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States Attorney Issues Report on Peyton Ham's Death

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Six months after the shooting death of 16-year-old Peyton Ham at the hands of a Maryland State Trooper, the official conclusion of the criminal investigation into the trooper's actions that day is that he acted appropriately and lawfully in discharging his weapon.

"Based on our investigation and analysis, we have concluded that [Ham] intentionally engaged in behavior that posed an apparent risk of imminent serious injury or death, with the intent to precipitate the use of deadly force by law enforcement personnel towards himself," State's Attorney Richard Fritz stated in a letter to State Police Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III regarding the incident which occurred in Leonardtown April 13.

Fritz continued that his office will not pursue any charges against Tpr. Joseph Azzari, who has been with the agency for almost three years.

The investigation report states that Azzari responded to the call for a man with a gun in the neighborhood on Hollywood Road, just over 100 yards from the Leonardtown Barrack where he heard the alert, which was made to the county's 911 center by Ham himself.

"During the first call at 1:21 p.m. [Ham] stated: 'Uh, there's some guy acting suspicious; I think he has a gun, come here now,'" the report stated. "During the second call at 1:23p.m. [Ham] stated: 'Uh, 23, 23260 Hollywood Road, Maryland. Um, there's some guy acting suspicious; I think he has a gun, can you, just come now, man.'"

Ham made the calls using a cell phone found with him after the shooting, the report stated, with the number of the cell phone belonging to a relative of Ham.

When Azzari arrived on scene, he parked in the back yard of a house next to Ham's residence and "was immediately confronted by [Ham], who came from behind a parked vehicle in the driveway of 23260."

"Azzari stated that [Ham] was walking towards him saying 'I have a gun,'" the report stated. "[Ham] displayed a replica Sig Sauer P250 firearm bearing markings of an actual P250 handgun but designed to shoot BB-style projectiles."

Witnesses at the scene corroborated, Azzari's testimony, the report showed, stating Ham was holding what appeared to be a large handgun at the trooper from just 17 feet away.

Azzari drew his own service weapon and ordered Ham repeatedly to drop his gun, the report stated, but Ham continued to approach.

Azzari fired 11 times, striking Ham.

Azzari ordered Ham to the ground



and radioed in that shots had been fired and the suspect was down.

Azzari approached Ham to render medical aid with a tourniquet, the report stated, and ordered Ham to lie down on the ground while searching the area for other weapons.

"However, as Trooper Azzari approached him, [Ham] removed a knife from his pocket and brandished it while beginning to stand back up," according to the report. "During this encounter, [Ham] stated to Trooper Azzari that he wanted to die."

Both Azzari and witnesses on the scene repeatedly told Ham to drop his knife; Azzari fired four more times.

Azzari ran back to his vehicle to retrieve his medical bag, stated the report, but more police officers arrived and tried to save Ham's life; Ham later died from his injuries.

One witness driving down Hollywood Road reported to police that they saw Ham pointing a gun at the trooper, describing Ham as "appearing very angry" while Azzari was "calm."

Another witness, who lived next to Ham's residence, said they saw Ham comply with the officer to get on the ground after being shot the first time but saw Ham get back up with a knife; the neighbor heard Ham's own relative shout at him to drop the knife as well.

The neighbor's Live Photo captured on their iPhone of Azzari and Ham shows the trooper loudly and clearly orders Ham to "Put down the knife!" while he walks from Ham's back to his front, the report said.

Azzari reported that Ham had gotten back to his feet and was again approaching the trooper with the knife in his hand before he fired.

When Azzari fired again he fired four more rounds, striking Ham in the chest.

The autopsy of Ham, which showed he was 6-feet tall and weighing over 200 pounds, found he had sustained seven gunshot wounds; two to the neck, one in the chest, one in the left shoulder, two in the left arm and one in the right



Tpr. Joseph Azzari approaching Peyton Ham, kneeling, seconds before he shot the 16-year-old a second time.

forearm.

Azzari fired 15 times during the incident, the full capacity of his Glock 22 .40-caliber service weapon.

Detectives recovered data from the phone Ham used, noting his two calls to 911, as well as discussions about Ham's grades — he was a sophomore at Leonardtown High School — that lead him to have to return to school four days

a week from virtual learning. "There were no other apparent stressors, conflicts, or issues identified in the [data] extraction," the report states.

Detectives also found a handwritten note in the pants of Ham's shorts he was wearing that day; the only word written on the note was: "Sorry."

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Slain Teen's Family Says Report Omits Key Details

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Peyton Ham's parents say they are disputing certain parts of the report from the State's Attorney's Office regarding his death at the hands of Tpr. Joseph Azzari in April.

State's Attorney Richard Fritz's report, released Oct. 20, said Azzari acted in lawful self-defense when he shot Ham, 16, because he believed the high school student was pointing a real handgun, and later a knife, at him.

"What's in this report is not respectful and there are inaccuracies in the report compared to that of [testimony] from eyewitnesses," said Kristee Boyle, Peyton's mother. "There are many details omitted that were important to the second round of shootings."

Because of the "gravity" of the situation, Ham's mother said, she could not share what details she said were omitted.

Ham was shot by Azzari when Ham refused to drop his handgun, what turned out to be an airsoft replica pistol, and knelt to the ground as Azzari approached him, the report stated.

Azzari fired a second time, according to the report, when Ham, though wounded, brandished a knife and approached Azzari, according to the trooper's testimony.

It was this final 48 seconds and four shots that the boy's father, Michael Boyle, had a hard time reconciling with

what was in the report.

"It reads to me not like a report but a press release," Ham's father said. "We don't know why that [the incident] happened but it's obvious he [Peyton] was in crisis."

Boyle, who works for the county public school system, said his 20 years of service there have included training to see warning signs of mental health problems in children.

He said he saw none.

"We had no idea Peyton was in any pain," Ham's father told The County Times.

He added that the family was "bewildered" that Azzari was not charged with any criminal infractions stemming from the shooting.

"Tomorrow he's going to put on a badge and his gun," Boyle said. "His life didn't change."

"Ours was changed forever."

Boyle said he and his wife had not even read the full report as they had been answering questions from the media all Wednesday.

He castigated State's Attorney Richard Fritz's office for releasing the report to the media shortly before the family's meeting with Fritz about it.

"They wanted to put their story out there before the family could even talk," Boyle said. "Something doesn't smell right about that."

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Good day, Southern Marylanders.

I tell you: it seems that everything is an obstacle nowadays. You don't know if you need to duck, jump, slide, run, hide, or just stand still. However, with this being much of our lives as of late, we need to remember the following scripture:

Joshua 1:9 "...Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

I love the above scripture because it reminds me of a story. Back in June 1984, I joined the Marine Corps and experienced the toughest 13 weeks in my life called BOOTCAMP. I remember being told one day to line up in front of the confidence course, and within this course, there was one task called "The Stairway to Heaven." This was a 30-foot, 11-log, ladder-like obstacle. Recruits must climb to the top, climb over the top log, and then go back down the other side. I was so scared because I wasn't the tallest person and each log was a bit higher as you go up... so you had at times to jump to the higher position. The issue was that there was no rope or net below. If you fell, you would fall in a small pit of sawdust below. I could see the ambulance next to the course, so that wasn't something that comforted me. All I remember is that I wasn't given the option of not doing it. All I heard was my drill instructor yelling behind me, "Get up there, recruit!"

As I was climbing these slippery logs, I could only think of one scripture – Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths". Friends, I truly needed God's help and needed Him to take all my fear and give me confidence that I could accomplish what I was being told to do.

Today, it seems that we as Americans are being asked to do many things, and for some, things we do not desire to do. I just want everyone to remember that God is bigger than this Log Ladder, our jobs, family situations, our addictions, and, yes, even a vaccination.

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Commissioners Award Contract for Next Section of FDR Boulevard

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The next section of FDR Boulevard to be completed is eight-tenths of a mile long and will run from Chancellors Run Road south to Buck Hewitt Road; it will cost an estimated \$8 million.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved the bid of the Great Mills Trading Post to do the job at their Oct. 19 meeting.

The long-awaited project has been completed slowly in stages from California southwards towards Great Mills and Lexington Park over the past 12 years; it is designed to connect communities off of the county's main thoroughfare — Route 235 — without having to contend with heavy traffic and reduce the already heavy traffic burden on Route 235 as well.

The project is a joint effort with the Metropolitan Commission; the construction of the roadway while a new water main will be constructed along its length.

The bid award requires that the project be completed in 18 months, according to county documents.

The entire length of FDR Boulevard will run from Route 4 to Pegg Road, which leads immediately into Gate 1 at Patuxent River Naval Air Station across from it, once completed.

The section to be completed in the next year-and-a-half is known as section 3A — the final leg of the project is 3B, which will run from Buck Hewitt Road to Pegg Road.

The total length of the finished project will be just 3.7 miles, estimated to cost \$2,126 per foot; the final cost is an estimated \$50.2 million.

The project should be completed by 2023, according to county capital construction budget plans.

Commissioner Todd Morgan, who is finishing his final term on the commissioner board next year, wished for continued work on the project for which he has long-advocated.

"I'm hoping when I'm gone the new board will continue to work to get FDR Boulevard finished," Morgan said. "The people who ride it now, they love it."

"It's doing good and I'm really happy when I drive on it, too."

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Molotov Cocktails Used in Hollywood Arson

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Investigators with the Maryland State Fire Marshals Office say that unknown suspects hurled Molotov cocktails at a Galant Man Drive residence Oct. 14 but no damage was done to the residence.

Investigators are asking the public's help in finding more information about the incident as well as who perpetrated the act.

The multiple Molotov cocktails landed in nearby brush, setting it on fire, investi-

There were no injuries resulting from the arson attack, according to fire marshals, and there was also no fire department response.

The incident occurred at about 11:30 p.m.

Southern Maryland fire investigators responded to a similar attack in Waldorf Oct. 13 in which a Molotov cocktail was thrown at flower bed outside a residence on Shiner Court.

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- Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
- Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Commission
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- Commission for Women
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- Ethics Commission
- Library Board of Trustees (Applications must be received by 11/5/21)
- Recreation & Parks Board
- Social Service Board
- Transportation Advisory Committee
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- Youth Advisory Committee

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Honor Allen Wins Another U.S. Oyster Shucking Championship

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Honor Allen, of Panama City, Florida won his fourth U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championship in Leonardtown Oct. 17, shucking a dozen oysters cleanly and precisely in just a little over two minutes and 15 seconds.

He won a virtual, speed-only shucking competition last year, not for a championship, by shucking 24 oysters in just 58 seconds.

“They were in pretty rough shape, it definitely wasn’t something you’d want to serve at the oyster bar,” Allen said laughingly.

“That’s what’s great about these competitions, you get to see the most proficient shuckers,” Allen continued. “They go as fast as they can but keep them as clean as possible.”

It’s this balance Allen wants to continue to master, not just to win the world shucking title for himself, which must be taken in Galway, Ireland in September of next year, but to the home of the national championship as well.

“I’m excited to see what next

year holds,” Allen said. “I want to bring a world championship back to St. Mary’s County, back to the U.S. Oyster Festival.

The COVID-19 pandemic eventually shut down restaurants where Allen was plying his trade in Florida, so he and his wife threw in with her parents to operate a new oyster farm.

“I couldn’t stop work,” Allen, 27, said. “I wanted to follow my passion.”

“It’s been quite a blessing.”

Though he calls Florida home, Allen said he loves St. Mary’s County and its deep historical connection to oysters.

“I absolutely love it,” Allen said. “It’s a blessing to get up there.

“There’s so much history connected with the Chesapeake oyster.”

The festival held at the fairgrounds each year are where he shines on the national stage.

“It’s definitely the place to be with the Oyster Festival,” Allen said. “It’s something so incredibly special.”

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Survey Shows Striped Bass Reproduction Below Average in Chesapeake

Other Species Strong in Rivers

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced results of this year's juvenile striped bass survey, which tracks the reproductive success of the iconic fish in the Chesapeake Bay. The 2021 young-of-year index is 3.2 which is slightly higher than last year but still below the long-term average of 11.4.

The coastal striped bass population has decreased in size, but is still capable of strong reproduction with the right environmental conditions. Variable spawning success is a well-known characteristic of the species. The index is slightly higher than 2020 but consecutive below average indices are a concern, and biologists continue to examine factors that might limit spawning success.

Atlantic Coast states enacted responsible conservation measures in recent years to reduce harvest and protect striped bass during spawning season. Maryland will work with other states in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to develop additional

measures to enhance the striped bass population through the Atlantic striped bass fishery management plan.

