin said he is concerned that the county can continue to pay its bills and provide services that citizens demand.

"Revenues are always a concern in the future," Colvin said. "Some of these eco-



nomics we're having will ripple down the road, on everyone's economy not just St. Mary's."

He was also concerned about mandates coming down from Annapolis and the General Assembly that were either unfunded or unwanted.

"That's almost impossible to predict... those are some of the biggest issues," Colvin said. "Those are the issues that keep me up at night."

Colvin said he wanted to pursue some kind of tax relief in his second term if elected.

"We've said we wanted to see that in the next budget," Colvin said of the intension of the commissioner board. "If the economic conditions continue this way our citizens might need that just to survive."

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Royal Farms Planned for Lexington Park



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A concept site plan for a new Royal Farms convenience store and refueling canopy is set for a presentation before the county's Technical Evaluation Committee Oct. 27 and the new site would be situated at the intersections of Great Mills Road, Tulagi Place and South Coral Drive.

The development would result in the replacement of all other buildings currently on the site, which sits directly across from Gate 2 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, including a church, thrift store, a real estate business and the iconic local restaurant Linda's Café.

The proposed convenience store is 5,154 square feet in size; the entire property is 1.75 acres in the Lexington Park Development District.

County planning documents show that the average daily trips of vehicles around the property are high; at the intersection of Route 235 and Great Mills Road there are 40,990 trips, while at Tulagi Place there are a little more than half that at 21,210 trips a day.

At Great Mills Road and Coral Drive there are 17,480 trips a day.

The planning documents show that the project would add an additional 1,036 trips a day to the immediate area.

Mary Whitlow, of the Virginia-based Whitlow family, which owns the property, confirmed that if the project were approved and the deal with Royal Farms were successful that the current occupants in the retail stores there would have to move out.

"It has not been sold," Whitlow said of the property, noting that the family would lease the property to Royal Farms. "This is potentially a year down the road."

"There are no move out dates because nothing has been finalized."

Linda Palchinsky, owner of Linda's Café, said she had yet to be informed of any redevelopment plans for the property.

"I hear all these rumors," Palchinsky said. "I never know what to believe."

She said she was discouraged to see big business ready to supplant smaller retail operations.

"I've been here 33 years," Palchinsky said. "I don't think it's fair for me to go out like this."

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Guy Seeks Third Term as Commissioner President

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy wants four more years as the leader of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

He has filed to run again as a Republican and will face his colleague, District 3 Commissioner John O'Connor in the GOP primary.

"I've enjoyed it and I feel good about the work we're doing," Guy said of his past two terms on the board. "I really like serving the people; I see no reason to quit."

During his tenure on the board, he has survived a bout with cancer and weathered a case of COVID-19.

At 74 years old, Guy said he had no concerns about his health in relation to holding the position.

"Right now, not one bit," Guy said. "I'm feeling good. I'm over five years cancer-free."

Guy said he wants to focus his attention on improving county-wide transportation infrastructure.

"There's FDR Boulevard; I want to see that finished," Guy said. "I want to... build up our STS bus service; people may need it if gas prices keep going up."

He also wants to continue to improve conditions in local senior centers and congregate care facilities as well as public parks.

"I want to do whatever I can do to get more access to the water," Guy said.

Guy voted with other commissioners last



James "Randy" Guy

budget cycle to reduce the local income tax rate from 3.17 percent to 3.1 percent and he wants to make an additional reduction in the income tax in the next budget cycle.

"It favors everybody," Guy said. "We can give everybody a break."

He said he wants to reduce the income tax from 3.1 percent to 3.0.

He was less comital on providing relief on the property tax front.

"I'm not looking at any of that right now," Guy said. "There's the slim possibility of that."

Guy's outlook on the future of St. Mary's was positive, given its eight-percent growth in the past decade.

"They're demanding services but they're also bringing income," Guy said.

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- 4:00 p.m. Program at Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
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- 5:00 p.m. Waterfront Ceremony (includes reading the names of the enslaved)
- 5:30 p.m. The Reception of Reflection (includes refreshments)



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Bowie Man Arrested in Great Mills Shooting

On Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, Deandre Marquise Robinson, age 30 of Bowie, was arrested and charged in connection with the shooting that occurred on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021. Robinson was charged with the following:

- Attempted First and Second-Degree Murder
- Assault First and Second Degree
- Firearm Use/Felony-Violent Crime
- Handgun on Person

Robinson remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, on a no-bond status.

On Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at approximately 12:44 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 45700 block of Horsehead Road in Great Mills, for the reported shots fired. Deputies arrived on scene and located a male victim, age 33 of Lexington Park, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported by helicopter



Deandre Marquise Robinson

to an area trauma center for treatment.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and crime lab personnel responded to the scene and continued

the investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Edward Vogt at (301) 475-4200 extension 78145 or by email at Edward.Vogt@stmarysmd.com.

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Town Council Approves Coffehouse Outdoor Seating

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Social Coffee House, currently situated on Fenwick Street, is planning to move into the vacant restaurant space in the Duke Building across the street and its owner, Sean Coogan, was successful in his bid at the Oct. 12 Leonardtown Town Council meeting to get outdoor seating there.

But it was not without opposition; the vote was 3-to-1 in favor of the Social Coffee House application.

"They have some concerns about the parking on Fenwick Street," said Council member Mary Maday Slade of conversations she had with the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department. "I kinda thought they had some reasonable concerns.

"That's where their firetrucks come when they get a call and they go shooting down Fenwick Street on that side of the road."

Slade said she was concerned for children who might dart out into the road unexpectedly at a critical moment.

"I would hate for someone to get hit on that side of the road," Slade continued.

Coogan responded: "They are abso-

lutely valid concerns and I have some concerns as well like the fire department shooting down Fenwick Street."

"A lot of people fly north up Fenwick Street to report to the fire department," Coogan added.

Tommy Mattingly, Sr., with the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department said firefighters had to exit their station on Lawrence Ave and took Fenwick Street through the downtown because traffic on nearby Route 5 was nearly impassable in an emergency.

"Those lanes are blocked," Mattingly said. "That's why we use Fenwick Street through town, it speeds up our response time."

The business's plan for outdoor seating included one handicapped accessible space on Washington Street, which fronts the town square, and two parallel parking spaces on Fenwick Street.

Town Administrator Laschelle McKay said that Coogan's plans met with the town's requirements for approval of outdoor seating.

After much debate and discussion Councilmembers Tyler Alt, Nick Colvin and Christy Hollander voted for the proposal; Slade was the only opposition vote.

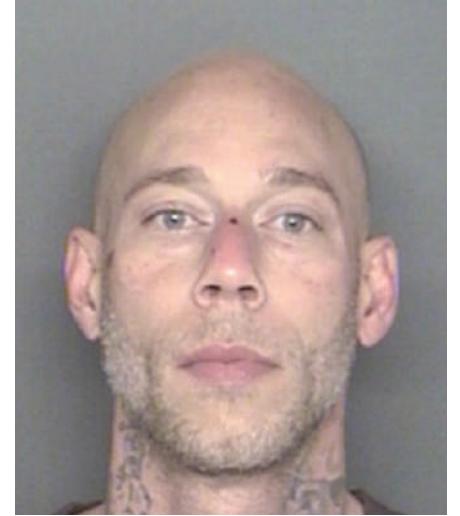
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Man Convicted of Vehicular Homicide in December Crash

State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz announces the conviction of Joseph Marvin Swann for killing Ian Tahtinen in a fiery crash on December 20, 2020. He was convicted of 13 charges, including vehicular homicide while intoxicated by alcohol, vehicular manslaughter, resisting arrest and second-degree assault on four St. Mary's County deputies.

The collision occurred when Swann drove his car north on Rte. 5 in Charlotte at 116 mph. He struck Tahtinen's car in the rear causing it to explode and continue burning until first responders eventually were able to extinguish it. During fire-fighting and investigative efforts, Swann left the scene. After refusing to return to the scene, Swann fought the four deputies, striking, kicking, and spitting on them.

Maryland State Police testing revealed that his blood level was .19, over twice the legal limit of



Joseph Marvin Swann

.08. Swann has two prior convictions for fleeing and eluding, one for driving under the influence of alcohol and eight prior assault convictions.

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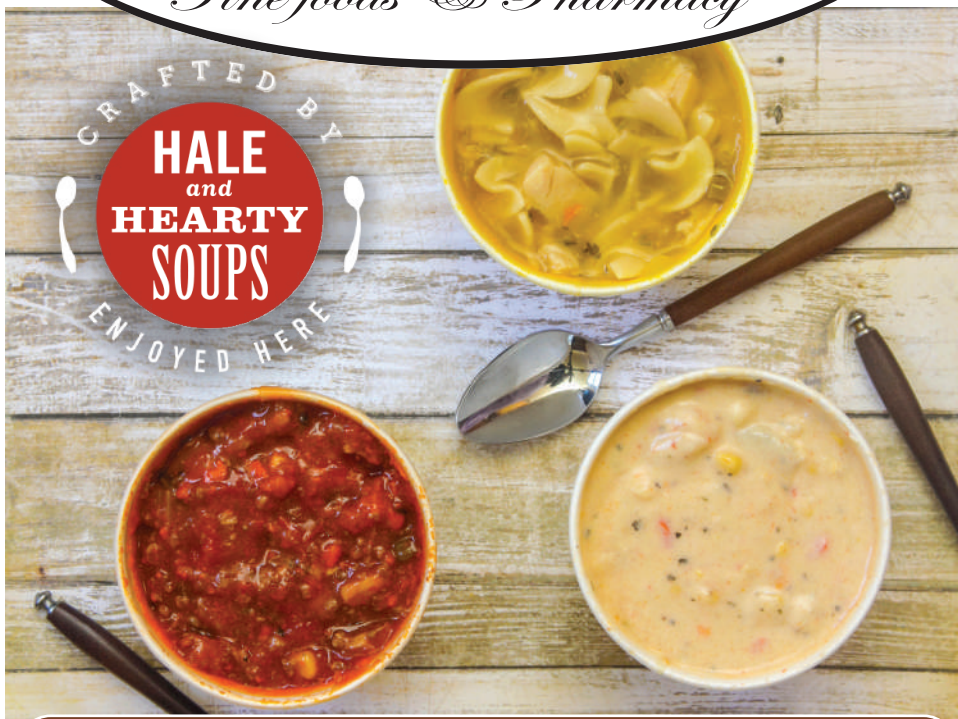
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Implant Retained Dentures are a Life-Altering Improvement Over Removeable Dentures

By: Jeff Tomcsik

If you are stuck in removeable dentures, a removeable prosthesis like a bridge, or if you've been in need of a replacement option for missing teeth, you need to pay attention to this game changer in the dental industry. Embarrassing moments with removable dentures are a thing of the past with implant retained dentures. In fact, a lot of concerns and issues are a thing of the past with this truly life-like alternative to removables.

