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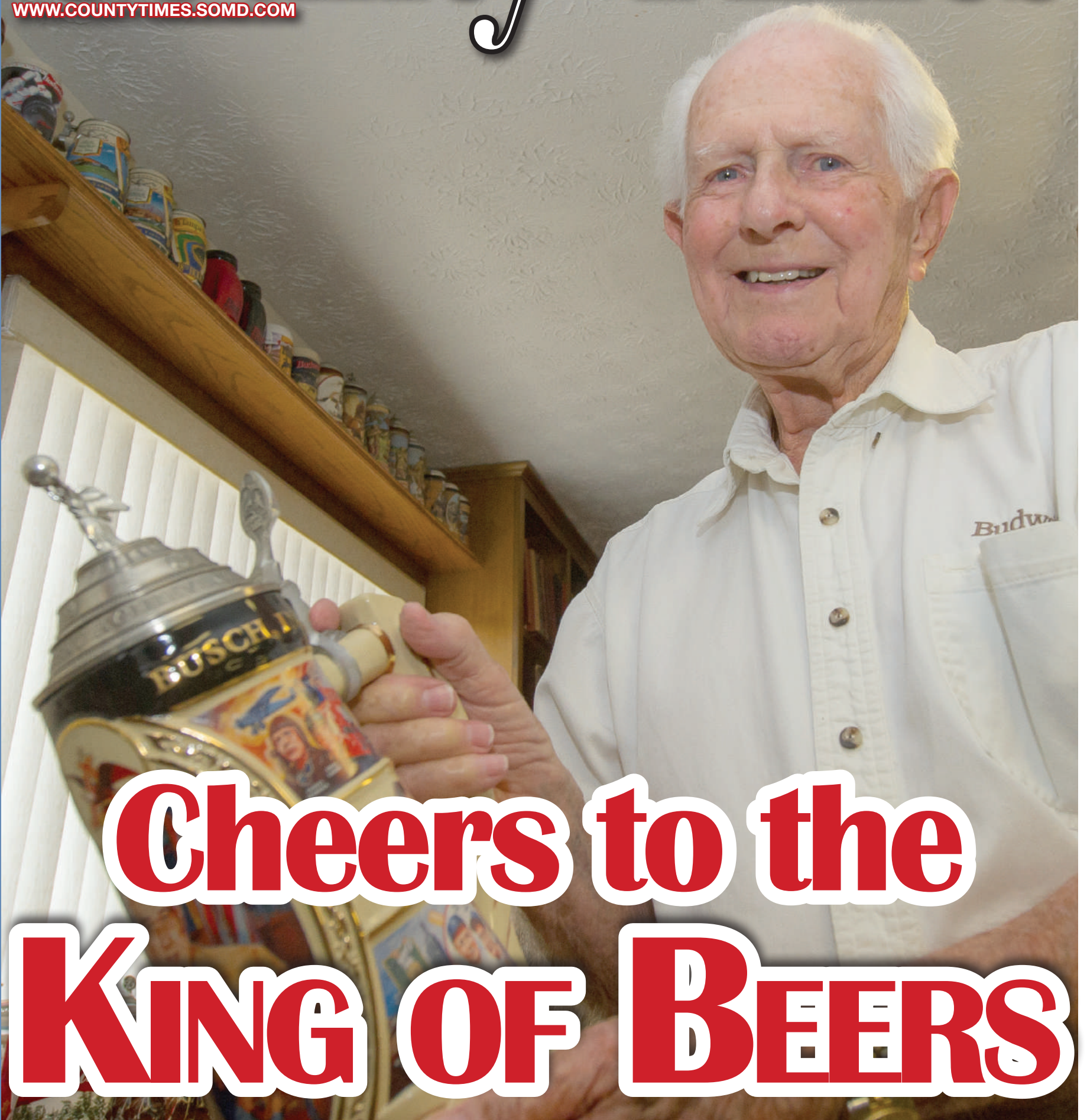
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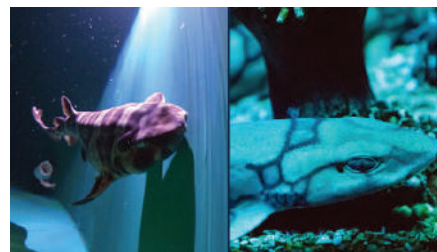


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# Sheriff's Race Heats Up With Accusations of Past Improprieties

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Steve Hall, captain in the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and candidate for sheriff posted documents on his social media site last week that show the work history of his opponent and current county commissioner John O'Connor at the Prince George's County Police Department and O'Connor's termination from his position there as a law enforcement officer.