Other noteworthy observations of the survey were increased numbers of Atlantic menhaden in the Choptank River and healthy reproduction of American shad in the Potomac River. The survey also documented reproduction of invasive blue catfish in the upper Chesapeake Bay for the first time.

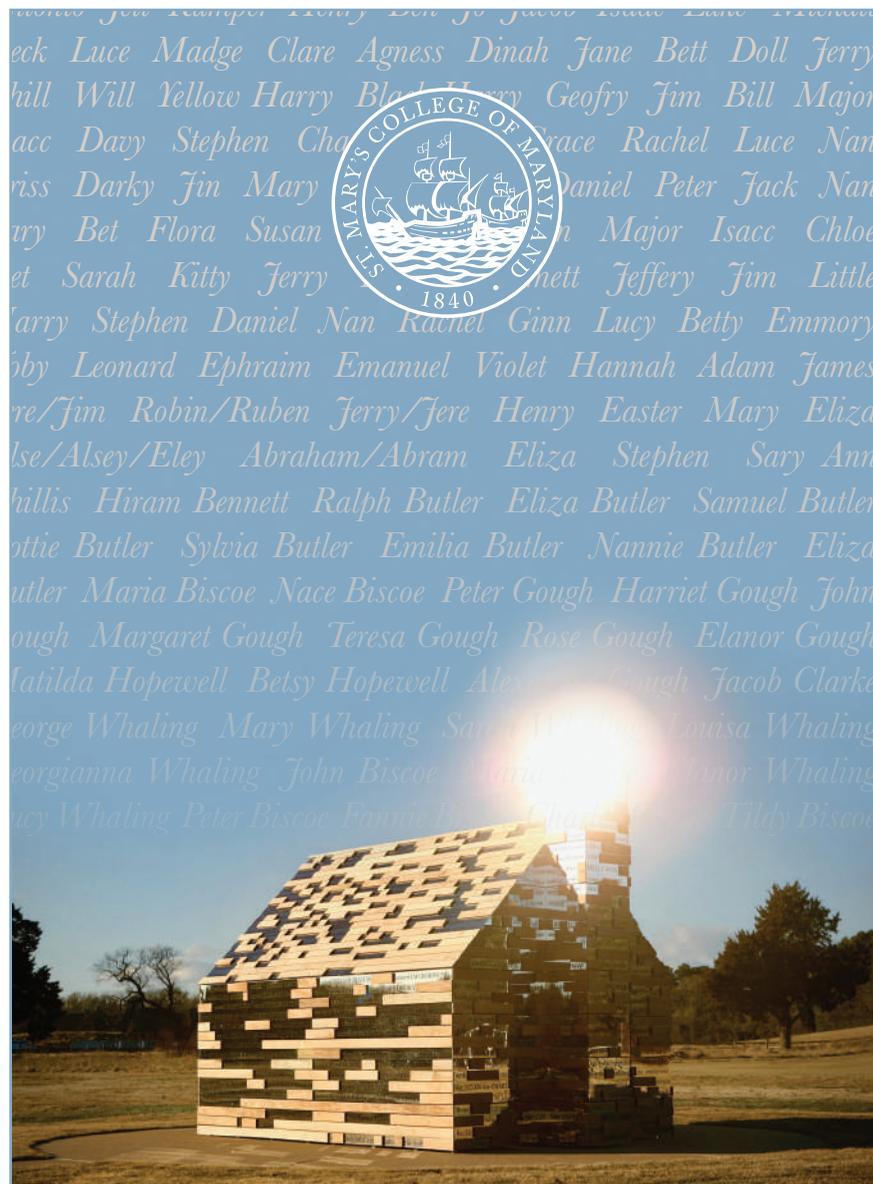
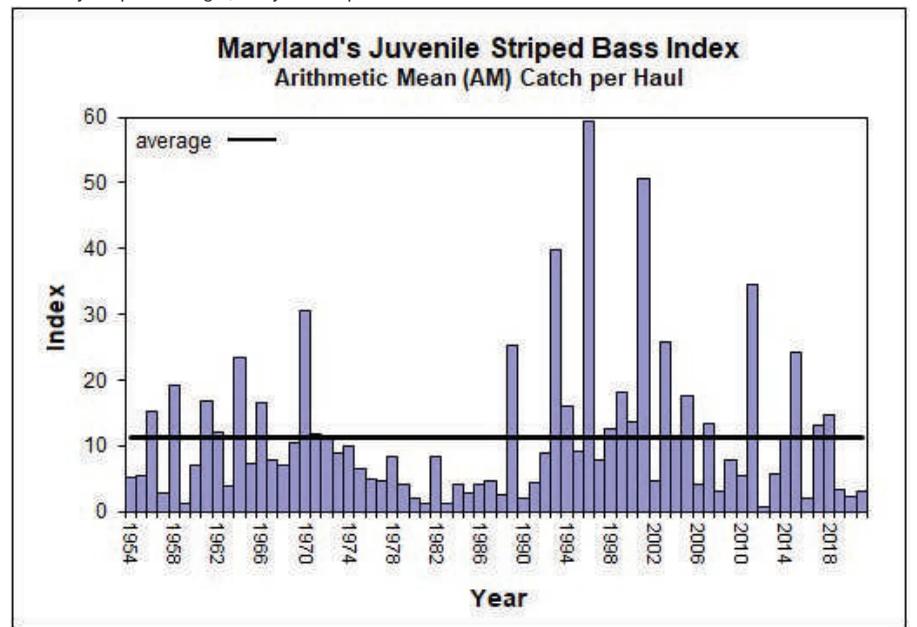
Twenty-two survey sites are located in four major spawning areas: the Choptank, Nanticoke, and Potomac rivers, and the Upper Chesapeake Bay. Biologists visit each site three times per summer, collecting fish with two sweeps of a 100-foot beach seine net. The index represents the average number of recently hatched striped bass, commonly called rockfish, captured in each sample.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science conducts a similar survey in the southern portion of Chesapeake Bay.

Press Release from MD DNR.



The Department of Natural Resources has monitored the annual reproductive success of striped bass in Maryland's portion of Chesapeake Bay since 1954. Photo by Stephen Badger, Maryland Department of Natural Resources



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- 3:05 p.m. The Procession of Dignity from St. Mary's Hall to the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
- 4:00 p.m. Program at Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
- 4:20 p.m. Procession of Dignity from the Commemorative to the Waterfront
- 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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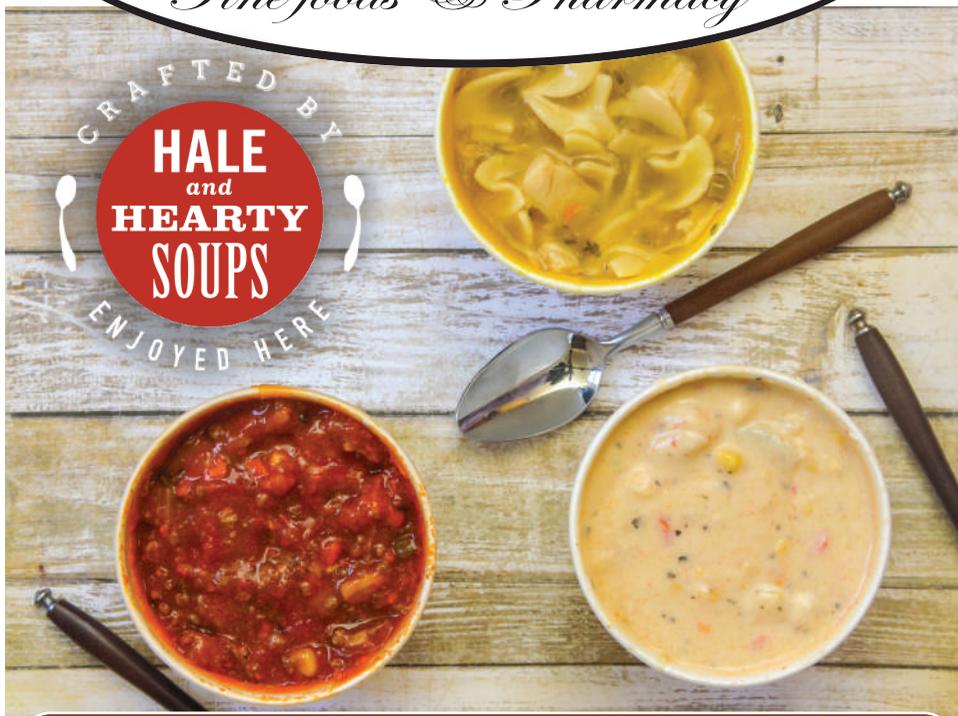
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Flora Corner Road Property Gets Conservation Protection

On October 7th the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust acquired a conservation easement on a 65.88-acre property in the Mechanicsville, area owned by Nellie Catharine Kurzmann. The transaction was made possible by funds provided by the Rural Legacy Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which will co-hold the easement with PTLT.

The property on Flora Corner Rpad consists of three parcels of farmland totaling approximately 12 acres and another 54 acres of forested land, six of which are environmentally important wetlands. The wetlands drain into Persimmon Creek, a tributary of the Patuxent River. A

“As with all out easement acquisitions, this one represents a win both for the protection of valuable Southern Maryland land and for the owner,” said Frank Allen, PTLT president.

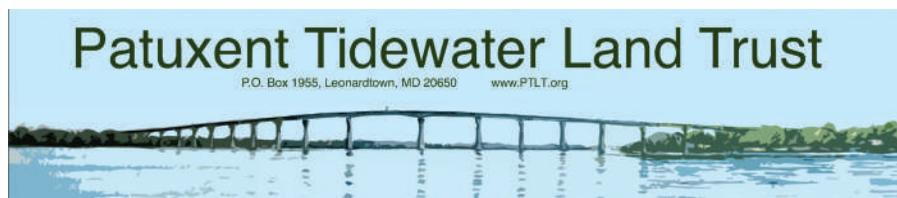
As a result, this land will be protected in perpetuity. Thanks to DNR and St. Mary’s County staff for their assistance in making this happen. Mrs. Kurzmann stated

that she was delighted to make this transaction, and that her reasons for doing so were to assure that the property would always stay as farmland and woods, that this was a good thing for the environment, and that she would be able to keep the land in the family.

The Flora Corner Rd transaction brings PTLT’s total of protected Southern Maryland land to 5,966 acres. Earlier this year PTLT acquired an easement on the 117-acre Beale property in Mechanicsville.

The mission of the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust is to sustain the region’s biodiversity and water resources through a network of protected landscapes. The organization recognizes that forest and farmland and the region’s unique historic and scenic character are vital to a healthy economy and citizens’ sense of well-being. PTLT acquires land and conservation easements by purchase or donation. It has conserved more than 5,765 acres of land in perpetuity. For more information, visit www.PTLT.org.

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Lexington Park Man Arrested for CDS Distribution

On October 7, 2021, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Division, along with assistance from the Emergency Services Team (EST) and the Lexington Park COPs Unit, executed a search and seizure warrant in the 21900 block of Spring Valley Drive in Lexington Park.

Lekuarius Clifford Plater, age 39 of Lexington Park, was located at the residence in possession of a quantity of suspected cocaine and fentanyl packaged in sufficient quantity to indicate distribution.



Lekuarius Plater

Plater was arrested and charged with three counts of CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute Narcotics and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

Arrests

Firearm/Convicted Felon- On October 12, 2021, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 23100 block of Primrose Way in California, for service of court paperwork and a welfare check on **Brian Nicholas Wooldridge**, age 42 of California. Wooldridge was observed inside the residence, and a witness advised deputies he was in possession of a rifle.



Brian Woodbridge

Wooldridge refused to open the door and make contact with deputies. Wooldridge also had an active

warrant through another agency for his arrest. A rifle was recovered and Wooldridge is prevented from possessing firearms due to a previous conviction. Wooldridge was arrested and charged with Possession of Rifle/Shotgun by Convicted Felon.

Trespass- On October 6, 2021, Cpl. Roszell responded to the 22000 block of Valley Estates in Lexington Park, for the reported trespassing. Investigation determined **Tristao NMN Commodore**, age 42 of no fixed address, was told by the victim and deputies on previous calls to leave the victim's property. Commodore continued to return to the property and continued knocking on the door. Commodore was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property.