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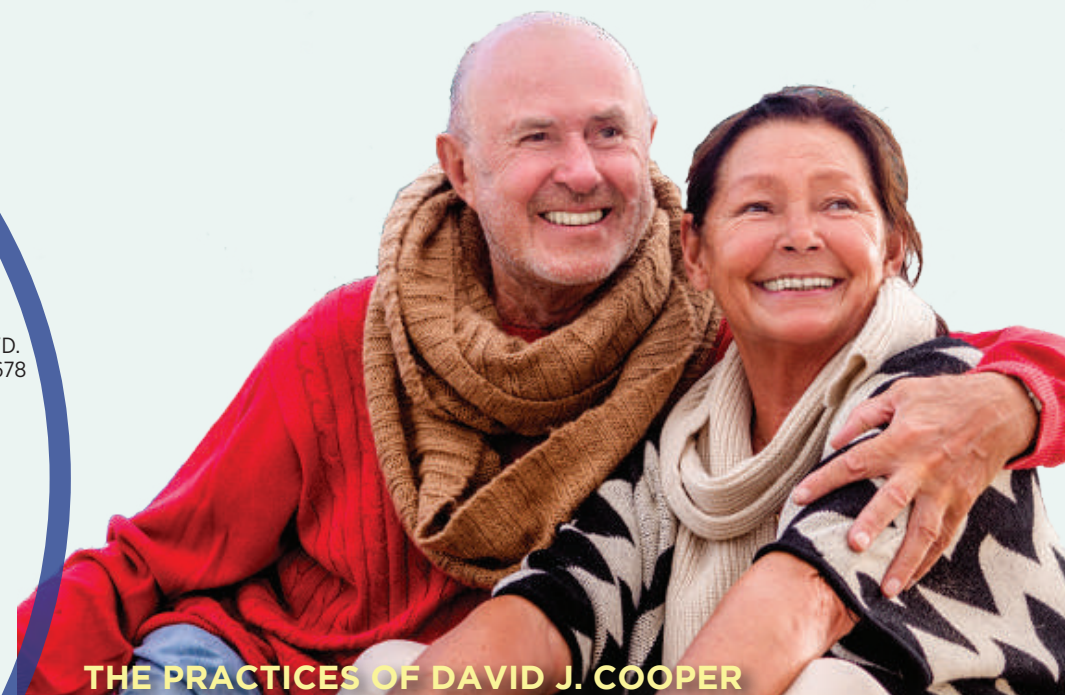
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Drug Arrest

On September 22, 2021, members of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division executed a search and seizure warrant on **Michael Timmy Harrod**, age 23 of Lexington Park, and the vehicle Harrod was utilizing. Located in the vehicle was suspected cocaine, marijuana, fentanyl, as well as a loaded firearm. Also in the vehicle was **Lekeisha Tanae Barber**, age 30 of Prince Frederick. During a search of the vehicle Barber was found in possession of suspected oxycodone pills and suspected heroin. Harrod was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Marijuana plus 10 grams, CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute Narcotics, CDS: Possession Large Amount, Manufacture CDS-Narcotic and Firearm Possession-Crime of Violence/Felony Conviction. Barber was arrested and charged with two counts of CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Micheal Timothy Harrod



Lekeisha Tanae Barber

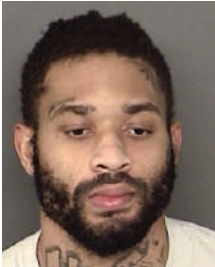
the outstanding warrant and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, and CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia.

Assault

On September 24, 2021, Dep. Gardiner responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Austin Dylan Winbush**, age 22 of Capitol Heights, assaulted the victim by pushing the victim to the ground and hitting the victim several times. Winbush was charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Christina Lynn Crivella



Austin Dylan Winbush

Protective Order Violation

On October 4, 2021, DFC. Raley responded to the 23600 block of Kingston Creek Road in California, for a check the welfare. Contact was made with the victim at the residence and investigation determined there was an active protective order preventing **John Andrew Wilson**, age 45 of California, from being at the victim's residence. Wilson was located at the residence, arrested and charged with Violation of Protective Order.



John Andrew Wilson

Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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Port of Leonardtown Winery Wins Governor's Trophy

Port of Leonardtown Winery, operated by the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative, wins Top Honors in the Maryland Governor's Cup Competition. The winery has excelled in wine competitions, winning multiple double gold, Best of Show, and Best of Class awards for their locally grown wines, since opening in 2009.

The Governor's Cup Competition was judged by professional sommeliers and restaurant buyers in a blind tasting. The competition was held in Baltimore in early September. Close to 200 wines were submitted across the state and scored, based on a 20 point scale. Double Gold was awarded to wines that received gold from each judge. Only one wine was awarded Best in Show and the Governor's Cup. The top winner, the newly released Port of Leonardtown Winery's 2019 Chambourcin Reserve, was grown from grapes in St. Mary's and Calvert County. This smooth dry red wine

is available now through the winery's Tasting Room and website shop. This year alone, the winery has been awarded over 10 Gold medals and 3 Double Golds.

"In light of this and recently accrued honors, Port of Leonardtown Winery continues to show their dedication to producing top wines. Fifteen judges reviewed nearly 150 wines representing two dozen categories to those worthy of top honors," said Kevin Atticks Director of Maryland Wineries Association. "With a best in show, two best in class and a double gold, winemaker Lauren Zimmerman's skill is undeniable."

"We work hard to grow and source quality grapes from Maryland soil and are honored to take home this prestigious award," Lauren Zimmerman, Leonardtown Winemaker said. "We believe that the Chambourcin grape has a very strong future in Maryland wine, and due to expanding production, we plan to plant more in the future."



Lauren Zimmerman with the Governor's Cup Trophy

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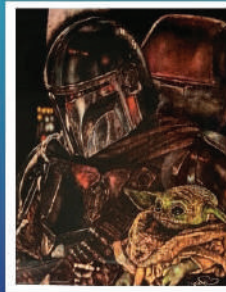
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Colorful Macaw Captures First Place in Art Contest

Congratulations to the 2021 Art Walk Contest Winners!



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Scarlet Macaw
Counted Cross Stich



3rd - Aicy Karbstein
Mariners View of the Lighthouse
Acrylics on Canvas

The St. Mary's County Arts Council is pleased to announce that by popular vote our First Place Winner of the Art Walk 2021 Contest is Philip Brill for "Scarlet Macaw," featured at the North End Gallery!

This stunningly intricate counted cross stitch piece required more than 1,000 hours to complete and was part of a recent month-long show where 30 pieces of locally created art were featured at various businesses around town. Visitors were able to view the entries both in person and online and vote for their three favorite entries.

This fun event is held every September in conjunction with the celebration of the Town of Leonardtown's anniversary as an officially designated Arts & Entertainment District of the State of Maryland.

Congratulations also to 2nd Place Winner

Michael O'Shields for "Mando and Child", hosted at Fenwick St. Used Books & Music, and 3rd Place Winner Aicy Karbstein for "Mariners View of the Lighthouse" hosted at The Old Jail Museum & Leonardtown Visitor Center.

St. Mary's County Arts Council would like to extend a big thank you to all of the participating artists, host businesses, Town of Leonardtown, and the many who came to vote and submitted ballots.

Artists interested in participating in next year's event may sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at www.stmarysartscouncil.com where announcements will be made re: the submission period for 2022.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Arts Council.

Riding Club Holds Horse Show at County Fair



High point pony and rider honors went to Ivyhart Toby John and Addison Keen.



High point horse and rider honors went to Kalista Hawkins aboard Rocket Roxanne.

The St. Mary's Riding Club, founded in 1968, held its annual horse show at the county fair. Forty nine horse and rider combinations competed in hunter, pleasure and equitation classes. The judge was Barbara Magrogan from Leonardtown.

High point horse and rider honors went to Kalista Hawkins aboard Rocket Roxanne at the St. Mary's Riding Club's annual horse show. The award is given by the club in memory of co-founders and sisters, Anne Drury and Betty Guyther. Presenting the award is Kathy Glockner show chairman, Betsy Fritz and Mary Jo Willenborg daughters of co-founder, Betty Guyther.

High point pony and rider honors went to Ivyhart Toby John and Addison Keen at the St. Mary's Riding Club's annual horse show. The award is sponsored by sisters Mary Jo Willenborg and Betsy Fritz in memory of their grandfather, J.L Mc Ney. Also participating in the presentation is Kathy Glockner show chairman.

Other memorial perpetual trophy winners include Victoria Edinger on Ashland Welsh Poppy for the Best Pony Rider award and Jenna Howell on Private Notice taking home Best Horse Rider awards.

Press Release from St. Mary's Riding Club.

Lucky Lexington Park Man Wins Big Twice

Claims \$100,000 prize after winning \$1 million a year ago



Winning the top prize on a scratch-off is an amazing experience. Consider how it would feel to win \$1 million on one game and then, a year later, \$100,000 on a different game. That second big win just happened to a St. Mary's County man, who is a self-proclaimed scratch-off guru.

Lady luck first shined bright on the fortunate player in September 2020 when he purchased a \$20 Lucky 777 game. He took home its \$1 million top prize! His recent win on the \$30 \$100,000 Extreme Cash scratch-off has him adding to his Lottery fortune.