O'Connor has publicly stated on several occasions that he resigned from his position in Prince George's County Police Department instead of being terminated, most recently at a candidate forum at the Lexington Park Library June 15.

Records from the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission (MPCTC) show that O'Connor was hired Aug. 21 of 2008, was suspended in May of 2009 and terminated in September that same year.

His suspension and termination resulted from an incident at the Greenbelt Metro Station in which O'Connor, who was intoxicated and armed at the time, wrecked his police cruiser, according to police investigation documents.

The blood alcohol content O'Connor tested was .16, according to investigation documents.

O'Connor was charged with eight total counts, four of which involved driving while intoxicated, one for destruction of property, one for making a false statement, one for causing a preventable collision and one for possessing a firearm while under the influence of alcohol.

Three of those charges — driving under the influence of alcohol, destruction of property and making a false statement — each netted O'Connor a sanction of termination from the department.

O'Connor provided documents to The County Times claiming to show that he resigned from the Prince George's Police Department.

Employment records from MPCTC also show that O'Connor was terminated from a law enforcement job in Brentwood, a municipality in Prince George's County, in April of 2013 but then apparently was rehired by the town as he later resigned as a lieu-

tenant in April of 2015.

O'Connor also provided documents claiming to show that he was not fired from Brentwood but resigned.

The documents are available on his website, O'Connor said.

"I have openly shared my story with military veterans and others across the country before ever considering public office," O'Connor wrote in a statement. "Questions about the circumstances under which I left the Prince George's County Police Department were raised during my bid for county commissioner in 2014 and 2018."

"As I have always said, I resigned from PGPD."

"Now, in my campaign for Sheriff of St. Mary's County, my opponents are raising the same questions previously asked and answered to confuse voters and manipulate the election for Sheriff of St. Mary's County. I resigned from the Prince George's County Police Department and any suggestion to the contrary is simply untrue. The internal affairs document on my website, [www.jeoconnor.com/worksanctions](http://www.jeoconnor.com/worksanctions) shows that I resigned."

He blamed Hall for waiting until early voting began to inject investigation documents into the race as to not give O'Connor adequate time to defend himself.

"If my opponent had not intentionally waited to thrust this matter into the limelight, I would have had the opportunity to request my resignation letter from the department," O'Connor stated. "My opponents have also falsely stated that I was fired from the Brentwood Police Department. Again, proof that I resigned in good standing is also on my website."

Supporters of O'Connor's have posted documents on line purporting to be from the Gunnison, Colorado Sheriff's Office showing a Steven A. Hall who was arrested for assault and served a six-day sentence on November 26, 1991.

The college from which Hall first graduated, Western Colorado University, is located in Gunnison County.

Hall first began his 24-year career with the St. Mary's agency in 1994 as a corrections officer.

Hall has yet to return calls seeking comment for this article.

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Thomas F. McKay

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# Crowded Field in Commissioner President Race

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Four Republicans are seeking the primary election victory for the county commissioner president seat, including the incumbent James “Randy” Guy, McKay’s Food Stores President Thomas F. McKay, who once held the seat for a term, school board member Rita Weaver and William “BJ” Hall, a civic activist and once the president of the local NAACP chapter.

They faced each other June 29 at a candidate forum at the Lexington Park Library. All said they had the experience and enthusiasm to lead the county commissioner board.

“This is about restoring an America that works,” McKay said of the election. “And we’re going to start right here by restoring the St. Mary’s County that works.” McKay said he would work to restore fiscally conservative values and increase transparency in county government.

“No more double digit spending increases,” McKay said. “No more doubling our debt as in the past few years and no more tax increases.

“We will invest in what works and change what doesn’t.”

Guy said he had been an effective commissioner president over the past eight years.