Tristao Commodore

Assault- On October 9, 2021, Dep. Salas responded to the 46400 block of Midway Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Edwin NMN Solis**, age 65 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by grabbing and squeezing the victim's face, causing visible injury. Solis also struck a second victim in the hand. Solis was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Edwin Solis

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

UPCOMING EVENT

October 23, 2021
(October 22 preview day)

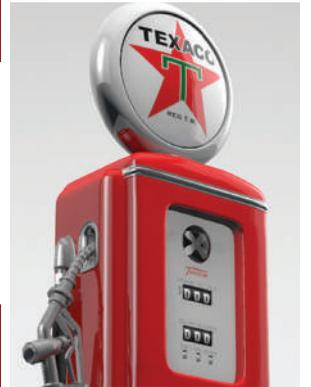


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Friday, Nov. 5, 2021

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Loffler Senior Activity Center

21905 Chancellors Run Rd, Great Mills, MD

Join us at the Loffler Senior Activity Center from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
to honor our community's veterans!

The annual Veteran's Circle Ceremony will be held from 9:30-11 a.m.

Pre-registration will be required for attendance at the Veteran's Circle Ceremony and space is limited. Pre-register by calling the Loffler Senior Activity Center reservation line at 301-475-4200 ext. 1660.

Veteran's Resource Day will be open to the public from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Luncheon provided by Mission BBQ - 11:30 a.m.

Presentation with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs - 1 p.m.

Participating Organizations

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For more information, contact Sarah Miller

301-475-4200, ext 1073

Email: sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com

Website: www.stmarysmd.com/aging/veterans/

Trick or Treat on the Square Returns to Leonardtown



It's that time of the year again! Break out your favorite costumes and don't miss Trick-or-Treat on the Square in Leonardtown on Saturday, October 23rd!

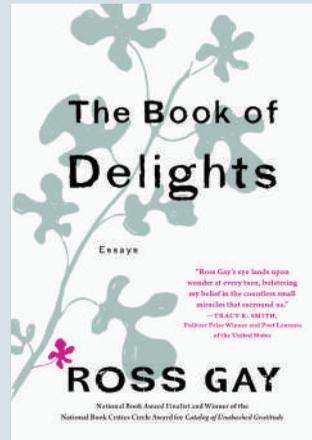
The Town of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association will be hosting Trick-or-Treat on the Square this Saturday, October 23rd, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Local businesses around Town will be participating by handing out candy and/or toys for children, so bring your own Trick-or-Treat bag to collect all the delicious treats. Participating businesses will have a "Trick-or-Treat Here" poster in their front window or attached to their table in the Square. Please make sure children are accompanied by an adult as the roads will only be partially closed for this event. It's the perfect time to walk around to local businesses and see what they have coming up for the Fall season!

Ye Olde Towne Café will be serving delicious food and treats on the Square during the event

starting at 2:00 p.m. Why not stop by for a late lunch or early dinner there or at any of our other wonderful local restaurants before the festivities get underway. During the event, kids are invited to get decorative airbrush tattoos courtesy of Kreative Kharacters and to participate in a fun Halloween Craft with Girl Scout Troop 5907 (while supplies last)! Bring costumed pets to participate in the SMAWL pet costume contest; SMAWL volunteers will take your pet's picture and post it to Facebook for voting. Then, of course there's our main event – trick-or-treating on the Square with our local area businesses.

So, get ready for an afternoon full of tricks and treats! We can't wait to see everyone on the Square on October 23rd from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Town Hall Office at (301) 475-9791 or visit the Town Website at VisitLeonardtownMD.com/TrickorTreat.

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St. Mary's Commission for Women Seeks Community Input

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; statistics indicate that one in four women have experienced violence in an intimate relationship. Therefore, the St. Mary's County Commission for Women has made addressing Domestic Violence issues a primary focus.

Domestic Violence has long been considered a private matter - not anyone else's business. It is our business: our neighbors, our families, our schools, our churches and our places of employment. It affects the wealthy and poor alike, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or gender; and it affects not only adults but also children. Domestic violence impacts our entire community.

In 2017, the Maryland Commission for Women held a listening tour to determine what issues most concern the women of our state. Domestic Violence was the number one issue identified. In St. Mary's County, it was also the number one issue of concern.

Since statistics tell us that women between 18 and 24 are the most vulnerable, we continue to work diligently to help young people learn the warning signs. For the past several years, the Commission for Women has partnered with the public schools to educate our youth about developing healthy relationships that they can carry into adulthood. We're currently collaborating with the County Health Department's Violence, Injury and Trauma Task Force

(VITAT) to inform youth and their parents about the warning signs and dangers of unhealthy relationships.

A Commission for Women member serves on the Family Violence Coordinating Council, a group of the many agencies that provide service to victims in the county. This affiliation allows us to stay informed of current needs, resources and statistics in our county.

This complex issue requires and deserves a multifaceted approach. We're asking community members, victims, or friends to share their experiences and concerns with us. Let us know what resources or services would make your journey out of abuse easier and safer.

You may share your ideas in multiple ways. Contact a Commission for Women member by:

Phone 301-475-4200, ext.1680, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

Send an email to: commissionforwomen@stmarysmd.com.

Contact us at www.facebook.com/StMarysCountyCommissionforWomen/.

Mail to St. Mary's County Commission for Women, P.O. Box 659, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

If you or your loved one is in an abusive situation and you need immediate help, contact The Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy at 301-373-4141 or call 911.

PAX Sound of Freedom Presents Eight Quilts



Quilts of Valor were presented to eight recipients at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park on October 16, 2021, by PAX Sound of Freedom. Shown, left to right: Greg Ashley (Marines - 27 years), William Merritt (Army - 3 years), Warren Brooks (Navy - 24 years), Walter Reabe (Navy - 27 years), Phillip McQuilkin (Navy - 20 years), Russell Campbell (Marines - 27 years), John Papson (Navy - 20 years), and Jason Kanakais (Marines - 21 years).

Pet

OF THE WEEK

MEET BEEBEE



If you think that it's only a cat, then obviously you have never loved a cat.

-T.S. Eliot, author

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

New Garvey Center Hosts Health Fair



The annual health fair sponsored by St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services Oct. 15 at the new Garvey Center featured a dozen vendors, screening, and COVID-19 and flu shots. Here Leonardtown Lions Club conducts vision screening.

Southern Maryland Horse Extra - Celebrates Maryland Horse Month

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is celebrating Maryland Horse Month with a re-launch of the Southern Maryland Horse Extra - a comprehensive online guide that connects consumers with the horse industry in Southern Maryland (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's).

Governor Larry Hogan proclaimed October as Maryland Horse Month, recognizing the abundant historic, recreational, therapeutic, and economic contributions made by the state's horse industry. Horses are an important aspect of Southern Maryland's agricultural heritage and there are numerous barns, trails and facilities throughout the region.

SMADC's interactive Horse Extra showcases more than 50 horse barns and facilities region-wide offering riding lessons, horse-boarding, training, sales, and breeding. Plus listings of support services for horses and their owners including area hay and feed suppliers, tack shops, farriers, vets, horse rescue

and care facilities, riding clubs, equine organizations and a section dedicated to state and county park trails systems that welcome equestrians.

"Fall is a great time to discover the world of horses in Southern Maryland," said Susan McQuilkin, SMADC Marketing Executive. "We are fortunate to have an amazing variety of horse stables to choose from offering riding lessons and activities for all ages and abilities in every riding discipline, and Southern Maryland is also home to 14 certified Maryland Horse Discovery Centers where visitors can interact with horses in a safe and friendly environment - no riding experience needed!" The Southern Maryland Horse Extra interactive searchable guide is available now to view on the SMADC 'Get our Guides' page at SMADC.com.

SMADC is now inviting all regional horse enterprises and business to review and update their listings and welcomes new equine-related businesses to apply to featured in the interactive guide. Listings are free. To update or submit a listing visit the 'News' page on SMADC.com.



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Breast Cancer Survivor Helps Others Navigate Their Pain

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Christine Taylor started her career as a registered nurse in the operating room but the demands of family lead her to become an outpatient case manager; she's worked for MedStar St. Mary's Hospital for the past 15 years and loved the intense environment of providing health care.

Born into the local Trossbach family, she grew up steeped in the emergency fire and medical services of St. Mary's County.

"My whole background is fire and EMS," Taylor told The County Times.

She seemed destined to care for others in some way as a vocation.

Soon she would find that she was the one in need of care; in April of 2016 she found a lump in her breast that was later diagnosed as a rare form of breast cancer known as a phyllodes tumor.

At the age of 39 she had a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery; her motivation to make it through her struggle with breast cancer was her three children.

At the time they were 4, 11 and 15 years old.

After living with and beating breast cancer she decided to become a breast health navigator — a nurse who specializes in not only counseling patients on questions of breast health but helping to comfort them in dealing with the anxiety and mental anguish of the ordeal.

In April, Taylor said, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital's efforts to bolster their breast cancer care abilities was rewarded by being named a nationally accredited breast care center.

"That's a huge achievement for our area," Taylor said. "We have an entire team dedicated to breast care."

Part of her job is dispelling myths about breast cancer and informing patients of their options for treatment.

Their ability to offer patients a good life even while they struggle to beat breast cancer has evolved significantly in just the past 10 years, she said.

The vast majority of biopsy test results — 85 percent — are benign, Taylor said.

Of those remaining 15 percent of test results that turn out to be breast cancer, many can be overcome successfully with dedicated treatment.

"Breast cancer is not a death sentence," Taylor said, adding that there are different forms of breast cancer and ways to treat them.

Some require surgery, she said,

while others require either chemotherapy or radiation.

Others require a combination of those three, Taylor added.

"96 percent of breast cancer cases diagnosed early have a 100 percent survival rate for the first five years," Taylor said.

Patients who receive the diagnosis of breast cancer often are flooded with anxiety and fear and it is important for care givers to provide the right answers.

"Never tell a patient you understand what they're going through if you haven't gone through it.

"I understand."

It's also important to be honest, Taylor said.

"I don't sugarcoat things; I tell them this is going to hurt," she said, noting that giving hope through laughter when they can is helpful to overcoming fear and anxiety.

"Humor is some of the best medicine we have," Taylor said. "The majority of my patients like me and want to hear from me."

The key to success in beating breast cancer, she said, was catching it early enough to do something about it.

The COVID-19 pandemic has many women putting off getting a mammogram to check their breast health; Taylor said the hospital is encouraging them to get their exams as soon as possible.

"Early detection is a huge thing," Taylor said, noting that another pervasive myth about breast cancer is that if the disease does not run in someone's family, they won't get it.

Also, people who have a genetic disposition or a family history of breast cancer, are not guaranteed of developing it themselves, she said.

"85 percent of cases are not genetically linked," said Taylor. "And men can get it, too."

But breast cancer is by far still a woman's disease.

One of 1,000 men will get breast cancer, she said, but one out of eight women will develop it.

As Taylor was dealing with her own diagnosis, she also took care of her husband who was stricken with cancer in 2018, he passed away in 2020, she said.

Through her cancer fight, the community was effusive in its support of her, she said, but there was also the intense desire to retreat from the outpouring of affection and concentrate on her own health, both mental and physical.

"It was hard to maintain privacy sometimes," Taylor said. "We have a wonderful community, but it can be overwhelming sometimes."

As a patient advocate and nurse



Breast cancer survivor and registered nurse Christine Taylor

navigator, Taylor is dedicated to helping breast cancer patients find support wherever they can, which can include the on-line social media group she has set up.

This gives patients a private place where they can share their struggles and thoughts without fear of their confidentiality being violated; she also helps ensure patients seek the

right answers and know what the right questions are to ask.

"With breast cancer, your plans go out the window," Taylor said. "And Dr. Google is the devil; I tell patients that.

"But you have a full team working on your case; you're not alone."

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Enslaved Peoples Commemorative Anniversary

The Sacred Journey: Re-Making Our World Anew observes the first anniversary of the dedication of the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland. The event takes place rain or shine on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus on Saturday, November 13.

"St. Mary's College, Trinity Episcopal Church and Historic St. Mary's City are located on grounds hallowed by the lives and bodies of the enslaved of Southern Maryland who made an immeasurable contribution to the world we inhabit today," said Tuajuanda C. Jordan, president of St. Mary's College. "The Sacred Journey is our public genuflection to the principle that on this ground we are called upon to be special custodians of the history of pain and suffering, love and loss, exploitation and degradation, and of course slavery that haunts this historic landscape."