The single father of four adult children and grandfather of seven found his new lucky instant ticket last week at the Rod 'N Reel in Lexington Park. The scratch-off fan normally plays \$20 scratch-offs, but he followed the suggestion of the cashier and chose a \$30 instant ticket.

"The cashier told me that I should buy it because it was the last one and he was about to put up a new roll of tickets," said the winner, smiling. "He said if I don't get it, he'll give it to the next guy, so I took my chances and bought it."

The 63-year-old scanned the

barcode on the instant ticket immediately and saw a congratulatory message that he won \$100,000.

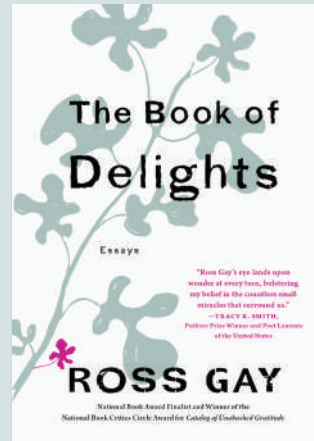
"I told the cashier what I won and he said, 'You lie, you lie!'", the happy winner said, laughing. "Then, I scanned the ticket again so he could see I really won."

The lucky player, who retired from a career in the home improvement field, said he then left the store and put the winning instant ticket in his car visor. Having won the \$1 million prize last year, he already knew to make an appointment to claim his new windfall. He plans to put the money away to save for his children and grandchildren.

The lucky retailer that sold the top-prize winning \$100,000 Extreme Cash scratch-off is also celebrating. Rod 'N Reel located at 18161 Three Notch Road in Lexington Park will receive a \$1,000 bonus from the Lottery for its role.

Lots of prizes remain in the \$100,000 Extreme Cash game, including 28 more \$100,000 top prizes. Also up for grabs are 15 \$5,000 prizes and more than 420,000 others ranging from \$30 to \$500.

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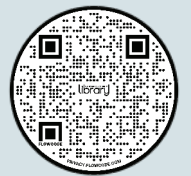


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Historic Marker to 1887 St. Mary's County Lynching Victim to be Unveiled in Ceremony

The St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks Museum Division, in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative, will host a historic marker unveiling ceremony of justice and equity at 4 p.m. at the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown. The public is invited to attend this event Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, Maryland Emancipation Day, when

In 1887, Benjamin Hance, a young African American man, was arrested on May 27 in Leonardtown and taken to the Old Jail. A mob broke in on the night of June 17, held the jailkeeper at gunpoint, and removed Mr. Hance from his cell after breaking down the door. They carried him to a site just out of town (now occupied by the Port of Leonardtown Winery and park) and proceeded to hang him from a witch hazel tree. An ensuing inquiry into the lynching failed to identify or convict members of the alleged mob of any crimes, and the case was subsequently dismissed, justice having not been rendered.

To bring light to this injustice and promote healing and justice for the future, the St. Mary's County Museum Division has been partnering with the

Big Conversation Partnership on Dismantling Racism in Southern Maryland and the Equal Justice Initiative on the Community Remembrance Project. In November 2019, the Division and partners held a Soil Collection Ceremony at the location where Hance was said to have died. Following the Soil Collection Ceremony, the partner groups sent one jar of soil to the National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. A second jar is now on display and an exhibit at the Old Jail Museum in Leonardtown, in the very cell where Hance was held. Admission is free to the museum, where visitors can come daily and learn more.

The next step in the remembrance of Mr. Hance is to establish a historical marker about his story, which will be erected on the grounds of the Old Jail Museum and unveiled to the public Nov. 1, 2021. The marker will be two-sided and traditional blue with yellow letters. One side will tell Mr. Hance's story; the other will be a statement about racial justice. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Karen Stone, Manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division,



explains the importance of the day: "Mr. Hance's story is not an easy one to hear. But we do these things to remember, respect, and honor a man who should not have lost his life in the way he did. Mr. Hance deserved justice; he deserved a trial; he deserved what he never got. By bring-

ing light to this difficult story, we memorialize Mr. Hance and all those who suffered similar fates with hope for a better future."

For more information regarding the progress of this project, please visit [Facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldJailMuseum) or contact Ms. Stone at 301-769-3235.

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United Way Looking to Expand Scope in St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The United Way of St. Mary's is no more, now merged with the United Ways in both Calvert and Charles counties under the United Way of Southern Maryland.

For years non-profits looked to the county-based United Way organizations to help provide funding for their missions, which run a gamut of human services from feeding and clothing the needy to aiding those with physical and mental handicaps and even substance abuse problems.

The leadership of the newly formed United Way of Southern Maryland (UWSOMD) says they want to reach out to even more non-profit service agencies.

Christine Michelsen, the new Director of Programs for United Way of Southern Maryland, said the organization is in the process of reaching out to every non-profit in the region they can, to meet their new leadership in person, beyond those to whom the United Way already passes along money.

Michelsen told The County Times: "I want to compile a list of all the non-profits and invite everyone to apply."

Michelsen said she worked as the chief of operations for the former Calvert County United Way and that organization used a selection process through applications whereby non-profit groups request to be included in the United Way's funding operations.

"That's what I'm hoping to do," Michelsen said. "They [non-profits] want to meet us."

"We get social media messages from some of them saying 'Don't forget about us, remember us for funding.'"

Funding non-profits in Southern Maryland means giving those organizations the means to continue to provide critical services to the community that would likely be prohibitively expensive under the auspices of the government, Michelsen said.

"If the government were doing this, the overhead [costs] would be much higher," she said.

Michelsen confirmed that donors who want to give to a certain charity can still do so through the United Way; donations that are not designated for a particular charity would be given out as the larger organization saw fit.

Sam Brown, of A Community



CEO of United Way of Southern Maryland
Mel Brennan



Susie Fowler President of United Way of Southern Maryland



That Shares (ACTS) a 7th District non-profit that provides medical assistance devices such as wheel chairs to those in need, said his group's relationship with the former United Way of St. Mary's had once been fruitful but had dwindled financially to a tiny fraction of what it had been about 16 years ago.

Brown said ACTS receives "very little" funding from the United Way.

"But we're still hooked into them and get about \$50 every three months," Brown told The County Times. "I used to get \$5,000 from them every year."

The flush years of 2005, 2006 started to thin by 2007, Brown said.

"It's continued to drop from 2005 to today," he said.

Brown said he received an e-mail from UWSOMD recently, telling him the new CEO Mel Brennan wanted to meet with him.

Brown said he responded saying he couldn't meet with Brennan on the date requested and has not heard from the organization since about when

they could have face to face contact.

"I still haven't heard from them," Brown said. "I have not heard anything about what their game plan is."

A former United Way of St. Mary's leader said they had found the right leader to take the new organization into the future.

Melvin G. "Mel" Brennan, III became the new organization's chief executive officer on Oct. 1.

"We believe that we have found an excellent leader in Mel Brennan," said Susie Fowler, UWSOMD president and former vice president of United Way of St. Mary's County.

"He brings a breadth of training and experience to the United Way of Southern Maryland, as well as a passionate belief that, by working together, communities can improve the lives of those in need."

The merger may have been discussed before, but it was undoubtedly exacerbated by the pandemic, which not only severely financially impacted the United Way organizations' ability to raise funds, but also the agencies

which they support. And, it came at a time when those agencies were most in need of funding to aid people needing help due to the pandemic.

Brennan, in an interview with The County Times, said his wife Laurel is from Westminster in Carroll County and they currently live there. They've been married for 22 years and have three children, aged 22, 19 and 10. They are looking to relocate to Southern Maryland.

"I've been aware of the United Way movement for some time," Brennan said. "I thought when I saw the opportunity, that was an appropriate match for my skills, the opportunity to really stand up a new organization that was made up of three organizations that had a robust history, agency relationships, partnerships, and responsibilities, but really just to work at scale across the tri-counties, and to really deliver that 11,000-foot view that allowed us to see not only support agencies doing current work, but do the evaluation that would allow us to see the unanticipated or maybe unfunded need that the communities might have."

Brennan answered the question that many might have about a combined agency: "Our plan is to continue to hold locations in all three counties," he said.

In Calvert that will be at the in North Beach. "We're having conversations as to maintain our same space in St. Mary's County."

"We will sit in all three counties because that sort of connection and closeness to what's happening on the ground remains important," Brennan said.

Darene Kleinsorgen, with St. Mary's County Christmas in April, said in recent years her organization had seen a decline in both donations and communication from the United Way.

"They used to be very good with us," Kleinsorgen said. "I'm hoping that will come to fruition again."

Kleinsorgen said she had not been contacted by the United Way of Southern Maryland recently or in the past several years by the former organization.

"We'd registered with them but we hadn't registered again with them because they didn't ask us to," Kleinsorgen said. "There's just not been much going on in the past couple of years."

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Report Calls St. Mary's College a 'Hidden Gem'

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This selection recognizes St. Mary's College as one of the best colleges in the country, based on a combination of factors, including number of applications received, graduation rates, campus diversity, endowment per student, and

other key metrics as reported via the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for the most recently available enrollment year.

St. Mary's College was also recently ranked 6th Best Public Liberal Arts College in U.S. News & World Report, ranked 30 among the top Liberal Arts Colleges in the U.S. by the Washington Monthly College Guide, included in The Princeton Review's "Best 387 Colleges" Guide for 2022 and recognized by Niche.com as one of the Best Colleges in Maryland.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's College Receives Humanities Grant



Long-term sustainable programming and community engagement tied to the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland gained more momentum this fall thanks to monetary support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Earlier this week, NEH announced more than \$87 million in American Rescue Plan funding to nearly 300 cultural and educational institutions to help them recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, retain and rehire workers, and reopen sites, facilities and programs.

St. Mary's College of Maryland was awarded just over \$144,000 to fund its project, "Extending the History and Voices of Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland." The funds allow the College to create a one-year public humanities position, sustain existing humanities programming and to create a long-term plan for humanities activities and public outreach related to the Commemorative.

The Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland is an immersive art experience that honors the story of resilience, persistence and creative problem-solving that defined the lives of the enslaved individuals that lived in St. Mary's City between 1750 and 1815. Constructed on the College's campus, the Commemorative provides visitors with the space to acknowledge and learn from the lives of those who once toiled there, while providing a place for reflection and introspection about the nature of slavery and its connections to modern society.