“Results matter,” Guy said. “My priorities will be education, safety and transportation.

“My leadership style has and will continue to be open dialogue and looking at all parts of an issue before making my final decision.”

Guy noted the many public construction projects completed under his leadership including the new animal shelter and new farmers market buildings in Mechanicsville.

Guy said he would also continue to foster the strong relationship between the county government and Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Weaver, an Army and Navy veteran, who is also a trained nurse, said her time on the school board gave her experience in dealing with the biggest portion of the county’s operating budget.

She also sits on the county’s animal advisory board as well as numerous other county service organizations, she said.

“It’s with my active involvement that I have a good grasp of what the citizens from this county need,” Weaver said. “My leadership and management skills show through in many ways... I’m very determined and get the job done.”

Hall, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, said he had learned strong leadership and management skills from his training and has been a project manager in private business and the defense contractor industry.

“I’ve started a non-profit focused on getting resources to the underprivileged and the underemployed,” Hall said. “I love this county; I love living here.”

On improving mental health services, McKay said, “Most of the funding is controlled by one organization. There needs to be competition for services. We have to have more competition for these services. We can’t have one, non-competitive service.”

Weaver said finding ways to help local nurses to complete degrees in mental health would help alleviate the problem.

“We need people down here, desperately,” Weaver said.

Guy said the community needed to take a stark look at its mental health, epitomized by the rash of suicides from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

“We haven’t been able to face it as a general public,” Guy said. “And we need to do that right away.”

Hall said the county needed to concentrate on bringing more health specialty providers, mental and physical, to the county.

He said steps like building a mental health services hub in Lexington Park was a good start.

“We need find more creative ways to access those services,” Hall said.

A key question of all the candidates was why they should be trusted with leadership of the commissioner board.

Hall said the cadet’s code of conduct at West Point was “beaten into him” during his four years there and that it demanded honesty and trustworthiness.

“I’ve proven myself to be a trustworthy individual,” Hall said.

Guy said he had a “proven track record” of honesty while in office.

“I spent 26 years in the military,” Guy said. “Trust is something you have to do



(l to r) Rita Weaver, Thomas K. McKay, William Hall, Randy Guy

every day... it could mean life or death.”

“I’ll be honest with you,” Weaver said. “You may not like my answer, but it’s an honest answer.

“When I was in nursing, we all had to trust each other to do what we needed to do.”

McKay said voters should take the advice of former president Ronald Reagan when he said “trust but verify.”

“That’s why I’m so intent on opening up county government,” McKay said. “I want reporters to have access... I don’t want department heads to be shut down and told they can’t answer reporters’ questions

“I want you to be able to go to those people and ask questions.”

One question aimed at Guy asked the lack of an investigation into how State’s Attorney Richard Fritz spent money on a training session for him and certain employees in Ocean City during the pandemic despite the statewide state’s attorney’s conference being cancelled.

Guy said the county commissioners decide on budget requests from county

agencies but not how those agency leaders spend the money.

“How he spends it is up to him,” Guy said.

McKay said the question from the audience member went “to the credibility of the county government.”

“Folks... you are electing county commissioners to collect your taxes and manage your money,” McKay said. “It’s [the county commissioners’] responsibility to use your tax money correctly and that the agencies we give it to are spending it the way they were allocated to spend it.

“And when they don’t it is our job to call them into question.”

“We need to have transparency,” said Weaver. “No matter what department it is, we need to know what’s going on.”

She noted the controversy over the cannabis growing project in Avenue as an example of “mismanagement” of the approval process and public notification protocol.