The two-part program begins at 1:30 p.m. in Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall with a Panel of

Remembrance and Reverence that focuses on the experiences of the enslaved and their descendants. The panel will feature a keynote speaker to be announced; Julia King, professor of anthropology at St. Mary's College; and guest speakers from Historic St. Mary's City and Sotterley Plantation. The panel is sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Following the panel, Father John Ball of Trinity Episcopal Church will offer a blessing at a presumed burial site of enslaved people. St. Mary's College President Jordan will then lead the Procession of Dignity, traversing the campus to the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland beginning at approximately 3:05 p.m. The procession will pause to reflect at the Commemorative site and hear the spoken word poetry that sides the Commemorative before processing to the water's edge that was so crucial in the lives of the enslaved. Along the way, the procession will honor those who

resisted at the first documented site of such resistance. At the River Center beach along the St. Mary's River, the lives of those enslaved will be honored with a reading of the enslaved names, celebration, libation, remembrance and reflection. The Reception of Reflection follows the Waterfront Ceremony and will have refreshments for participants in the walk as well as reflections on the Sacred Journey.

Walking the Procession of Dignity is an opportunity to walk the roads that the enslaved walked, to contemplate the lives that they lived, and to give value to the idea of the unbroken chain that links the present and the past. The procession also serves to proclaim the unity of our community, our commitment to treating one another with dignity, and our shared responsibility to preserving the history of the enslaved persons who had inhabited our ground. It is a public sacrament that restores and reaffirms the dignity and humanity of the enslaved.

The Procession of Dignity is

a two-mile walk on paved and bricked walkways, with varying elevations. For those who cannot walk the route, a limited number of people movers will be available. For those who wish to drive to the Commemorative and to the waterfront, limited parking will be available near both sites.

The event has been overseen by the Sacred Journey Steering Committee consisting of (Chair) Garey Dennie, associate professor of history; Kelsey Bush, chief diversity officer; Julia King, professor of anthropology; Ellen Kohl, assistant professor of environmental studies; and Erin Peters, director of Boyden Gallery and Collection and lecturer for museum studies.

To participate in either the Panel of Remembrance and Reverence or the Procession of Dignity, reservations are required. To make reservations or for more information, visit www.smcm.edu/sacredjourney.

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CASE NO: C18CV21-000065

Alan Wetter

Plaintiff

vs.

Louis B. Meacham
3720 15th St. ME
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and

Adelene I. Meacham
3720 15th St. NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

Dolores M. Elten
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

all known owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

Lagoon Dr.
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and also known as Account Number 07-020147

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County to the Plaintiff:

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also known as Account Number 07-020147

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 29 day of September 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having general circulation in St. Mary's county once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 29th day of October, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all right of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

Notice for Disinterment and Reinterment

Authorization has been requested from the State's Attorney's Office for St. Mary's County, Maryland to disinter the remains of Thomas "TJ" Theodore Sparks from Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 22020 Chancellors Run Road, located in Great Mills, MD 20634. He will be re-interred with his mother, Thelma Kathleen Sparks at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. This request is being made by David Dent (Uncle of Decedent) and Darryl Scott Sparks (Brother) of the deceased.

Family-Friendly Halloween Fun Returns to Annmarie Garden



Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons will host their 22nd annual trick-or-treating festival, Halloween in the Garden, on Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; admission is \$5 per person and benefits charity. Advance timed-entry tickets are required for this event.

Community booths will be spread out around the circular parking lot and down the Wooded Path, with lots of trick-or-treating, fun activities, bubble magic, a DJ dance party, and spooktacular photo ops along the way. Upon entering, guests can explore at their own pace and will not be required to fall into line.

After you finish trick-or-treating, gather in front of the Murray Arts Building for fun Halloween-inspired music and dance with Southern Maryland's own DJ Dave Entertainment.

For those new to the event, Halloween in the Garden features more than 50 community booths, hosted by a wide variety of local organizations and businesses, who decorate their booths and hand out treats and small gifts to the kids. This is a safe, daytime, no-scare event perfect for families.

The admission of \$5 per person benefits local charities, including the SMILE Food Pantry and the Annmarie Scholarship Fund.

Trick-or-treating bags will be provided

courtesy of our event sponsors.

Halloween in the Garden is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season by participating in a beloved Southern Maryland family tradition. Dress the whole family up in their Halloween finest and enjoy a day of trick-or-treating and fall fun! There will be food vendors selling family-friendly food and snacks, including Calvert Kettle Corn, Grizzly Mountain Grill, Hardesty Haven Catering, Nicoletti's Pizza, and Totally Nutz. Visitors will also be able to shop from vendors including independent consultants, handmade crafts, and more.

You'll find extra fun with face painting and sand art activities too!

Advance timed-entry tickets are required for all guests; tickets can be purchased at www.annmariegarden.org for \$5 per person. This is a mask on event for all guests over the age of two. A link to detailed event and safety information can be found on the event page at annmariegarden.org. Parking is free in the field adjacent to the Garden. Halloween in the Garden is a smoke-free and pet-free event, so leave your tobacco products and pets at home. For additional information, call (410) 326-4640 or visit www.annmariegarden.org.

Press Release from Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center.

IN THE MATTER OF DRUSILLA DAR KELLY
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO MORGAN DARLENE KELLY

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-706
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from DRUSILLA DAR KELLY to MORGAN DARLENE KELLY. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I no longer associate with the parent who named me.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 11/18/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

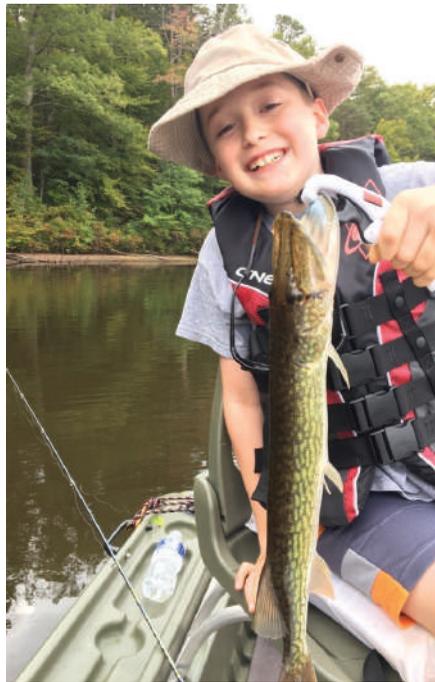
We are in a transition stage that is coming in fits and starts as fall has come forward and then retreated. The later part of this week will resemble summer just as we approached some nighttime temps in the 40's. So, the fish may act like it's the Fourth of July one day and like it's Thanksgiving the next.

All I have are a series of anecdotes for the past two weeks. They are:

Night fishermen at the head of Helen's creek off the Patuxent caught a couple dozen big spot, plenty of perch, and some keeper rockfish on bloodworms last Friday.

Spanish mackerel and bull redfish were caught near buoy 72A on Saturday in the afternoon when the gale winds subsided.

Slot redfish were consistent all week in the Potomac's Cornfield Harbor for lure casters from Harry James Creek to the tip of Point Lookout. Plenty of undersized puppy drum are there too.



Speckled trout were caught by savvy fishermen trolling bucktail tandems in the Patuxent from Sheridan Point to Half Pone Point. That stretch of water is about 12 miles long and I have heard tales of catches all week of

rock and trout mixed throughout that area.

Hefty rockfish were reported caught at Benedict both north and south of the bridge and under the bridge by trollers bouncing bucktails on the bottom.

Crappie fishermen using jigs and swimming lures caught as many as twenty good-sized fish at St. Mary's Lake. The bass and pickerel fishing there is excellent, too. Shore fishermen using live minnows fished under a bobber can get a good mess for dinner.

Rockfish on the points and creek mouths are playing hide and seek for lure casters. One day they are plentiful, and the next they are few and far between. The very high tides followed by very low tides have both fish and fishermen confused.

The trollers using tandems and small umbrella rigs of bucktails and small surgical eels are doing very well in both the Patuxent and Potomac. The fish are all over, from 15 feet to the very depths of the channel in 50 feet or more. Bigger fish seem to be

deeper.

Shoreline fishermen casting swimming plugs, bucktails, and spoons are still doing well at dusk and dawn. Light trollers using bucktails in shallow water are scoring. This fishing will dwindle as the water cools and clears. Old school thinking is that shallow water fishing is done by Halloween, and the deep trollers take over with good catches.

Bottom fishermen in the Patuxent at Hawk's Nest and in front of the Navy Pier report spot, perch, and hardhead. But, it is very inconsistent.

Trollers in the Potomac are doing very well catching stripers in the deeper water. There are big catfish taking those lures too. The aggressive catfish are mostly active from St. George Island and north. The farther up the river, the more catfish.

The fishing is really excellent now and we have great weather in the forecast. Old man winter is coming; now is the time to go fishing.

Southern Maryland Wedding Guide Coming October 28th in The County Times



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Boat Shows Draw Big Crowds in Return to Annapolis

By Tim Flaherty
Staff Writer

After a year off due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the fall Annapolis Boat Shows returned with a bang this month. Pent-up demand combined with a desire by people to get out and socialize led to what appeared to be record breaking crowds at Annapolis City Dock.

“It’s been crazy busy,” said Keith Mayes, a salesman at the Rolly Tasker Sails booth at the Sailboat Show last Saturday. Mayes, a resident of Fairhaven in Anne Arundel County, who is well-known in Southern Maryland boating circles as a sailboat skipper, delivery captain, and as a former yacht broker, added that he “was up until 11pm last night writing price quotes. Most people at the show are looking for quotes and they buy later. I think we will have a lot of sales after the show.”

Officially known as the United States Powerboat Show and the United States Sailboat Show, the twin shows are owned and conducted by Annapolis Boat Shows, Inc. and are held on back-to-back weeks every October. This year, the Powerboat Show was held October 7th through October 10th, and the Sailboat Show ran October 14th through the 18th. Boaters and sailors came from around the country and from around the world to look at and buy new boats, and to see and buy the latest gear. In a typical year, more than 100,000 people attend the two shows combined.

Show organizers announced in an October 18th press release that the Power-

boat Show attendance was up “nearly 20 percent” in 2021 over the 2019 event. The Show declines to make exact figures public.

The Thursday Press and VIP Day appeared to numerous attendees and vendors to be the most crowded opening day ever in the show’s history, as lines more than a block long snaked down sidewalks near the entrances that morning.

“I’ve been doing this show for more than 20 years,” said vendor Robert “Bob Bitchin” Lipkin, editor and publisher of sailing magazine Latitudes and Attitudes, as he gazed past the show’s gate on Compromise Street. “I’ve never seen the line to get in this long. At 10:30 this morning it went all the way down the street and across the Eastport Bridge.”

If the final attendance figures do indicate a record, it will be no surprise. Other boat shows around the country have reported record or near-record attendances as they resume more normal schedules in 2021. Lipkin said his company also had a booth at the Newport International Boat Show in September. “We had our best show there in 10 years,” he said. Newport show officials announced they had an attendance increase of 10%, although it was not a show record.

Annapolis Boat Shows, Inc. released a statement saying their 2021 Powerboat Show had record setting attendance, although they had yet to release a concrete figure at press time.

While boat show attendees reveled in touring boats, ogled new gear, and met boating friends in the festive atmosphere,



Sailboats crowd permanent and temporary docks in Annapolis for 2021 United States Sailboat Show. Large crowds were observed at this year’s event, which was cancelled in 2020.

people in the marine industry, an industry that has felt less pain than other parts of the economy during the Covid era, are hoping that the resumption of the Annapolis shows will mean a boost in business.

“We haven’t missed a beat,” exclaimed Quantum Solomons sail loft owner Clarke McKinney of Leonardtown while he worked Quantum’s corporate tent last Thursday. “Our local economy is driven by government spending on the base, so we have a resilient area. Business for us has been mostly normal, except we’ve had a hard time finding employees. We’ve either had to turn away business or tell people it will take long while to get their sails made.”

Supply chain issues that have dominated national headlines recently are impacting the marine industry. The vast majority of the boats on display at the Powerboat Show were already sold by Thursday afternoon. Dealers were taking orders but were having to tell buyers in might take up to 18 months

to have a new boat manufactured and delivered. One dealer, who did not want to be identified, told The County Times that obtaining parts for outfitting boats was the biggest issue. “Things like gaskets that come from overseas are in short supply,” he said, “and gaskets are really important on a boat.”

Some dealers and manufacturers were telling customers there were even longer waits on new boat orders. “I was talking to the Jeanneau salesman about a new sailboat,” said Mark Shapson, a Sailboat Show attendee from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. “He said if I ordered now, it would take me two or three years to get the boat. I don’t think I want to wait that long.”

Annapolis Boat Shows, Inc. has already announced that the Powerboat Show dates for 2022 are October 6th through October 9th, and the Sailboat Show dates are October 13th through 17th.

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Protect Your Financial Information Online

If you're an investor, you probably enjoy the convenience of managing your accounts online. But you'll also want to make sure that you're not making it convenient for hackers, "phishers" and others with bad intentions to gain the same access.

Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to protect your privacy. Here are a few suggestions offered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission:

- **Use a strong password or passphrase.**

You'll want to pick a password that would be virtually impossible for anyone to guess, employing capital and lowercase letters, plus symbols and numbers. Of course, you'll want to record the password in a secure place so you won't forget it. Instead of using a password, you may have the option of choosing a passphrase, which contains a series of words strung together. You'll want to avoid phrases taken from popular culture or that are otherwise commonly used. And it's also a good idea not to use phrases containing your name, birthday or other personal identifiers.

- **Use two-step authentication.**

If your investment company offers two-step, or multifactor, authentication, you'll want to take advantage of it, since it's a good security tool. When using two-step authentication, you'll need to add an additional factor – such as your best friend from grade school or the model of the first car you owned, and so on – to your username and password. And when you log in to your account from an unrecognized computer, your investment firm may send you a code via text message or email, which you'll need to enter to open your accounts.

- **Activate your account alerts.**

When you turn on your account

alerts, you'll receive text messages or emails notifying you of certain activities, such as account logins, failed account login attempts, personal information changes, money transfers, adding or deleting of external financial accounts, and more. These alerts can help you monitor your accounts for fraud and verify your own moves, as well.

- **Avoid using public computers to access investment accounts.**

If you're at a hotel or library, try to avoid the temptation to use the computer to check in on your investments. But if you do use a public computer, at least take proper precautions. For starters, don't leave data on a screen and walk away, even for a moment. And when you're finished with the computer, log out of your account to end the online session. You may also want to change any password you used.

- **Ignore suspicious links.**

Be suspicious of emails or text messages containing links claiming to be connected to your investment accounts. These links could take you to websites designed to solicit sensitive account information, which could then be used for financial or identity theft. Even if the link seems to be coming from a business you know, you'll want to be quite cautious – experienced "phishers" can now create websites or online documents that look real. And keep in mind that legitimate investment firms will not ask you to divulge personal information without going through the password or two-step authentication protocols already described.

The ability to connect with your investment accounts online can be extremely useful to you – and you'll feel more comfortable about these interactions if you know you've done all you can to safeguard your information.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



LUCKY 13

Oh boy, this is "lucky" 13 years for writing Wanderings this month, thank you if you have stuck with me through the years, or if you just read the column when you happen upon it. Number 13 and the month of October can always sound a little ominous, especially with October being the month of Halloween. So, I thank you again for being apart of my wandering life. I really appreciate all your e-mails, calls, and messages, they mean a lot to me.

Speaking of Halloween, I have been having a hard time finding life-size skeletons, I know we probably have quite a few in the Halloween shed, but that would mean we would have to bring out all the large totes now instead of next week. Not sure I am ready for that yet; I haven't even felt like getting the indoor Halloween boxes out from underneath the basement steps yet. I want to have some skeletons sitting in chairs in the front yard having their poison tea or coffee. I did find 2, 3' foot skeletons I could use now around the street post or on my hay bale display. I may check this afternoon, since this is supposed to be the warmest day of the week.

I originally looked for old mannequins online, because I really love the Geico commercial where the man is looking through a house and goes up to the attic and finds a bunch of cracked, and eerie-faced mannequins sitting around a table. The Geico Gecko says, "Enjoy your new house, and the man backs away, saying "Nope, nope". That is such a great commercial and I would love to re-create it. All the mannequins I found were in the \$80 or more price range each – way too much for me. Maybe one year I will come across some at a lower, or giveaway price.

It looks like the Halloween Trails will be on again this year – we have been going back and forth about it. I am so worried I won't be able to help as much this year, normally I lead tours through our trails all evening. Maybe some grandkids can be recruited again. Everything is outside so it should be fine. My husband has already taken most of the Halloween creatures out of the Halloween shed and put them in our metal garage and big shed to air out. Last Friday I came home from my monthly day of "sitting the gallery" at North End Gallery to walk in the basement door and find a 6 foot tall witch staring at me. It gave me quite a start since it was already getting dark outside, and very dark in the basement. I am surprised that Mindy isn't bothered by all the creatures. Tidbit used to growl at them in the basement. It was also a



bit startling pulling in the driveway and seeing all the creatures staring out of the metal garage. One creepy female figure always scares me, she has long, stringy black and gray hair, really scary eyes, and carries a severed head. She is such a party girl.

Now, that we added another entrance to our driveway last year, we have to reconfigure how the trick or treaters and families will enter into the trail area, but I think my husband has a plan in his mind for this. Of course, like any normal married couple my vision is a bit different than his, so we'll see very soon how this ends up. I also need to walk the trail and make sure that everyone can walk through comfortably. We have one part of the trail where it gets confusing when people have to pass each other on a small section. I need to work on that. We do use the yellow caution tape to mark how the route should go, but there is always some snafu.

As you can tell, I am starting to get a bit excited about seeing all the little witches, goblins, and superheroes this year, now all we have to do is hope for good weather and enough candy to go around. Well, I guess this as good a time as any to check that creepy Halloween shed, if you don't see a column next week then you know where I am.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Advanced Naval Technology Exercise Shines a Light on the Future of Naval Aviation

The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division recently completed its third annual Advanced Naval Technology Exercise (ANTX), showcasing more than 20 emerging warfighter technologies at its Patuxent River headquarters.

ANTX, a series of demonstrations by Navy and Marine Corps organizations, displayed new technology in settings similar to real-life operational environments and assists senior leaders in assessing and prioritizing technologies.

“NAWCAD’s focus on ‘joint war at sea’ during this year’s ANTX was made possible by the unparalleled professional talent of our warfare center teammates, and the capability resident in our infrastructure,” said NAWCAD Commander, Rear Adm. John Lemmon.

“Our warfare center labs, ranges, and supporting technologies form an experimentation environment critical for advancement of warfighting concepts and capabilities for our fleet.”

This 11-month exercise included numerous government partners, such as the Naval Information Warfare Centers and the Federal Aviation Administration. The experiments also had significant industry participation, which offered opportunities for direct feedback from military operators and government acquisition and developmental decision makers.

“NAWCAD successfully transitions much of its ANTX technology from demonstration to deployment because of our narrow focus on very specific capability gaps,”

said Tony Schmidt, NAWCAD’s director for rapid prototyping and experimentation. “This year we focused on high priorities like 5G, autonomy, and unmanned technologies.”

This year’s ANTX demonstrated a hypothetical flight line of the future delivering significantly improved situational awareness and more robust traffic control. NAWCAD presented implementation of 5G on the flight line to manage and track aviation assets and equipment. The command tested a remote controlled weapons transport system that frees sailors for more important tasks. It flew an unmanned aerial cargo transportation system that frees other piloted aircraft and potentially transforms military logistics at sea. It also

demonstrated its augmented reality maintenance system, which will connect stateside engineers with mechanics across the globe, and TCTS II, the Navy’s new tactical combat training system.

The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division is the Navy’s largest warfare center, employing more than 17,000 military, civilian and contract personnel. It operates test ranges, laboratories and aircraft in support of test, evaluation, research, development and sustainment of everything flown by the Navy and Marine Corps. Based in Patuxent River, Maryland, the command also has major sites in St. Inigoes, Maryland, Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Orlando, Florida.



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. 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

Saturday, Oct. 23

HUGE Yard Sale

The King's Christian Academy
20738 Point Lookout Road,
Callaway
8a.m. to 12p.m.

The yard sale will be held in the outdoor parking lot in front of the school. KCA and multiple families will be bringing their attic treasures, furniture, outdoor lawn

equipment, costume jewelry, electronics, housewares, home décor, tools, sports equipment, crafts, children's items, much more!

National Take Back Day

Department of Aging & Human Services

41780 Baldrige Street

Leonardtown

9a.m. to 1p.m.

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.

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!

Masks will be required at all times while attending this event for the safety of the community and employees assisting during this event. Please remain in your vehicle once on site and adhere to instructions from attendants. Please place documents or expired medications in your trunk or truck bed to lessen the chance of exposure.

Fall Craft/Vendor Show at St. Mary's Fairgrounds

St. Mary's County Fair Grounds
42455 Fairgrounds Road
Leonardtown

9a.m. to 2p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 Per Space (Additional Space / Spaces \$20.00 each)

Handmade items include jewelry, scarves, candles, knit items, accessories, baked goods, and various art work, with Various Vendors for your shopping needs.

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Sponsored by the 2nd District, Valley Lee, Company 6 VFD & RS Auxiliary

Sunday, Oct. 24

Southern Maryland Out of the Darkness Community Walk

47418 Old State House Rd

St Mary's City

8a.m. to 8p.m.

Help to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide!

Join the Southern Maryland Out of the Darkness Walk on October 24 and register today for a DAY OF HOPE! #TogetherToFightSuicide afsp.org/southernmd

Can't join us? Find information about all 11 Maryland Out of the Darkness Walks at afsp.org/

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Sacred Heart Church Annual Fall Drive-Thru Dinner

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

23080 Maddox Road

Bushwood

11a.m. to 2p.m.

Menu includes: Stuffed Ham, Fried Oysters, Turkey w/dressing & gravy, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, and rolls. Cost is \$30.00. There will also be a Bake Table available. Cash or Check only.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Blood Drive at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

25500 Point Lookout Road

Leonardtown

10a.m. to 4p.m.

From burn victims to individuals with chronic diseases, trauma survivors to cancer patients, the selfless gift of blood has no substitute!

Advance registration is requested. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 to sign up, or make an appointment online: www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=MedStarStMarysHospital

Saturday, Oct. 30

7th Annual STEM / STEAM Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

10a.m. to 2p.m.

This is a FREE, family-friendly event where hands-on learning, as well as demonstrations in robotics, rocketry, and many other fascinating areas of STEAM, will be available. This year's theme is Health and Wellness. Food trucks will be on site. We hope to see you at this fun-filled event.

Halloween On The Square

St. Mary's Square Shopping Center

21600 Great Mills Rd.

Lexington Park

1p.m. to 4p.m.

Halloween On The Square. Children 12 and under. Last year's event was great and this year's is looking to be even better!

No Rain Date.

Sacred Heart Church
ANNUAL OCTOBER
Drive-Thru Dinner
23080 MADDOX ROAD
BUSHWOOD, MARYLAND 20618
Sunday, October 24, 2021
11:00 a.m. 'til Sold-Out

MENU:

Fried Oysters	Stuffed Ham	Turkey w/Dressing
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Parsley Potatoes, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, and Rolls

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# In Remembrance

## Lucille Bailey Farr Doepkens

Lucille Bailey Farr Doepkens passed



away at home with her loving family at her bedside on October 14, 2021, at the age of 95. She was born on March 26, 1926, in Bushwood, MD, to the late Samuel Matthew Bailey and the late Mignonette Cullins Bailey. Lucille was born in River Springs, MD, which would later become Bushwood. She was the second of six children.

Lucille attended Holy Angels School. In 1940, she attended St. Mary's Academy in Leonardtown, MD and graduated in 1943. On November 18, 1944, she married Joe Farr. They had four children.

Lucille accepted a position as a first and second grade teacher at Holy Angels-Sacred Heart School, and taught there for 21 years, teaching children and preparing them for First Penance and First Holy Communion, with the help of her aide Shirley Dean.

Joe passed away at the age of 57 in 1977. In 1983, a very special person entered her life, Bernie Doepkens, and her life would change forever. They were married in 1985. In 1992 they built a beautiful new home on the water in Chaptico, MD, where Lucille lived until her death. She and Bernie had a wonderful life together for almost 25 years before his passing in 2009.

Lucille's family is very grateful for Mille Hall, who was her caregiver at night for 13 years, and Kathy Doepkens, who stayed with her for many years as well. They were family and she loved them both so very much.

Lucille is survived by her children, Carol Ann Hall (Satch), Jay Farr (Rita), Mike Farr (Mary), and Jeannie Wathen (Mike), eight grandchildren, Kevin Hall (Karen), Minette Clarke (Pat), Joe Farr (Salina), Melinda Turner (Greg), David Farr (Michelle), Jennifer Schiller (Rob), Michael Wathen (Cindy), and Lucretia Hester (Mike), ten great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, three step-children, Bernie Doepkens, Jr., Marty Doepkens, and Ruth Ann Doepkens, three step-grandchildren, and siblings, Catherine Swann, Samuel M. "Bo" Bailey, Jr. (Rosie), and Bernard Bailey (Shirley). Lucille was preceded in death

by siblings Eleanor Beatrice "Beezie" Tippett and Eddie Bailey, and daughter-in-law Candy Farr.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD, from 9:30 AM to 10:40 AM, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Kevin Hall, Joe Farr, David Farr, Michael Wathen, Tyler Hall, Ethan Clarke, Jonathan Clarke, and Jacob Schiller. Honorary pallbearers will be Chad Farr, Aaron Turner, Bernie Doepkens, Jr., Marty Doepkens, Ben Swan as well as her nephews.

Contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery Care Fund at 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618.

At the family's request, masks will be required. Please note, the funeral home is no longer providing masks upon entry.

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

## Catherine "Cathy" Mae Bell



Catherine "Cathy" Mae Bell, 57, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on October 13, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on October 27, 1963, she was the daughter of the late Eleanor Ann Russell and Francis Xavier Russell. Cathy was the loving wife of William A. Bell, Sr., whom she married on April 27, 1985 in the St. Mary's County Courthouse.

Cathy is survived by her son, William A. Bell, Jr. of Leonardtown, MD, along with her siblings Francis Russell of Leonardtown, MD, Archie Russell of Leonardtown, MD, April Terry of Ridge, MD, and Laura Mills of Charlotte Hall, MD.

Cathy was a lifetime resident of St. Mary's County, MD and a 1980 graduate of Leonardtown High School. She was a newspaper carrier for the Washington Post for 26 years, retiring in 2010.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 22, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner

er Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM in the funeral home chapel with Deacon Ammon Ripple officiating. Interment will follow in Our Lady's Catholic Cemetery, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Johnny Bell, Danny Bell, Archie Russell, Francis Russell, Jamie Russell, and Francis Russell, Jr.

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

## Christopher "Chris" Mark Dean

Christopher "Chris" Mark Dean, 45, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on October 11, 2021 at home.

He was born on August 31, 1976 in Leonardtown, MD to Dale Dean, Sr. (Karla) of California, MD and Deborah (Dyson) Dean of Hollywood, MD.

Chris lived his entire life in Hollywood, MD, and worked various and diverse jobs; from being in the restaurant business, to scraping barnacles off boats, and mending fences. One of his passions was recycling and reclamation. His other interests included playing video games, reading, watching movies, and quot-



ing those movies, from which he would challenge family and friends to test their knowledge.

In addition to his parents, Chris is also survived by his siblings Lee Dean of Hollywood, MD and Beth Dean (Will) of Callaway, MD, as well as special niece Aria, also of Callaway, MD. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Reggie and Mary Elsie Dyson of Hughesville, MD, Bernice Dean of Hollywood, Md, uncles David and Charlie, and aunt Terry.

Chris also leaves three very special lifelong friends April Fowler-Gomez, Wayne Farmer, and his cousin Matthew Joy, who was often his partner in his ven-



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tures. Chris was a thoughtful and kind person who enjoyed the natural wonder around him. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

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### Cynthia "Cindy" Louise Kilmon



Cynthia "Cindy" Louise Kilmon, 58, of Cobb Island, MD, formerly of Hollywood, MD, passed away on October 9, 2021 at her home. Born on December 17, 1962, she was the daughter of the late Joan Marie Ferguson and the late James Franklin Ferguson, Sr. Cynthia was the loving wife of Norris Calvin Kilmon, Jr., whom she married on September 1, 1990 in Waldorf, MD. She is survived by her children Daniel Kilmon of Cobb Island, MD, Laura Simpson (Brandon) of Nanjemoy, MD, Angela Werre (Arron) of Cobb Island, MD, and Joshua Kilmon of Cobb Island, MD, as well as her siblings Cathy Norris of Hollywood, MD, Ruby Long of North Chesterfield, VA, Debbie Gravely of Oakville, MD, and Troy Ferguson of California, MD, as well as one grandchild, Gavin Werre. Cynthia was preceded in death by her brother James Franklin Ferguson, Jr.

Cynthia graduated from Chopticon

High School in 1981, and moved to Charles County in 1990 from Hollywood, MD. She was a Food Service Assistant Manager at La Plata High School for nine years.

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### Regina Ann Knott



Regina Ann Knott, 78, of Great Mills, MD, passed away on October 9, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on May 29, 1943 in Great Mills, MD, she was the daughter of the late Grace Thompson Brooks and Gilbert Combs. Regina was the loving wife of Joseph Edward Knott, whom she married on April 27, 1963 in St. John's Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD. Regina is survived by her children Cheryl Lea Knott of Baltimore, MD, Debbie Meck of Alexandria, VA, and one grandchild, along with her siblings Fran Brewer of Sugar Valley, GA, Ruth Demar of Bluefield, WV, Roger Clifford of TN, Mary Lorraine of FL, Joan Nussberger of Ocala, FL, and Wayne Sheets of Bunnell, FL. She was preceded in death by her son David Knott and her siblings Joseph Trickett and Betty Knott.

Regina was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and a graduate of Garden State Academy. She was a homemaker, as well as a substitute teacher for

Greenview Knolls Elementary School for ten years.

Regina enjoyed doing family research and genealogy, as well as teaching fourth grade Catechism at Holy Face Catholic Church. She loved singing, knitting, and sewing.

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### Nina Marie DiGregorio



Nina Marie DiGregorio, 39, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on October 9, 2021.

She was born on August 13, 1982 to Denyse Marie (Tory) DiGregorio of Leonardtown, MD.

Nina attended T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA and then moved to Southern Maryland with her mother shortly after the birth of her daughter. She was employed in the grocery industry for most of her career, currently with Weis Markets as a Seafood Specialist. She took great pride in her work, keeping everything immaculate and always a fresh selection of seafood. She had many loyal customers who she shared tips for cooking seafood and various recipes. She took great pride in her work always striving for excellence. She was always improving store sales wherever she was assigned. She was a wicked baker and loved making Christmas Cookies. She was known for her chocolate chip cookies and monkey munch. She loved the beach, always vacationing in Ocean City. She had an extensive collection of horror movies and kept them alphabetized. She was an avid shot glass and hat collector. She was also a Minion aficionado! She was enchanted with the Egyptian Pantheon. Her other hobbies included going to dinner with her friends, she especially loved sushi and crabs; working out at SMAC Gym; getting tattoos; and going to her niece's softball games equipped with multiple varieties of sunflower seeds. She loved her pet dogs, Boog and Little Boy Blue. However, her greatest love was for her daughter, Aryah, whom she loved spending as much time as she could with, especially lunches out, long car rides, and

road stops at Dunkin'.

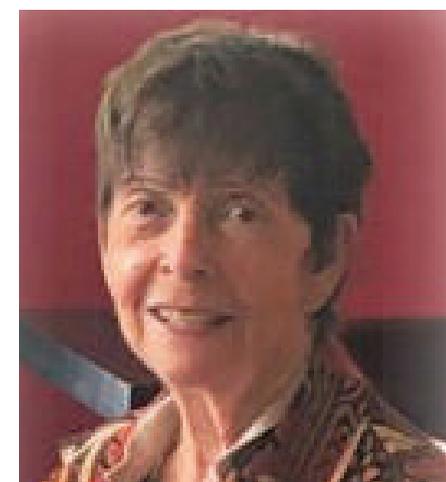
In addition to her mother, Nina is also survived by her daughter, Aryah Fox of Mechanicsville, MD; sister, Taryn McGinty (William) of Lusby, MD; her nieces, Penelope McGinty, Denyse McGinty, Trinity McGinty, Evelyn McGinty; her step-father, Brian Hall; and many extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., with a Life Celebrated Service celebrated by Dana DiGregorio at 3:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

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### Margaret "Mutsy" Marie Nelson



Margaret "Mutsy" Marie Nelson, 84 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on October 14, 2021 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD with her loving family at her side.

She was born on April 15, 1937 in Leonardtown, MD to the late John Leonard Long and Anna Marie Cargill.

Mutsy was born and raised in St. Mary's County, MD. She is a 1955 graduate of Margaret Brent High School. On October 19, 1957, she married the love of her life, James Edwin Nelson, Jr. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD. Together they celebrated over 58 wonderful years of marriage before his passing on November 19, 2015. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed hosting family and holiday dinners. She was known for her delicious mashed potatoes, stuffed ham, and potato salad. She always had a pitcher of tea ready for whoever stopped by. She loved being outdoors, enjoying her flower garden and birdwatching, especially the hummingbirds. She had a vast collection of owl figurines and Santa Claus decorations. She and her family enjoyed having fun in the sun in Myrtle Beach, S.C., camping, and gambling at the casinos. She and her sister, Bernice where travelling partners and enjoyed taking vacations to many destinations including



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Bermuda and Hawaii. She loved her family and especially enjoyed spending time with them.

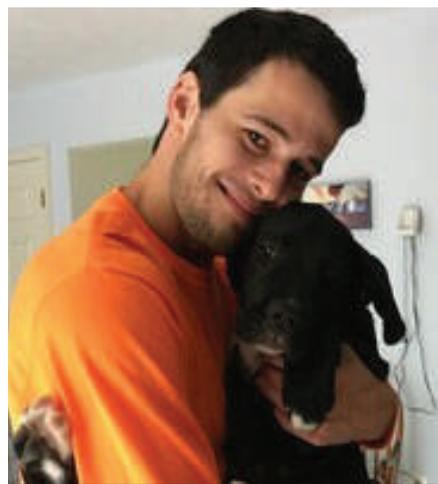
Mutsy is survived by her children: Thomas Dale Nelson (Mary) of Leonardtown, MD, Cindy Faye Howard (Junior) of Mechanicsville, MD, Ronald Neil Nelson of Leonardtown, MD and Margie Lynne Nelson of Leonardtown, MD; her siblings: Jimmy Long (Gladys) of Mechanicsville, MD, Elmer Long (Mary) of Helen, MD, Ralph Long (Sharon) of Hollywood, MD, Larry Long of Hedgesville, WV and Bernice Balichski of Solomons, MD; her grandchildren: Thomas "Dale" Nelson Jr., Brandy Kosack, Jessica Dickerson (Willy), Kristina Weir (Spencer), James Edwin "Eddie" Nelson, III, Stephanie Ann Lawrence (Geoff) and Amber Lynne Lawrence; Grandson-in-law, Kevin Wood (Tammies Husband) and her great-grandchildren Alex, Raylan, Bailey, Hailee, Owen, Kelsee, Connor, Harper, Kamber and one on the way; . In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she is also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Tammie Wood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### *Michael Glenn Whittington, Jr.*



Michael Glenn Whittington, Jr., 30, of Surfside Beach, SC (formerly of Mechanicsville, MD) passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at his residence. He was born on September 13, 1991 to the late, Michael Glenn Whittington, Sr. and Jeanne Whittington of Surfside Beach, SC. Mike and twin brother, Jeffrey joined big brother, Brian and completed their rambunctious family.

Mike graduated from Chopticon High School in 2009. After graduation, he would become an electrician and work for IBEW Local Union 26. He enjoyed working and made many wonderful friends. He continued his electrical ca-

reer once he relocated to SC and worked for Carolina Cool. Recently, Mike was laid-off, but he continued working as a handyman and helping out family and friends with projects.

A kind and fun-loving man, Mike was close with his family. He was born with his best friend, Jeffrey and was happy to be born first. He was close to his brother, Brian and considered his sister-in-law, Kylee his sister. The people who brought Mike the greatest joy of his life were his nephews, Jackson and Rylan. He loved teaching them the good and sometimes bad things. They spent many hours goofing around in the pool and hearing their laughter always brightened his darkest days.

He was a gamer and computer whiz. He could spend hours playing on the computer. He enjoyed skateboarding and cruising around with his friends on their boards. He was happy in his new town and loved the close proximity to the beach.

Mike fought hard against his demons and made his mom so proud of all of his accomplishments. If you are struggling, talk to a loved one or reach out, someone is always there for you. Do this in memory of Mike and continue his legacy of love and friendship. As the autumn leaves change color and drift to the ground, remember Mike's bright smile and infectious spirit that was as bright as the colors surrounding you.

Mike is survived by his loving mother, Jeanne Chick Whittington of Surfside, SC; brothers, Brian Michael Whittington (Kylee) and Jeffrey Allen Whittington of Newburg, MD; nephews, Jackson and Rylan Whittington; grandmothers, Dottie Chick and Billie Whittington; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Glenn Whittington, Sr. and grandfathers, John Chick, Sr. and George Whittington.

The family will receive friends for Mike's Life Celebration on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 13715 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown, MD 20617 with Father Rory Conley officiating. Interment will follow immediately in the church cemetery.

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### *Thomas Edward Wettengel*

It is with the heaviest of hearts we announce the sudden passing of our best friend, beloved father, brother and uncle, Thomas Edward Wettengel, on October 11, 2021, at his home in California, Maryland.