"This grant is not only celebrating the four years of work that went in from finding the slave quarters in 2016, up until the creation of the commemorative and the virtual dedication in 2020 but also the powerful potential of the work to be done," said Erin Pe-

ters, director of the Boyden Gallery and Collection, and lecturer of museum studies, who is project director of the grant.

Julia King, professor of anthropology and member of the grant project team, made the discovery of the slave quarters with her staff and students in 2016. King said she is excited to see the next phase in the Commemorative's development.

"NEH support is a powerful recognition of the importance of the College's Commemorative to Enslaved People of Southern Maryland. This support will allow the College to develop the Commemorative as an educational tool for all of our stakeholders, including the greater community of which the College is a part."

Without the ability to have an in-person dedication that had been in planning for two years, Peters said the College didn't stop working, but rather filtered it, switching to what would become the nationally recognized award-winning virtual dedication, "From Absence to Presence: The Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland."

She said now with the resources and recognition from NEH, the College can continue to activate and "make that presence larger."

Garrey Dennie, associate professor of history and member of the grant project team, is currently spearheading a committee that has planned a two-part program celebrating the anniversary of the Commemorative, which he said, "captures the core vision that has allowed us to win the NEH grant." More details will be announced later this month.

To learn more about the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland or to apply for the one-year public humanities fellow position, visit us online.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



THE FINAL FRONTIER

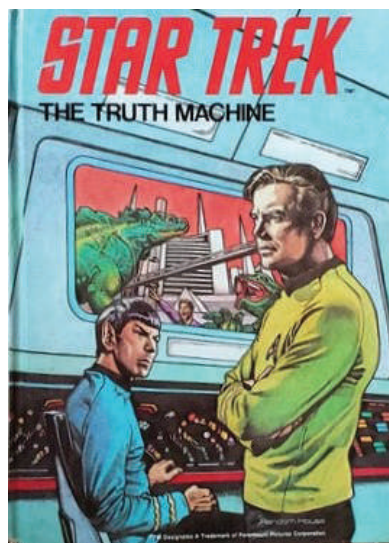
I really am trying to get my column written, but I am also trying to keep an eye on the Blue Origin flight with William Shatner aboard. There have been quite a few delays already this morning. If I live to be 90, I hope I am as fearless as he is. My stomach was doing flip flops and my nerves were on edge just watching – I am always praying that all the astronauts or space explorers stay safe. Watching The Challenger disaster as it happened in January of 1986 will always be on my mind.

Yes, I was a huge Star Trek fan growing up, and I read all the companion Star Trek books that came out during that time. I know the sets look cheesy by today's standards, but as a child they were state of the art, and very cool to me. Lost in Space was another favorite.

As a child, I had dreams of being a pilot or an astronaut. Maybe that was because of my oldest brother Bobby (Bob to anyone else who is not a little sister) who is 14 years older than me and became an Air Force Test Pilot after college, and later went on to be a commercial airline pilot for Alaska Airlines until retirement. He was/is my hero for all he has accomplished fearlessly in his life. I asked him not too long ago if he still would go to outer space if given the opportunity, and he quickly answered, "Yes, in a heartbeat". Bobby did do astronaut training during his Air Force time.

If I wasn't so claustrophobic, and had a \$250,000 or more dollars laying around, I'd be on that flight with William Shatner myself. I'd like to hear him recite the opening lines of each Star Trek episode while up in the great blue yonder: "Space: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no man has gone before!". I am a proud nerd.

After their landing, William Shatner had a chance to speak with Jeff Bezos about his experience. It was very unscripted and at first it was easy to see that Jeff Bezos was not listening too well and kept looking over his shoulder at the party going on around the capsule with champagne spraying and people laughing like he would rather be with them. Mr. Shatner looked a little put out and one of the in-studio newscasters noticed that Shatner seemed full of things to say but was standing off by



himself with no one to tell. Thank goodness, Bezos finally came back and did listen to how the experience affected William Shatner. There were times he almost couldn't find the words to describe how the space flight experience has now changed his outlook on life. He kept talking about going from this amazing blue he felt meant life into total black which he equated with death.

Now Shatner, according to one of the space analysts, will be among the nearly 600 people who have been in space over the 25 flights/missions in history. What an amazing group with which to be included. I noticed that the NASA scientists or former astronaut commentators during the flight all mentioned that there is a huge difference in what they feel should be considered an astronaut who has trained for years, compared to people who go through a quicker training and are paying for a life experience. I am sure most trained astronauts would agree with that.

But, as far as excitement goes, William Shatner brought a lot of that to these commercial space trips. It has been 55 years since the 1st episode of Star Trek in 1966. I know I was still watching the re-runs after school through the 70s. Capt. Kirk finally has reached the final frontier he recited on TV, but as William Shatner in real life, he now seems to truly understand the importance of those opening lines and of this tiny sphere called Earth. God Speed Mr. Shatner.

To each new day's earthly adventure, Shelby

Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook



St. Mary's
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Ordinary People. Extraordinary Lives. Lasting Legacies.

The Way We Were...

History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday

Charlotte Hall: The Oldest Health Resort in America



In the northern part of St Mary's County lies Charlotte Hall. Best known today for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on the grounds of the old Charlotte Hall Military Academy, the community was once a haven for those "the cure."

The story begins two-hundred years ago. The winter of 1697-98 was a very hard one for the Maryland colonists. A severe epidemic ran throughout almost the entire state. This was the same winter that saw Moll Dyer driven from her home only to be found later dead with her hand frozen to a rock. The disease, thought now to have been influenza, was especially heavy in Charles County. So alarming were the conditions, that the Maryland General Assembly appropriated one hundred pounds to purchase from Mr. John Dent "Cool Springs and fifty acres of land adjoining" and to erect several buildings for "the benefit of the poor, impotent and lame."

Many people came to drink at "the Fountains of Healing Waters" during the epidemic, seeking shelter and a cure. Once a week, meats and other provisions were brought to the hospice for those who were unable to provide for themselves. As a newspaper of the times reported, "This seems to be the first real harvest that was reaped from the seed of Brotherly Love that was sown by the pioneer settlers at St. Mary's, the more abundant harvests being so well displayed in our Public Charities of this day."

"Cool Springs" was complete success. When the epidemic

subsided in the fall of 1698, Governor Blackiston issued a proclamation giving thanks to God for "restoring health to us and blessing us with several beneficial and healing springs of water, called 'Cool Springs,' which by His blessing hath wrought many and signal cures amongst several distempered and impotent people."

"Cool Springs" was located along an old Indian trail which ran from St Mary's City to Annapolis – a trail which we know today as Three Notch Road. The climate was good and the porous soil quickly absorbed rain water making for a pleasant setting where mosquitoes were scarce, as well.

In 1774, the legislature ordered a school to be established at Cool Springs to be named "Charlotte Hall School" in commemoration of the wife of King George III, Queen Charlotte, said by some to have been "one of the most exemplary women to ever adorned the royal household of England." Of course, two years later, the American Colonies revolted, later to declare their independence from England.

In January 1797, construction of the school began eventually becoming known as the Charlotte Hall Military Academy. In time the school's prominence overshadowed all else and the name "Cool Springs" disappeared from the map to be replaced by Charlotte Hall.

If you would like to learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped St Mary's County, please visit our website – www.stmaryshistory.org

A View From The BLEACHERS



RUSH TO NARRATIVE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Three hours of competition had decided nothing. Two points separated the combatants; two minutes remained on the clock. This was it.

To borrow from former Kansas City Chiefs coach Hank Stram, the offensive team “matriculated down the field” and into field goal range with just seconds remaining. The snap and hold were clean. A player, wearing a perfectly laundered uniform, put a fierce boot into the ball sending it toward the uprights. The crowd fell silent. Knots tightened in coaches stomachs. Sweaty and exhausted players on both sidelines stared at the spinning pigskin, waiting for the verdict.

As the ball hit the net, two officials at ground level met eyes and raised their arms to indicate the kick was good. Washington had beaten the New York Giants 30-29.

The top post-game headlines on Washington’s team website read, “The defense brought more pressure” and “An improved showing from the offense.” This is equivalent of walking into a kitchen, commenting on the beautiful countertops and ignoring the dripping faucet, the leaking dishwasher and the mound of fermenting garbage in the corner. Did the defense bring more pressure? Was the offense improved? Is the countertop lovely? Well, yeah, but...

Anyone of Washington persuasions who watched this game a few weeks ago couldn’t have managed more than a smirk as K Dustin Hopkins’ boot split the uprights. The whole truth: This game was hideous. The victory masked several defensive breakdowns, an egregious late-game turnover and a dropped pass by a Giants receiver that conjured up memories of The Bad News Bears. And the buffoonery lasted to the bitter end. Hopkins’ first kick missed, but the Giants unbelievably (or was it inevitable, given this marred affair?) jumped offside. Afforded a second chance - after the team had been given a second and a third - Hopkins delivered the decisive kick. Had he missed (again), Washington would have been 0-2 and headed for 0-3 with a date with the Buffalo Bills next. Translation: Season over before October.

Sports narratives frequently mislead. A single play that splits the

line between the winner and loser, often washes clean the warts of the former and immediately amplifies the failings and long-term fatalities of the latter. The truth resides somewhere in the middle.

Game-to-game overreactions happen every week in nearly every sport. Over time, narratives take root and become part of a larger plot. At a team level, it is relatively harmless, an amusing anecdote for our hyper-reactionary times; at an individual level, narratives can breed unfair typecasts that grow further into unfortunate, even shameful stereotypes.

He is too short. She is too slight. He has talent, but the jump from a small school to the pros will be too significant. He’s slow of foot. She lacks a killer instinct. He will never be a starter; a solid reliever is his ceiling. His interview doesn’t indicate “leader.” She’ll contribute, but never start in this in this league. His skillset screams “system guy”...difficult to see broad success.

These are common narratives. Some are fair and based in fact. Too many are tinged with implicit bias, wreak of gender or racial stereotypes, or even blatant sexism or racism.

This how a player like Justin Turner bounces around multiple organizations before blossoming with the Dodgers. Or how the Nationals fold on a pitching talent like Lucas Giolito, only for him to star with the White Sox. Or how QB Justin Herbert is passed over by quarterback-needy teams (i.e. Washington), how Patrick Mahomes lasts until the 10th pick, how Lamar Jackson slips to the end of the first round or how Russell Wilson falls to the third. Or, on a better note, how an underappreciated veteran is retained on a discount and hits two “shots heard around the world” on the way to a World Series championship (Howie Kendrick).

Former Rush drummer Neil Peart once observed, “Quick to judge... slow to understand.” Seems there is a lot of that going around these days, sports and otherwise. Best to remain mindful that a story describing what someone isn’t and can’t do, often ignores - unconsciously or intentionally - what they are and can do.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

This is a Thank You to the People of St. Mary’s County

On a beautiful Saturday morning my daughter and son-in-law suffered a tragedy that was hard to imagine and even harder to comprehend and accept. Their beautiful, redheaded fireball, walked away in a 2 minute window of time. The search for her began immediately and within 15 to 20 minutes there were dozens of neighbors looking in the woods, the creek and the river. It all happened so fast and every neighbor on Half Pone Point dropped whatever they were doing to help. There were people on paddle boards, men in waders in the creek, jet ski’s and other boats scouring the shore lines. The police arrived very shortly after being called and joined the search and helped try to organize the individuals searching. Several fire departments and ambulance crews all assisted. Someone utilized a drone and Md. State Police Helicopter also flew back and forth. Unfortunately, by now everyone knows that the outcome of the search was not a happy one and we have now laid our little princess to rest.

My purpose here is to try to say “thank you” to all those people who immediately stopped what they were doing in order to help. Sometimes, after watching a news show, it is so easy to think that our world is populated by people who are strangers who don’t want to be bothered by their neighbors. I will tell you that is so wrong! Our

entire family has been overwhelmed by the love and support that we have all received. The neighbors joined together and immediately began anticipating the needs of the grieving family. They have done anything they could to try to help ease the pain of our loss. Food started arriving that night. Pink and purple bows and ribbons started appearing on mailboxes and street poles all over the area. The Hollywood Moose Lodge conducted a fundraiser and there was close to 2,000 spaghetti dinners served. People waited for up to 2 hours in the drive-through line and no one complained.

Neighbors, friends, family and strangers have opened their hearts with messages of sympathy and support. I just don’t have enough adjectives to express our gratitude. St. Mary’s County is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I pray that no one else has to endure a tragedy of any kind, but if you do, reach out to those around you. Let them know what help you need and I am sure you will get support and then understand what I am trying to say.

I will simply say THANK YOU in big, bold letters and hope that everyone will understand how grateful we all are.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

PMA-265 Conducts Successful SLATE Demo

Story by Carrie Munn and Erin Mangum
PMA-265 Communications

The F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office (PMA-265) completed a successful technology demonstration for the Secure Live Virtual Constructive Advanced Training Environment (SLATE) at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland last month.

The event included four flight tests, supported by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 and industry partners, The Boeing Company and Cubic Corporation.

The demonstration showcased the Synthetic Inject to Live (SITL) – Live Virtual Constructive (LVC) system's maturity and performance in supporting training against near-peer threats, while validating its technology readiness level with the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler. The resulting SLATE SITL capabilities, technical specifications and lessons learned are currently in work for transition into the Navy's Training Program of Record, the Tactical Combat Training Sys-

tem (TCTS) Increment II. Merging the two technologies presents the quickest way to get the best capabilities into the hands of the fleet as quickly as possible.

The SLATE system connects Live (manned aircraft) with Virtual (manned simulators) and Constructive entities (computer-generated forces) in a robust training environment that replicates the threat density and capability required to prepare military forces for the high-end fight. These LVC capabilities fully link "Live" aircraft with the common synthetic environment used across U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force training enterprises, providing efficiencies for both Services.

"The SITL LVC capabilities demonstrated by SLATE are essential to providing our warfighters with a complex and realistic training environment that promotes combat readiness," said Megan Sullivan, PMA-265 SLATE Integrated Product Team lead. "The event's completion informs planning and enables more rapid fielding to the fleet."

The injection of virtual and construc-

tive entities into live F/A-18E/F and EA-18G platforms is designed to train and prepare joint forces for combat, helping maintain worldwide air and surface dominance, Sullivan explained. The SLATE project's joint technical and interoperability standards enable cost-effective and cutting-edge training opportunities that promote proficiency for the joint warfighter across fifth-generation, advanced counter-air capabilities of the U.S. Navy and Air Force.

"Building off the highly successful Joint Capstone event, conducted in 2018, at the Nellis Test and Training Range, the SLATE capability continues to pave the way for LVC training standards across the DoD. The 2021 technical maturation demonstration takes these capabilities to the next level by adding in cross-platform integration and utilizing common Navy systems," said Sullivan.

The SLATE flights also included the integration of the Navy's Next Generation Threat System for both tethered and untethered operations; F/A-18E/F

simulators; the F-35 Effects Based Simulator; Aegis Battle Force Tactical Trainers; and a fleet MH-60R tactical operational flight trainer in Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, via the Navy's Continuous Training Environment. All virtual and constructive radar tracks were observed and confirmed in the live cockpit by the supporting VX-23 aircrew during debrief, Sullivan said.

In addition, the Royal Australian Air Force participated in the SLATE demo, further promoting and informing future coalition and joint service operations under the U.S. Air Force Encrypted LVC Integrated Training Environment program, which will allow for seamless training between the U.S. and Australia.

The final SLATE technology demonstration flight event is set to take place in December, which will further evaluate SLATE's capability to realistically replicate high-end threat aircraft and validate the systems relay capability.



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3. MD 6475 Y
BTY280180574
1975 Bristol 28' Sailboat "Old Blue"
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SSU91023M84C
1984 S2 9.1 29' Sailboat
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TYA37421E485
1984 Tayana 37' Sailboat "Early Liberty"
6. MD 6569 D
ABV00034F887
1987 Hutchins 27' Sailboat, "Sookie Sue"
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1975 Trojan 26' Motorboat
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1987 Bayliner 24' Motorboat
10. USCG DOC# 586550
HIN # 3092
1969 Islander 37' Sailboat, "Clotho"
11. MD 8241 X
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12. USCG DOC# 541568
HIN # None
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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 for the most up-to date information

Veterans' Resource Day

Veterans' Resource Day is back! Join us on Friday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center (21905 Chancellors Run Rd, Great Mills, MD). This year's event will feature the Loffler Senior Activity Center's annual Veterans Circle Ceremony from 9:30-11 a.m., a luncheon provided by Mission BBQ at 11:30 a.m., and a presentation on accessing and utilizing Veterans Benefits at 1 p.m. Informational tables with various veterans' support organizations will be available all day.

Veterans Resource Day is free and open to the community. For more information, please contact Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, or sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Presentations

- Maryland Dept. Of Veterans Affairs
- Willie Borden, Jr. – Accessing & Utilizing Veterans Benefits – 1 p.m. Informational Tables
- Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
- Disabled American Veterans
- Maryland Department of Labor - Veterans Services
- Maryland's Commitment to Veterans
- The Vet Center
- Wounded Warrior Project

Medication Takeback Day & Shred Event

Do you have expired, unused, and unwanted medications or paper documents with personal information that you'd like to purge? This is your chance to dispose of them safely! Bring your items for disposal to National Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Department of Aging & Human Services in the Governmental Center, located at 41780 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, MD.

Shredding services and medication collection for pills, liquids, and needles will be offered. This event is free and open to the public.

Join Jeannine Robinson-Hurley from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General at 9:30 a.m. to learn about common scams, fraud, and how to protect your identity!

October Health Watch Presentation

Protecting Yourself from Infections will be the topic for this month's presentation on Wednesday, October 18 at 10 a.m. at the Loffler

Senior Activity Center: Infections are uncomfortable and if not treated early enough can lead to longer lasting disease. It's best to avoid infections altogether with simple actions. Mary Tennyson will give you the scoop on how protect yourself. Call the reservation line and leave a message if you want to sign up for this presentation at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Free.

Nutrition Presentations by Donna Taggart

Donna will be at the Loffler Senior Activity Center to discuss Vegetarian Awareness Month

on Monday, October 18 at 10 a.m. **ADDITIONALLY-** Donna will be offering free personal nutritional counseling at 11 a.m. on this day if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539. If you want to resister for the presentation, leave a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Free.

Fresh Conversations

Fresh Conversations is a four-week program sponsored by the University of Maryland Extension and the Maryland Department of Aging. It is designed to help people learn ways to maintain health and independence while having fun through socializing, sampling new recipes, discussing health topics and discovering new ways to be active. This Series will be offered at all three senior activity centers in St. Mary's County. Here are the topics in the upcoming series and times at each location:

Cancer- Preventable, Not Inevitable

- Garvey, Oct. 19 10 a.m.
- Loffler, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
- Northern, Oct. 18 1 p.m.

Fuel Your Independence with Protein

- Garvey, Oct. 26 10 a.m.
- Loffler, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.
- Northern, Oct. 27 1 p.m.

Register for this series by leaving a message on the reservation lines of your choice as soon as possible: 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 (Garvey); 1600 (Loffler); 3115 (Northern).

Loffler Book Club News

The next meeting of the Loffler Book Club will be Friday, November 12. We are reading *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V. E. Schwab. If you are interested in joining out casual, peer-led discussion group, contact Sheila.Grazianno@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 with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Friday, Oct. 15

Community Health & Wellness Fair

Garvey Senior Activity Center
23630 Hayden Farm Lane
Leonardtown
9a.m. to 3p.m.

This year's event will feature informational booths, health screenings, speakers, and more! Register in advance to be entered into a special drawing! For more information visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging/health-fair.asp.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Leonardtown Summer Music Festival

Leonardtown Square
22670 Washington Street
Leonardtown
9a.m. to 11a.m.

Amish Outlaws

An exciting cover band from Amish Country that performs any and all music styles plays Leonardtown Square for the first time on Saturday.