Tommy was born to Constance Walk-er Wettengel and Edmund Weston Wet-



tengel, Jr. on October 25, 1963, in Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. As Tommy grew up, he chose to spend his life and raise his family in St. Mary's County.

Tommy is survived by his son, Jeffrey Wettengel (fiancée Caroline); his daughter, Christina Seeley (Tim); his brother Michael Wettengel (Teena); his sister Cindy Greb (fiancé Tim); his nieces and nephews Bryan, Kelsey (Frankie), Bradley, Ben (fiancée Jacki), Samantha, and Alexandra; and so many wonderful friends and family.

Tommy graduated from Great Mills High School in 1981 and spent much of his life working with his family to help build the beautiful Wildewood Community - where so many families still call home. Tommy always took such pride in his work and always wanted to help create and build homes that he knew would stand the test of time.

Although Tommy spent most of his life in St. Mary's County, his life was full of adventures - from crabbing in a canoe with his brother when he was little to helping his son catch a world record blue marlin; from watching over his little sister to walking his beautiful daughter down the aisle; from building minibikes with his dad and brother to building and racing cars to restoring old cars with friends; from digging in the dirt to mastering every piece of heavy equipment he could; from starting a computer repair company in the 80s to designing and drawing beautiful custom homes; from hunting quail in Georgia to hunting checkered flags at Potomac Speedway in Budd's Creek, Maryland; from driving a little whaler in the Bay as a kid to helping charter sailboats and sportfishing boats across the ocean.

He loved his family, his community, and wanted to take care of everyone - from volunteering in his community to running on the Lexington Park Rescue Squad to helping tirelessly during and after natural disasters; from plowing roads during snowstorms to delivering water, food, and supplies to those stranded after hurricanes. Wherever he was in the world, he was always only a phone call away.

Tommy lived his life to the extreme - but it was the quiet moments he enjoyed most, soaking in his friends and family,

watching the sunrise - wherever he was at the time.

In all of his life adventures the greatest of them all was watching and helping guide his two children as they grew into incredible adults. His love and pride for his children showed in everything he did. He made sure he was always there for them, he encouraged them in everything they did, and felt so privileged and honored that they called him dad.

Tommy had an infectious personality, smile, and warm heart - he was a combination of the best traits of everyone he knew. He was loving, kind, compassionate, encouraging, strong, funny, loyal, ambitious, daring, and had unwavering integrity and character. Tommy was everyone's "no matter what" - he would do anything for anyone, no matter what!

To our family & friends - carry him close to your hearts and do something kind and fun every day. To Jeff & Christina - thank you for bringing him the greatest of joy in his life...believe in yourselves and take care of each other. To Tommy - thank you for teaching us all how to love selflessly, work a little harder, and play a little more...rest easy, we've got this.

The family will celebrate Tommy by hosting a reception on Sunday, October 31st from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the new outdoor Pavilion on the St. Mary's River at Historic St. Mary's City. In the event of inclement weather, the reception will be moved into the historic St. Mary's City State House (next to the Pavilion). We ask that if you are not able to attend but would like us to share a special story or memory, please send it to us and we will share it on the 31st. The Pavilion and State House are located at 1676 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680.

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### *Harold Stephen Brukardt*



Harold Stephen Brukardt, 68, passed away peacefully on Monday, October

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4, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD. He was born on November 17, 1952 to the late Harold Arthur Brukaradt and Marie May (Gayon), in Miami, FL.

He moved to Maryland at age thirteen (13), where he would meet the love of his life, Kathryn Loretta Smith. They were married for forty-five (45) wonderful years and welcomed one son, Chris.

Harold loved welding, so much so, he made a career out of it. He worked for many years at Brandywine Heavy Truck and Equipment. They became an extended family and he enjoyed working on the heavy equipment and trucks. He also worked for Regal Construction Co., W & W Fabrication, and Alvenex. He enjoyed camping, muscle cars, and watching Star Trek with his faithful dog, Heidi. He was a loving husband and father, with a heart of gold. He will be greatly missed by all that knew who generous spirit.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn Loretta Smith of Hollywood, MD; son, Christopher Stephen Brukaradt of Hollywood, MD; siblings, Sherrie Gayon "Barney" of Welcome, MD; Susie Welch "Marty" of Saint Augustine, FL; Tami Faunce "JR" of Saint Augustine, FL; Denise Guy "Ricky" of Mechanicsville, MD and his many nieces, nephews and extended family members. He was preceded in death by both of his parents, Harold Brukaradt and Marie May Long "Gayon"; his sister, Millie Ann Roundes of Menominee, MI and step-father, Thomas R. Long and three devoted dogs, Candy, Dusty and Buttons.

Services will be held at a later date.

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### Selma D. Hadsell



Selma D. Hadsell, 91, of Charlotte Hall, MD (formerly of Thomasville, PA) passed away peacefully at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD on Friday, October 1, 2021. She was born on March 14, 1930 in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Howard Willard Ghyst and Selma Adeline Ghyst.

An independent woman, Selma enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in January, 1949. A true patriot, Selma proudly

served her country and was honorably discharged in May, 1957. She would go on to work for the Dept. of Treasury as a Computer Operator until her retirement. Selma made many wonderful friends during her employment. She was a hard-worker, who never complained while she supported her family.

She had a bright, determined spirit and sassy sense of humor and will be missed by many.

Selma is survived by her sons, Norman Hadsell of White Plains, MD and Derwood Hadsell of Spring Grove, PA; three (3) grandchildren, Diana Dong, Gregory Hadsell and Steven Hadsell and three (3) great-grandchildren; and brother, Norman Ghyst of Dallas, TX.

The family will receive friends for Selma Visitation on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and officiated by Pastor Fred Caudle also at Brinsfield Funeral Home. Interment will be held privately at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD later in the day.

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

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### Deborah "Debbie" Catherine Benenati



Deborah "Debbie" Catherine Benenati, 66, of Great Mills, MD passed away peacefully at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. She was born on February 26, 1955 in Long Island, NY to the late Robert Russel Smith and Helen Elizabeth (Graham) Smith.

Debbie met the love of her life, Jose "Joe" Laboy and although they never married, they dedicated their lives to each other and have spent over thirty-one (31) years together. She was a wonderful woman who loved her family. She was the proud mother of two (2) children, Gary and Pamela and grandson, Michael.

A beautiful soul, Debbie had the sweetest disposition. She was classy with

a little sass, after all a New Yorker at heart. She enjoyed the beaches on Long Island, NY and could be found feeding the ducks in the duck pond when she was home. An animal lover she found beauty in horses, hummingbirds and ducks. On a cool afternoon, she enjoyed sitting with a blanket across her legs, cup of tea and old movies. Debbie collected tea pots and bells from all over and has quite a collection. She also enjoyed trying honey from different locations and tasting the flavors specific to each place.

A caring and wonderful woman has left her family to mourn her passing, but remember her beautiful smile and rejoice in the impact she made in your life. As you see the sun shining bright in the morning sky and hear the birds singing their song, know Debbie is tapping her toes beside a pond surrounded by nature and humming along to the music and sending you love and light.

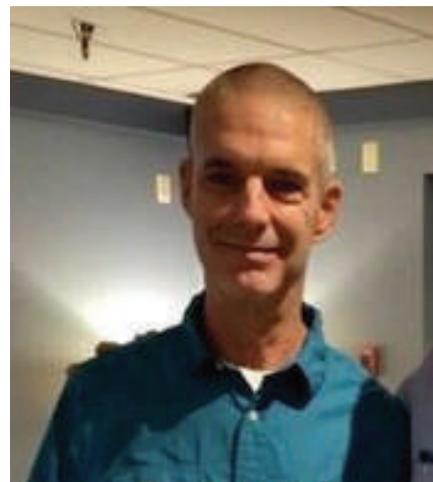
The family will receive friends for Debbie's Life Celebration on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Funeral Service will be heard at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte. Interment will follow immediately at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Debbie is survived by her children, Gary "Tank" Benenati (Dee) of Mechanicsville, MD and Pamela Chandler (Todd) of Port St. Lucie, FL; companion, Jose "Joe" Laboy of Great Mills, MD; grandson, Michael Robert Benenati; granddaughter, Kayla Funk; siblings, Jeffrey Smith (Lynn) of Ossining, NY and Pamela Mikos of Salem, OR and many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Helen Smith and siblings, Craige Smith and Frank Smith.

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### Timothy Alan Hartman



Timothy Alan Hartman, 66, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at his

home. He was born on December 5, 1954 in Washington, DC, to Edna Rebecca (Miller) Hartman of Kemmerer, WY and the late Jay Spencer Hartman.

After graduating high school, Tim would enter the law enforcement field. He considered his career as a police officer an honor, as he was able to make a difference in his community. After a dedicated career, he happily retired and spent his time with this family.

Tim would meet the love of his life, Elise Smith during the early days of his career. They would marry on October 26, 1985 in Upper Marlboro, MD and welcome two children, Zachary and Kallie. They would have celebrated their thirty-sixth (36th) anniversary only ten days after his passing.

A true hero to all those who knew him, Tim was a dedicated servant to his family, community and God. He was always available to lend a helping hand or give you a push to make a difficult decision. Although, his health was diminishing over the last several years, he always had a smile for those who he held close to his heart. He was an active member of the F.O.P. #89 and enjoyed spending time with his brothers.

A great man left us to stroll the golden streets of heaven with his Lord and Savior. Those left behind will have memories to carry in their heart until reunited in heaven.

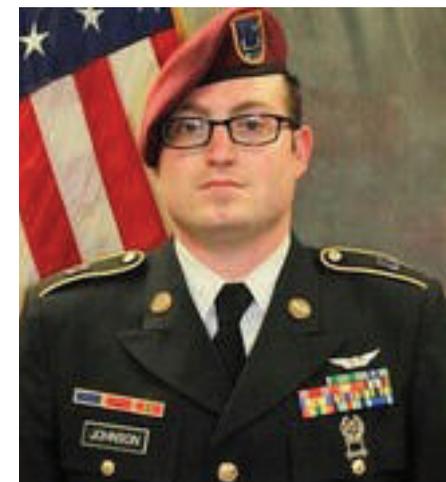
Along with this dear mother, Edna Hartman, Tim is survived by his loving wife, Elise Hartman of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Zachary Hartman (Deidra) of Mechanicsville, MD and Kallie Hartman of Mechanicsville, MD; one (1) grandchild, Leighanne Hartman, due at the end of October; and brothers, David Hartman (Ann) and Richard Hartman (Virginia). He is preceded in death by his father, Jay Hartman.

At this time all services will be private.

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

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### SSG Russell Morgan Johnson



SSG Russell Morgan Johnson, USA, 26 of Tacoma, WA, formerly of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away unexpectedly on September 25, 2021 in Toledo, WA.

Sergeant Russell Johnson was born on May 7, 1995, in Calvert County, Maryland to Robert Johnson and Pamela Russell. He was born and raised in Southern Maryland. He graduated in 2014 from Great Mills High School in Great Mills, MD. He joined Bay District Volunteer while he was still in high school and continued to volunteer whenever he came home on leave from the military, most recently he was home for the month of September. He was a family man and loved spending time with his son, Maddox. His future aspirations included becoming a pilot with the U.S. Army special operations unit. He was a car enthusiast; he loved his Hellcat and couldn't wait to drive it when he came home. He was a delicious cook, often making family dinners. His hobbies included watching football, especially the Philadelphia Eagles, skateboarding, snowboarding, golfing, shooting at the range, and daily trips to Starbucks for his favorite coffee.

He enlisted in the United States Army in June 2015 as a 15Y, Armament/Electrical/Avionic Systems Repairer. Upon completing Advanced Individual Training, he was assigned to 16th Combat Aviation Brigade before completing the Regiment's extensive training and assessment program, "Green Platoon" in January 2019 and being assigned to Delta Company, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) Fort Lewis, Washington in August 2019.

In Delta Company 4/160th SOAR, he served as an Armament/Electrical/Avionic Systems Repairer Noncommissioned Officer. SGT Johnson was a well-liked Soldier who made a great first impression and would eagerly accept any task. His drive and determination was immediately recognized by his direct leadership who clearly identified him as a future leader within the organization.

SGT Johnson's awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, INHERENT RESOLVE Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Sotheyary (Pin) Johnson; his children, Maddox and his unborn daughter, Madeline, due in November; his siblings, Chris Johnson of Jacksonville, FL, Justin Johnson of California, MD, William Johnson of Vail, CO, Matthew Johnson of Spartanburg, SC, and Jacob Flanary of Lexington Park, MD, his nephews, Jacob Johnson and Tyler Hildreth; and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made

to the BDVFD, P.O. Box 1440, California, MD 20619.