For more information please visit www.leonardtownmusicfest.com

Anti-Sex Trafficking Awareness Event

Leonardtown Library
23630 Hayden Farm Lane
Leonardtown
10a.m. to 1p.m.

Human trafficking is hidden, fast-growing and complex- generating billions each year through the exploitation of millions of people. It doesn't just happen in other countries: it happens right here in Maryland communities. Learn how traffickers recruit their victims, the role of social media, and steps parents/guardians or teachers and others can take to protect children.

Educate yourself, pay attention and learn how to take action.

Please join us as we educate ourselves, learn how to spot trafficking signs and learn how to take action.

AntisextraffickingawarenessSoMD.eventbrite.com

Kitten Yoga at Spice Studio

22725 Washington Street
Leonardtown
10a.m. to 12:30p.m.

The last event sold out super fast so get you tickets now and come join us for some kitten therapy at SPICE Studio clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/mainclass?studioid=927076&tg=&vt=&lvl=&stye=-7&view=day&trn=0&page=&catid=&prodid=&date=10%2f16%2f21&classid=0&prodGroupId=&sSU=&optForwardingLink=&qParam=&justloggedin=&nLgIn=&pMode=0&loc=1

It will be a gentle yoga flow class with kittens and an opportunity to adopt the kittens after class.

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

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

Questions about adoption? Please email tinytoeskittenrescue@gmail.com

Am. Legion Pork Loin and Beef Sandwich Sale

21690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242)
Avenue
11a.m. to 4p.m.

American Legion Post 221 is sponsoring a pork loin and beef sandwich sale. Pork loin, sliced roast beef, and BBQ beef sandwiches will be sold on both Saturday and Sunday at American Legion Post 221 @ 21690 Colton's Point Rd (Rt. 242), in Avenue, MD. The event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and sandwiches will cost \$7.00 each. Visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-221-105239187962458/ or e-mail us at alpost221@aol.com. Call 301*848*9458 for more information. Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

Sunday, Oct. 17

Generation to Generation Week

Five: Countercultural
Patuxent Presbyterian Church
23421 Kingston Creek Road
California
9:30a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Each Sunday through October 24th, Rev. Matt Poolery will preach on how to show Christ to a new generation. All are invited to 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship

at Patuxent Presbyterian Church—in-person or online (YouTube).

Website: www.paxpres.com/

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCreJBwKjHkbp4lS5Ef4Nw?view_as=subscriber

Monday, Oct. 18

Dream Queen Happy Hour Networking Event

Kingfishers Seafood Bar & Grill
14442 Solomons Island Rd
Solomons

5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Dream Queen™ Women's Networking Events were created as a special place for positive, passionate, purpose-filled women to come together to share personal and professional celebrations, grow your sphere of influence, connect, set desires and intentions with a supportive community, and gain business and personal connections and relationships that allow you to expand, execute, and elevate your career, life, and dreams.

Friday, Oct. 22

Mechanicsville Rescue Squad Auxiliary Auction

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge
27636 Mechanicsville Rd
Mechanicsville Md 20659
6p.m. to 10p.m.

Doors open at 4:30

Auction starts at 6:00pm

Food will be available for purchase from the Moose lodge

Sunday, Oct. 23

BONFIRE!!

Christ Episcopal Church
25390 Maddox Road
Chaptico
6:00pm- 8:00pm

Free hot dogs, hot chocolate, smores, and trick or treat bags

Costumes are optional, but we would love to see you at your spookiest!

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In Remembrance

Sharon Gail Weiner



Sharon Gail Weiner, 71, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on September 25, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on September 28, 1949 in Baltimore, MD to the late Harrison Sachs and Shirley Barshook Sachs.

On October 31, 1971, Sharon married her beloved husband, John Samuel Weiner in Baltimore, MD. Together they celebrated over 49 wonderful years of marriage. She spent her career nurtur-

ing and teaching students as an Educator, 3 year in Baltimore City Public Schools and 32 year for St. Mary's County Public Schools.

In addition to her husband, John, Sharon is also survived by her children: Scott Weiner (Kelly) of Hollywood, MD, Rachel Smith (Eric) of Orange Park, FL, and Aaron Weiner of Hollywood, MD; her sisters, Boni Jacobson of West Palm Beach, FL, and Lauri Sachs of Great Mills, MD; her grandchildren: Lauren Weiner, Olivia Weiner, Jaiden Smith and Keira Smith; and many extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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

And you may listen to the funeral services at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Richard "Porkchops" Lacey



Richard "Porkchops" Lacey, 84, of Charlotte Hall, MD, passed away on October 7, 2021 surrounded by family in Clements, MD. Born on August 24, 1937 in Avenue, MD, he was the son of the late Thomas McGuire Lacey, Sr. and Margaret Mary Lacey. Richard married Judith Elaine McNeel at St. Matthews Cathedral in Washington, DC on April 28, 1962. They were married for 37 years.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Diane Hope Bowling (Calvin "Bucky") of La Plata, MD, son, Douglas Richard Lacey (Kristina) of New Smyrna Beach, FL, and daughter, Tricia Heather Lacey (Matt Gordon) of Swan Point, MD. He is also survived by grandchildren Kristin, Kyle, Jessica, Justin, Lacey, and Leah, great grandchildren Caroline, Mariella, Cayla, Johnny, and Cassidy, his loving companion Shirley Dean, brother-in-law Kennedy Abell and sister-in-law Joan Lacey. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Judy, brothers and sisters, Bill Lacey, Tucker Lacey, Mary Lou Smith, Ann Abell, Kathleen Irene Lacey, and Rita Wathen.

Richard was proud to serve with the U.S. Marines from 1957 to 1960. He retired from Safeway Stores as the manager of the meat department in February 1999 after 39 years of service. Richard was a lifetime member of the 7th District Optimist Club, which he joined in 2004 and served as the President 2013-2014. He served on the Board of Directors several times and was recognized as Optimist of the Year in 2009. He enjoyed the fellowship of the club and loved volunteering at their events.

He loved spending time with his family, watching his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends enjoy the pool, playing cards with his friends and

family, sipping a good gin and tonic, watching Gunsmoke, and going to dances.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the 7th District Optimist Club, P.O. Box 53, Bushwood, MD 20618 and Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Marion Cecil Tennyson



Marion Cecil Tennyson, 88, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on October 4, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Marion is survived by her seven children, Joe Mike Tennyson (Kim Newton), Carolyn Berger (Tom), Rosella Nicolet (Buddy), Barbara Lacey (Bill), Kelly Goldsborough (Chris), Francis Tennyson (Lisa), and Patrick Tennyson (Ellie). She had 18 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister Rose Dement (Stewart) of Mechanicsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Lee Lee Massey, as well as her husband, Jim Tom Tennyson. Marion and Jim Tom shared 67 wonderful years together, and are now reunited in heaven.


Marion was born on September 22, 1933, to the late J. Allan and Rosie Boothe Cecil of Great Mills, MD. She lived her entire life in St. Mary's County. Her family has roots that go back to the early settlers, arriving in the area in 1654. She is a proud member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She attended local schools, including St. Mary's Academy, where she was a boarder. She made lifelong friendships there, attending many of the reunions over the years. Upon completion of high school, she went on to attend St. Mary's Seminary, majoring in Home Econom-

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ics, which certainly served her, her family, and friends well. She was always volunteering to make food for church bake sales, card parties, and family gatherings. Her specialty was bread pudding, Boston cream pie, and strawberry shortcake. Even when she shared the recipes, everyone said the food just tasted better when Marion made it, probably because she added the extra ingredient, "love". In addition to her baking skills, she had a witty sense of humor that brought laughter to all those around her.

Marion met the love of her life standing on the corner at "Duke's Bar" with fellow classmates from the Academy, all hoping to get rides home for the weekend. Jim Tom, heading to a baseball game in the southern end of the county, stopped to give a friend a ride, and offered to give Marion a ride too. The rest is history; he asked her out that very same day (willing to drive back to Clements to clean up after his ball game, and going back to Great Mills to pick her up).

Marion was a devoted wife and a very proud mother. Every chance she had, she would brag about her children. Then, a new generation of grandchildren and great grandchildren came along, and she had even more to brag about. She was affectionately called Maw Maw. She never missed a birthday or a chance to celebrate milestones in each of their lives.

Marion worked in the Mechanicsville Post Office, retiring after 38 years of service. She comes from a long line of postal workers, starting with her grandfather who was the Postmaster for the Great Mills Post Office. Her mother and sister also worked for the postal service. She made many friends and enjoyed seeing everyone when they stopped in to pick up or send mail.

Along with Jim Tom, Marion liked to gamble. Although she played cards and enjoyed Pitch and Rummy, she really liked the Slot Machines. Penny machines were her favorite. She hit a few small jackpots, but mostly "broke even". So, while Jim Tom played poker in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and Dover, she very happily played the one-arm bandits.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Church, Morganza, MD at P.O. Box 175, Morganza, MD 20660 and/or Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad at P.O. Box 15, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mat-

tingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory.

Sharon Annette Bond



Sharon Annette Bond, 52, of Lexington Park, MD, formerly of PG County, passed away on October 3, 2021 at her home. Born on March 28, 1969 in Cheverly, MD, she was the daughter of the late Linda Lee Zegowitz and the late Edward Milton Hogge, Sr. She was the loving wife of Richard Bond, Sr., whom she married on August 24, 1991, and who preceded her in death on November 29, 2004. Sharon is survived by her children Nicholas Bond of Great Mills, MD, James Bond of Great Mills, MD, Amber Bond of Great Mills, MD, and Linda Bond of King George, VA, her siblings Tammy Carr of Mechanicsville, MD, Edward Hogge, Jr. of San Antonio, TX, as well as her grandchildren Garry Morris, Jr., Riley Owens, Abigail Bond, Connor Morris, Ava Owens, and Clayton Owens. She was preceded in death by her sister Christina LamPhere.

Sharon was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident and attended Forestville High School. She was a homemaker.

She was a stay-at-home mother for most of her life, but had a couple jobs over the years; Food Lion, Nicoletti's Pizza, a caregiver at Leonardtown Nursing Home, and 7-Eleven, however, being a stay-at-home mom was one of her best jobs! Sharon was one of a kind; if she loved you, then you were special to her. She was always a helping hand, and seemed to give the best advice. "Momma knows best", as she would say. If you were a friend to one of her children, you were considered her child. Growing up, everyone always wanted to be at Momma Bond's house enjoying her cooking. She was a very crafty woman, and loved to paint, color, and draw in her free time. Christmas was her favorite holiday, as she would always chef up for her family. Sharon will be

missed dearly.

No services will be held at this time.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

James (Jim) Carlyle Browne Sr.



James (Jim) Carlyle Browne Sr., of Lexington Park, passed away on October 1st at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland after a tough battle with Covid-19. The family will receive friends and family from 1:00 PM to 1:30PM on Saturday October 9th at the Callaway Baptist Church where a celebration of life will be held at 1:30PM. Pastor Dan Moore will be officiating.

Jim was born in Cheverly, MD to Edgar Backman Browne Jr & Charlotte Catherine Newton on March 4th, 1947. Jim attended High School in Calvert County, MD. Jim grew up boating, fishing, biking, and pretty much being on the water as often as possible. He married his wife, Aileen Faye Brady of 55 years on October 29th, 1966, in Port Republic, MD. He worked as a Master Electrician and Master Heating Ventilation and Air Condition (HVAC) Stationary Engineer. His last position before retirement was supporting the heating plant at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. His zest for life is passed on to those around him. He would often ride a bike for 40 plus miles before he broke his back. Often taking his daughter and grandkids on hikes and camping trips. Even staying strong and brave when bears came. His loving spirit changed even the dullest of days.

Jim was a strong believer in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and a true evangelist. His greatest passion was to share the good news of Christ to everyone he met.

Jim and his wife started a track ministry, writing his own hand written tracks. They spent several years on a campsite ministry traveling the East coast and to Texas to spread the gospel to everyone they could reach.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents Edgar B. Browne Jr, and Charlotte Catherine Browne.

Jim is survived by his wife, Aileen Faye Browne, son, James C. Browne Jr, his wife Bobbi Ann Browne, Daughters, daughter Donna Richardson her husband Dennis Richardson and daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Wise her husband Travis Wise. Brothers, Edgar (Buster) Browne his wife Barbara Browne and Robert Browne. His grandchildren, Jonathan Michael Latham, Nathan Alexander Latham, Sara Ann Browne, James Carlyle Browne III, Elizabeth Ann Browne, Matthew Ryan Browne, Rebecca Lynn Browne, Robert Joseph Browne, Amber Lynn Browne, Christopher Wyatt Browne, and Chase Alexander Wise. Great Grandson James Colton Rainwater.

The family of James Browne wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff at St. Mary's hospital that took such good care of him while he was fighting COVID.

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

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Charlotte Duvall Sebra



Charlotte Duvall Sebra, 86, of Dameron, MD (formerly of Perry Hall, MD) passed away at her home on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 with her loving family at her side.

She was born on September 11, 1935 in Baltimore, MD to the late Charles Edward Duvall and Margaret Doeffinger Duvall. She was the wife of Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, Sr. They were married at Perry Hall United Methodist Church

The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

on January 28, 1960. Charlotte spent her first years in Boring, MD. Her family moved to Baltimore during World War II. She attended Patterson Park High School graduating in 1953. She received her bachelor's in nursing from the University of Maryland Nursing School in 1957. Charlotte worked as the head delivery nurse at the University of Maryland Hospital until the birth of her first child.

Charlotte and Kenneth settled in Perry Hall to raise their family. Charlotte was an active member of the Perry Hall United Methodist Church teaching Sunday school, organizing and teaching vacation bible school, member and president of the Woman's Society, the Director of Missions, and organizer of the church yearly holiday dinner and bazaar. She was a reading tutor at Perry Hall Junior High School for many years. She was a Cub Scout den mother while her sons were active in scouting. She served as the director of epochs for Jobs Daughters Bethel 57 while her daughters were members. Charlotte served several years on the board of the Cockpit in Court summer theater.

Charlotte and Kenneth moved to Dameron, MD in 1987. After moving to Dameron they became active in many of the Maryland Masonic organizations. Through their Masonic affiliation and life on St. Jerome's Creek they created many friendships. In 1998 her grandson, Ethan, was born and in 2000 her granddaughter, Danielle, was born. Charlotte was Ethan and Danielle's full-time grandmother and provided loving home care while her daughter worked. After Kenneth's retirement in March 2000, they traveled throughout the United States, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom. They were always on the go attending a family or masonic event.

In addition to her beloved husband, Charlotte is also survived by her children: Susan Anne Sebra of Towson, MD, Charlotte Sebra Gore (Daniel) of Leonardtown, MD, Kenneth Hopkins Sebra, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA, William Hugh Sebra II of Wyomissing, PA; her grandchildren: Ethan Robert Gore, Danielle Susan Gore, D. Ryan Gore, Christopher Gore, and Alissa Gardiner (Starke); and her great granddaughter, Aela Gardiner. She is also survived by her brothers, George Duvall (Kathy) of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Gary Duvall (Mindy) of Joppa, MD. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother, Raymond Duvall and her sister, Norma Shaffer.

The family would like to thank

her caregivers, especially Angela Young and Danette Smoot, Hospice of St. Mary's, the Home Call nurses, and Temeria Wilcox, CRNP.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Shriners Children's Hospital, 3551 North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140.

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

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Georgia Hanora Alderton



Georgia Hanora Alderton, 91, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on October 6, 2021 at home with her family by her side.

Georgia was born on August 11, 1930 in Baltimore, MD to the late Vance Peterson and Florence Goodwin Peterson.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin Lyn Mock of Leonardtown, MD; her brother, Grant Peterson of Forest Hill, MD, and her grandchildren, Amanda and Justin Mock. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Hunsicker and her sister, Nancy Fritze.

At this time services are private.

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

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SSG James Leroy Owens, Sr.

SSG James Leroy Owens, Sr., USA, (Ret.), 69 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on October 3, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

Born on May 10, 1952, he is the son of the late James Roy Owens and Gertrude Pilkerton Owens.

Leroy was born and raised in St. Mary's County. In September 1975, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served his country for over 20 dedicated years of



service until his retirement as a Staff Sergeant in May 1995. On January 7, 1977, he married the love of his life Margaret Susan "Peggy" Owens at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD. Together they celebrated 37 wonderful years together before her passing in December 2014. After retiring from the Army he was also employed by Harry Lundberg School as a Farmer for many years before retiring in 2013. His hobbies included camping with his wife and friends, hunting and fishing, watching Westerns on TV, and cutting grass. He volunteered at St. Mary's County Fairgrounds working as the groundskeeper for the County Fair for over 20 years.

Leroy is survived by his children, James "Leroy" Owens, Jr. (Tracy) of Dameron, MD and Stacey Lee Currie (Robert) of Leonardtown, MD; his siblings: Margaret Ann Baumer, Mary Agnes Biggs (Paul), Nancy Wheedleton, Richard Owens and Francis Owens; his grandchildren: Michael Owens, Kelly Boswell, Kamran Swales; Jase Currie and Nevaeh Currie; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his wife Margaret Owens and infant grandsons Luke and Levi Nicholson.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with prayers at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Michael Owens, Willie Ridgell, Robert Simmons, Bruce Trossbach, Paul Biggs Jr, Matthew Ridgell, Chris Wheeler, Johnathon Lachkovic. Honorary pallbearers will be: Kamran Swales and Jase Currie.

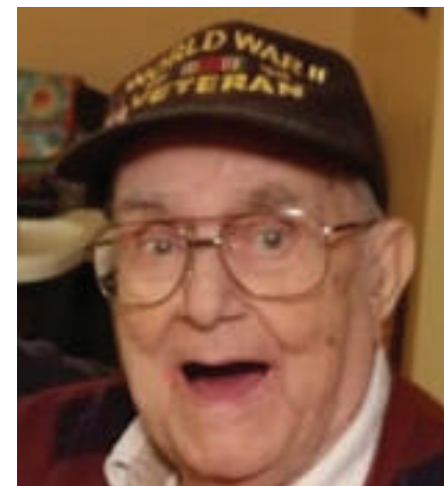
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teer Fire and Rescue Squads, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692 and Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, P.O. Box 520, Ridge, MD 20680.

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Frederick Allen Wilson, Jr.



Frederick Allen Wilson, Jr., 95, of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home died peacefully October 5, 2021 surrounded by his family.

Fred was born on February 1, 1926 to the late Frederick Allen Wilson, Sr. and the late Henrietta Emma Anderson Wilson Melvin in Baltimore, MD. He had one sister, the late Elizabeth Irene Wilson Betts and one brother, the late Robert Fillmore Abraham Wilson.

During WWII at the age of 17 he quit high school to enlist in the US Navy. He became a gunner's mate and served on the Liberty ships S.S. Robert Jordan, S.S. George Bencroft, and S.S. James Manning, transporting cargo and personnel to Europe and the Mediterranean. At the end of the war, he was honorably discharged on November 26, 1945 and began working as a pressman for Eikenberg Printing Co. for over 40 years. Even after formally retiring he continued to work for them part-time running the older presses.

Fred always regretted not completing high school so after his retirement from Eikenberg he enrolled in the GED program in Baltimore and graduated at 68 years of age, one of his proudest achievements.

Shortly before the end of WWII, Fred's mother and sister introduced him to their co-worker Margaret Marion Liberto and she and Fred fell in love. They were married in 1945 in Baltimore and had sixty years together, with Fred as Margie's devoted caretaker in her



last year's till she died November 29, 2005.

Shortly after Margie's death, Fred moved to St. Mary's County to be closer to his son and family. He resided at Cedar Lane Apartments for ten years where he was known for his cheerful and outgoing personality. He especially cherished the nickname "Sunshine boy" bestowed upon him by a staff member and he loved helping out wherever he could. After Cedar Lane he lived with his son for a year and then moved into Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

He is survived by his son Ronald Allen Wilson (Linda) of Lexington Park; granddaughters Amy Kodluboy (John) of Lexington Park and Kathryn Edgar (George) of Drayden; and five great-grandchildren (Christine, Joseph, Riley, Quinn, and Carson); and two great-great-grandchildren (Adaline and JoeJoe).