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### Christine Elizabeth Crawford



Christine Elizabeth Crawford, 52, of Great Mills, MD, passed away suddenly on October 8, 2021, in California, MD. Christine's cheerful spirit touched so many people in her life and will be missed dearly.

Christine was born on September 18, 1969, in Fairfield, IA to Barbara Elliott Hendrickson of Fairfield, IA and the late Frank Stever.

Christine is a 1987 graduate of Northwestern High School in Sciota, IL. On October 2, 1988, she married her high school sweetheart, Eric David Crawford in Blandinsville, IL. Together they celebrated over 33 wonderful years of marriage. She was a devoted wife and supported her husband throughout his Naval career. She earned her Associate of Arts degree in Accounting at the College of Southern Maryland. Christine was employed at BAHF Insurance Company as a dedicated insurance agent for the past eight years. She had an infectious laugh and personality that attracted everyone to her. She was always warm and inviting and never met a stranger. Her hobbies included playing volleyball for the St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks League, where she was affectionately known as "Mean Christine." She was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening. She loved snowmen and had an extensive collection. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, and friend to many. She always took the opportunity to sit and visit with her friends as often as she could. Her family was her greatest love and she enjoyed spending time with them, especially with her husband and daughters taking vacations to the beach and the lake.

In addition to her mother, Barbara, and husband, Eric, Christine is also survived by her daughters, Erin Crawford

(Christopher Coogan) of Hollywood, MD and Ashley Crawford of Topsham, ME; her stepmother, Eleanor Stever of Fulton, IL; her siblings: Susan Cabbage (Kevin) of Fairfield, IA; Janine Starbuck (Patrick) of Macomb, IL; Sarah Kessel (Robert) of Fairfield, IA; Carrie Lappe (Aaron) of Granger, IA; Donica Vonderohe (Michael) of Clinton, IA; Matt Stever (Dixie) of Elkhorn, WI; Sherri Broadhead (Jeff) of MO; brother-in-law, Robert Crawford of Sciota, IL; sister-in-law, Stephanie Higgins (Greg) of Norfolk, VA. In addition to her father, Frank, she is also preceded in death by her stepfather, Robert Hendrickson.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, P.O. Box 393, Hohenwald, TN 38462 and the Navy and Marine Corp Relief Society, Attn: Development, 875 N. Randolph St. Ste. 225, Arlington, VA 22203.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Thomas N. Jones



LCDR Thomas Newton Jones USNR (ret.) died peacefully at home in Pensacola, Florida on October 11, 2021. He was born September 27, 1924 in Painesville, Ohio. His parents were Ted and Ruby Jones. He grew up on his family farm in Ohio. Later the family moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Tom joined the Navy in 1942 as a Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) and started flight school. He earned his wings of Gold in Pensacola in 1944. After completing training on the venerable PBY he joined his new squadron and proceeded towards the Western Pacific to take part in Operation Downfall, the invasion of the Japanese home islands. The squadron was in Pearl Harbor when they were ordered to stand fast. A few days later, they learned that Japan had agreed to surrender unconditionally.

After World War II, Tom transitioned to the Naval Reserves and returned to Detroit. He engaged in the family foundry business with his father. Tom married Mary Elizabeth Downing on September

6, 1950. Tom's reserve squadron, VP-731 was activated and flew west during the Korean War. Mary lived in California with the other squadron wives while Tom flew patrol missions over the South China Sea.

When hostilities ended, Tom remained on active duty and was assigned to Saufley field in Pensacola. While in Pensacola, Tom and Mary welcomed their first daughter Margaret in 1952. Tom left active duty to return to Detroit to help his ailing father with the family business. The family grew with the arrival of Susan and Thomas.

Tom continued to fly for the Naval Reserves. The winds of war raged again in 1967 and Tom flew missions to the Republic of Viet Nam as a reservist. Subsequently, Tom was recalled to active duty again, and the family moved to New York where Tom served at Eastern Sea Frontier and as personal pilot for the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. The family moved once more to Keflavik, Iceland where Margaret and Susan graduated from high school and Tom retired from the Navy.

The family relocated to St. Mary's County, Maryland where Tom started working for the Navy as a field representative, travelling extensively. After Tom retired, he became an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Mary's and its successor, Patuxent Presbyterian Church. Tom was active on the building committee for the new church. Tom and Mary also enjoyed sailing the Patuxent River and teaching their grandchildren to sail.

Tom and Mary moved to Pensacola in 2005 to focus on care for Mary who was quite ill. Sadly, Mary died in 2006. Tom remained in Pensacola, happily giving guided tours of the National Naval Aviation Museum to his visiting children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents and Mary, his devoted wife of 55 years. He is survived by his children, Margaret Densford (Joseph) of St. Inigoes, Maryland, Susan Carr (James) of Kaukauna, Wisconsin and son TJ (Lynn) of Pensacola, Florida. Additionally his sister Elizabeth Johnson of Macon, Georgia survives him. Tom has a total of nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday 25 October, 2021 at 1030 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida. Interment will be at Barrancas National Cemetery at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers contribution are requested to: Veterans Flight – Pensacola Beach Air Show, Attn: Roy M. Kinsey, Jr., Walborsky, Bradley & Fleming, PLLC, 438 East Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502 Veteran's Flight is a 501(3) (c) charity.



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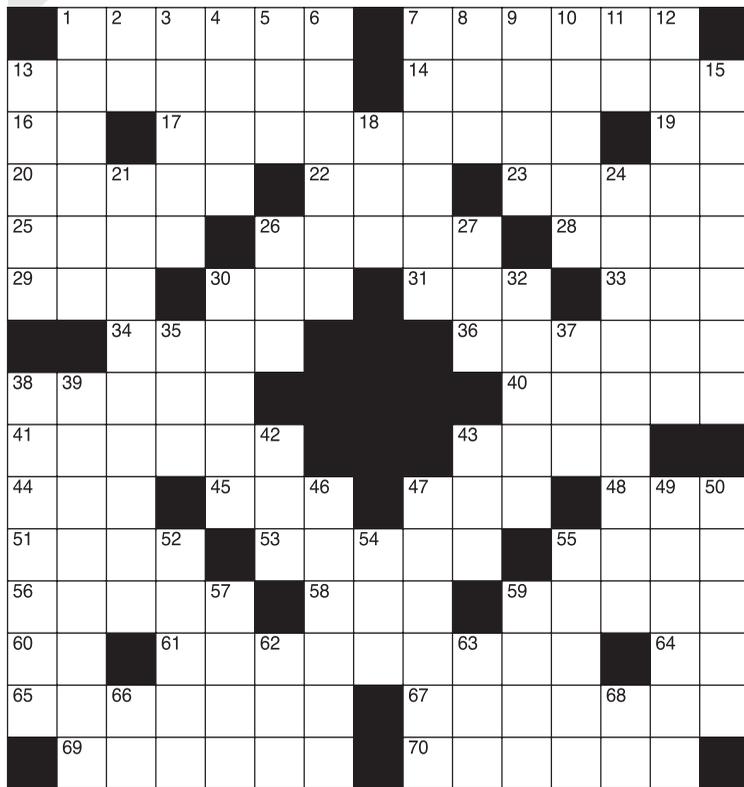


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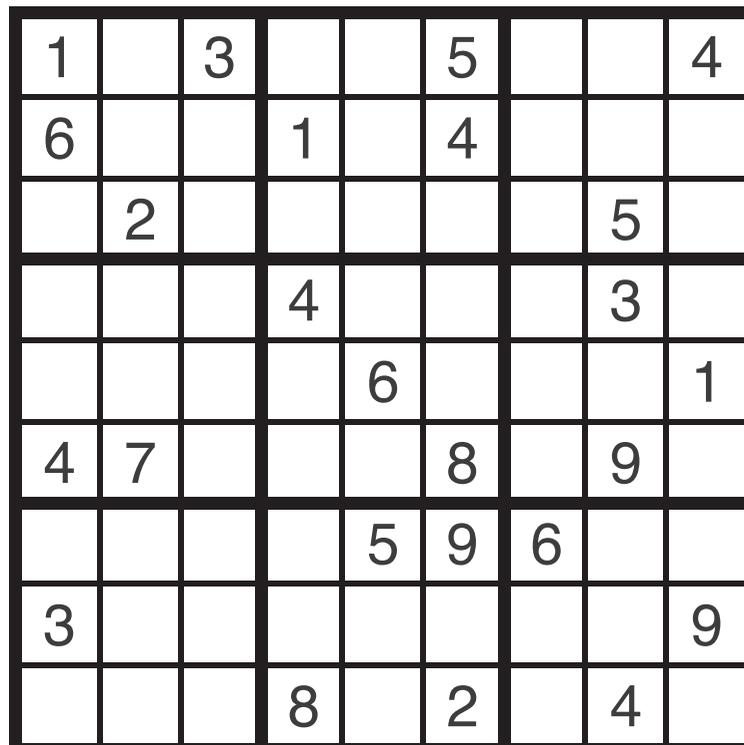
- 1. Break
- 7. Ruled Russia
- 13. Having several lobes
- 14. Walked around proudly
- 16. Atomic #77
- 17. Largest living land animals
- 19. The Great Lakes State
- 20. A type of toast
- 22. Partner to feather
- 23. Bristlelike
- 25. Bowfin
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Hairlike structure
- 29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 30. Where wrestlers work
- 31. Blood relation
- 33. A great deal
- 34. Round Dutch cheese
- 36. Move further away from
- 38. Type of wrap
- 40. Furies
- 41. Removes from the record
- 43. Young salmon
- 44. Feline
- 45. Skin decor
- 47. Disfigure
- 48. They \_\_\_

- 51. Formal term for "on"
- 53. Weight of precious stones
- 55. Traveled rapidly
- 56. Long-winged aquatic bird
- 58. Prickly husk
- 59. Expressed pleasure
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Most irritable
- 64. Virginia
- 65. Optimistic
- 67. Humorous works
- 69. Arranged systematically
- 70. Emerges

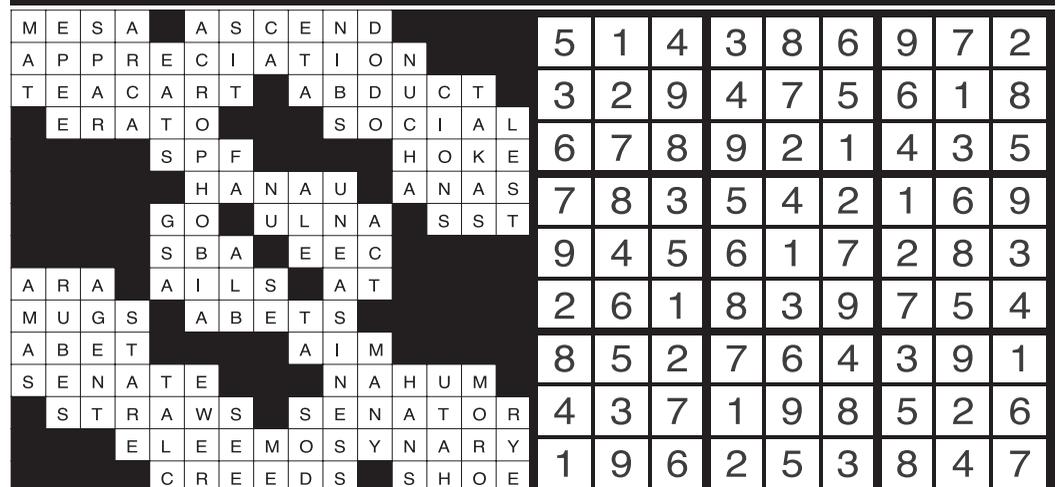
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Wives of a polygamous man
- 2. Where hurt ballplayers land
- 3. Single-celled animal
- 4. Rhythmic pattern
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. A group of seven
- 7. Refrains from inflicting
- 8. Light brown
- 9. Humanistic discipline
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. It says who you are
- 12. Roundworm
- 13. Group of Native Americans

- 15. Makes wider
- 18. Headgear
- 21. One who sets others free
- 24. Form of communication
- 26. A Brit's mother
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Famed modernist painter
- 32. One-time province of British India
- 35. Prosecutors
- 37. Motor vehicle
- 38. Non-religious
- 39. Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
- 42. Pouch
- 43. Touch gently
- 46. Chose
- 47. Actress Tomei
- 49. Former Broncos coach Dan
- 50. Icelandic poems
- 52. More decent
- 54. Grillmasters use it
- 55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 57. Expression of annoyance
- 59. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Body part
- 66. Thus
- 68. Rupee



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