The family will have a private memorial at home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, <https://www.hospiceofstmarys.org/ways-to-give/> and to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, <https://charhall.org/content/donations/>.

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

All arrangements made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

Robert "Bob" Gregg Durbin

Robert "Bob" Gregg Durbin, age 78, died Oct. 7, 2021 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Facility after an ongoing illness. Bob, born March 2, 1943, in Charleston, WV, was the son of Martha and Robert Durbin. Bob was a long-time educator, teaching Latin at St. Mary's Ryken High School, in Leonardtown, for more than



40 years. He retired in 2010. He also taught Latin at Cardinal Gibbons High School and Calverton. He served throughout his career as athletic director, golf, tennis, cheerleading coach, the founder of the Latin Club and the Celtic Club at the school. He also supported the school's Shakespearean Drama Club. Bob was a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary and received a masters degree in secondary education from Loyola University of Maryland.

He loved walking along the beaches near his home in Drum Point, working with students, travel, and the study of foreign languages. He is preceded in death by his wife, Kathy, his stepdaughter, Leslie Gallagher, and his twin brother, Thomas "Tom" Durbin. He is survived by his son, Andrew Durbin and daughter-in-law Anna Durbin (Papierniak) of Baltimore, his step-son, James Gallagher, of Solomons, his siblings Charles "Chuck" Durbin and Mary Durbin, of Palm Harbor, FL, his four grandchildren and friend Evelyn Fenner.

Services will be private. Arrangements were provided by Rausch Funeral Home, P.A., Lusby, MD. To leave the family a condolence please visit www.rausch-funeralhomes.com

APPROACHING THE HOLIDAYS WITHOUT FINANCIAL STRESS

*Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel*

This time of year can bring on the worst kind of financial stress—the “why do I have no money but have to buy all these gifts” kind. The “but my children really want these things I cannot afford to buy” kind. The “my sister/brother/uncle/other relative is expecting a great gift from me” kind. The “I wonder how much more I can put on the credit card before I max out” kind.

How do you cope with financial stress? The first step is to change your point of view. Try some of the following:

- Who said great gifts have to cost money? The greatest gift is your time. How about providing babysitting or cleaning services to the ones you love. Calling a distant lonely relative every Sunday is a wonderful way to connect and a year-long gift of your time.

- We live in a great place! A family outing to great and totally free treats such as nature preserves, parks and museums is just a short car ride away. You will help to create memories that will last a lifetime. Spending the day with your children touring the Air and Space Museum and other Smithsonian treasures, followed by a hot chocolate treat, is a far greater and memorable gift than something that comes in a box.

- Make your own holiday decorations and let the family help. Collect pine branches, pinecones, sticks, greenery and arrange what you find into wreaths, table displays, etc. Not only will you have fun with the process, what you create will make great gifts for friends.

- How about the gift of learning how to paint or bake or weld or fix your car? I'll bet you have friends that can teach all of these things—barter what you know how to do for lessons for someone you love. Barter works so well.

- Give back and teach your children to do the same. Anyone who volunteers at a soup kitchen, or as a driver for meals on wheels knows very well that when you volunteer, you aren't giving a gift, you are receiving one. Teach by doing—involve your family in giving back to others and you will raise children who are respectful of others and you as well.

- You don't show someone you care by buying them more stuff. All of us have too much stuff. I am reminded that when my son was young, he enjoyed playing with the boxes more than playing

with the stuff that came in them. Don't spend to impress; it doesn't work. Show someone how much you really care by telling them. Handwritten notes, e-cards, collections of family photos, a box of homemade cookies, all of these are greater gifts than the latest iPad. The iPad is wonderful, of course, but not memorable. It's your personal sentiment that counts, not how much you spend.

- Humor is great to defuse a tense family financial situation. If you are put into the position of having to compete with other relatives on holiday gifts, suggest to your families that you scrap the gift giving and instead create a contest for “the tackiest holiday gift under \$20” or “the ugliest holiday sweater.” Shopping for these gifts as a family can be great fun. Some of your family can shop and some can judge the contest.

- How about setting a monetary limit of \$25.00 per gift—it's a challenge to come up with something, but a lot of fun to look. Don't forget the consignment shops for great choices at bargain prices—maybe you should try the contest for the most number of gifts for a total of \$25.00. That's a contest that may be harder to win than you think—and fun, too.

- Winter sports fan? Skating and learning how to skate is great and we have lots of free skating rinks in our area. Or, check out the less expensive local sports teams for great entertainment.

- Neighborhood get togethers, pot luck dinners, out-in-the-cold barbeques, all are fun and relatively inexpensive ways to entertain during the holidays.

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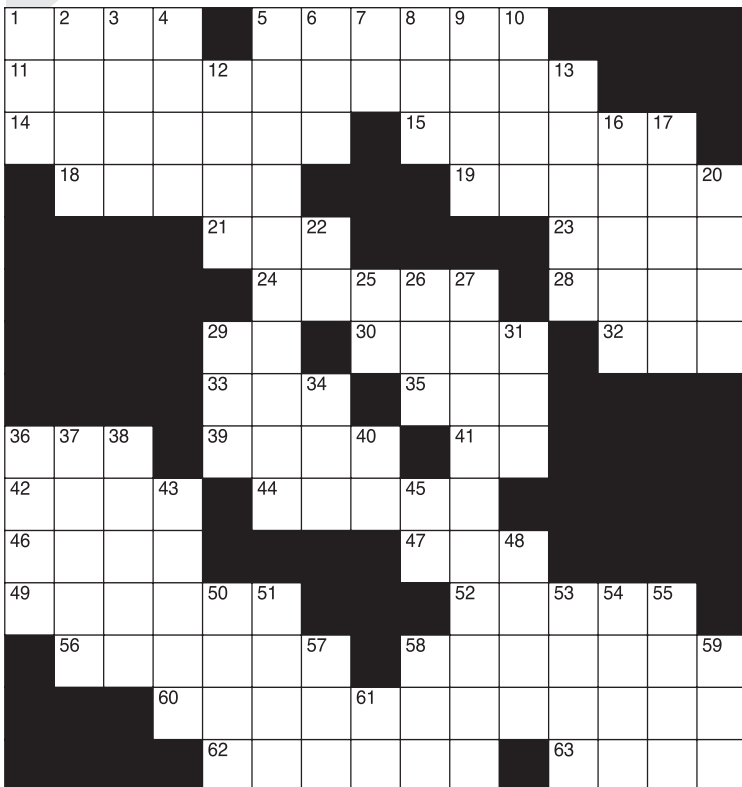
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- 1. Flat-topped hill
- 5. Move upward
- 11. Admiration
- 14. It's useful for serving food
- 15. Kidnap
- 18. One of the Greek Muses
- 19. A type of media
- 21. Sunscreen rating
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. German town devastated in WW2
- 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- 29. Leave
- 30. Forearm bone
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Helps little firms
- 35. Defunct economic organization
- 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- 39. Feels ill
- 41. Indicates position
- 42. Beverage containers
- 44. Assists
- 46. Science

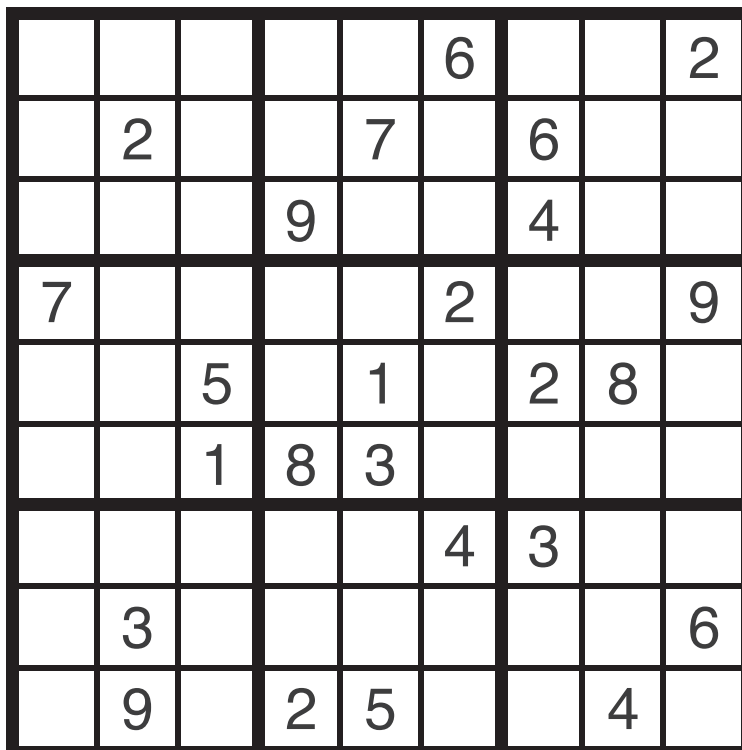
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- organization (abbr.)
- 47. Purpose
- 49. Group of elected officials
- 52. Hebrew prophet
- 56. They help you drink
- 58. Lawmaker
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Doctrines
- 63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Where wrestlers work
- 2. Dueling sword
- 3. Practice fight
- 4. Genus of clams
- 5. Fear of heights
- 6. What some tell their dog
- 7. The Golden State
- 8. When you expect to get there
- 9. Pointed ends
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Feeds
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Descendant
- 17. Small boats found in Turkey
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Athlete with no

- contract (abbr.)
- 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 26. Brew
- 27. Feeling of anxiety
- 29. Young girls group
- 31. Perform on stage
- 34. White clerical vestment
- 36. Popular musical awards show
- 37. Bumpkins
- 38. One who acts on another's behalf
- 40. Direction
- 43. Look at with fixed eyes
- 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
- 48. A large number of
- 50. Type of powder
- 51. Large jug
- 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
- 54. American state
- 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
- 57. Witness
- 58. Landscapers lay it
- 59. Type of bread
- 61. Of I



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