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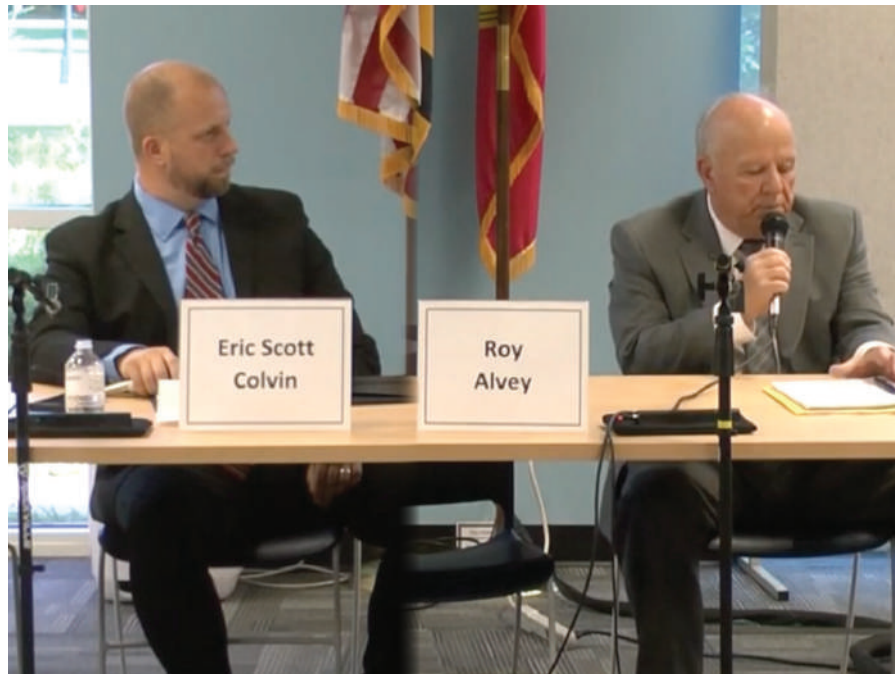
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## Colvin, Alvey Rematch in District 1



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

County Commissioner Eric Colvin and challenger Roy Alvey are facing off again for the District 1 seat, this time in the Republican primary.

A little less than four years ago, Colvin defeated Alvey in the general election when the latter was running as an independent.

Whichever of the two men wins the GOP primary on July 19 will go on to face Democrat Sheila Milburn in the general election.

Colvin said he should be judged on his first term as a county commissioner.

"Four years ago, I was unknown in this county," Colvin said at the June 29 candidate forum at the Lexington Park Library. "I had no record to stand on.

"Now I have a record to stand on; you can see the work that I've done."

Alvey said he is a close follower of county politics and public meetings and is familiar with the entire community after having worked as a cable installer for Verizon for many years.

"I didn't invent the Internet but I ran all the wires so all you have to do is plug in," Alvey said. "I'm a well-rounded candidate for county commissioner.

"I've followed St. Mary's County politics to a tee."

Neither man said that students at the College of Southern Maryland should be made to get vaccinated in order to attend classes there.

The county commissioners have recently asked the leadership there to reconsider their current vaccination policy.

"Vaccination should be up to the individual," Alvey said, noting that if the college turned students

away on that basis that he "can't support the college."

Colvin said there were several precautions to take that allowed students to avoid taking the vaccine and still remain safe in class.

"This college, which serves the whole county, should not be mandating the vaccine for all their students," said Colvin. "Everyone should have a choice."

Both men said the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan was a critical document that needed to be updated.

"It needs a lot of work," Alvey said. "Lexington Park will be one of my priorities."

"Right now, we're reworking the comprehensive plan for the whole county," Colvin said. "We need citizen input on that.

"It's what's going to shape the future of our county."

Colvin laid out several priorities for the office if he were re-elected.

"I'm going to continue to fight for transparency," Colvin said. "And to support our EMS system.

"I'm going to continue to fight for broadband improvement."

Alvey said he would not support a YMCA building currently because of the cost involved but Colvin said he would support it.

"It is not an undue burden [on the county budget]," Colvin said.

Alvey said the county would build the community center for the YMCA and he didn't want to see citizens have to pay to use it.

Colvin said the county may front the cost for the building but that the YMCA would absorb all of the operating costs.

"That saves the taxpayer a significant amount of money in the future," Colvin said.

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# George Guy, Founder of Guy Distributing, Passes

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

George Guy, who founded the local beer distributing company that bears his family name decades ago, has died.

He was 97.

Guy, known affectionately as Georgie, built Guy Distributing Company in Leonardtown from the success of the locally famous 10 oz. Budweiser Beer can but his reputation was built on his many charitable activities in the community.

Guy's son Glenn said his father was well known and well-loved throughout the community, often due to his sponsorship of multiple sporting leagues.

"He was a huge sports fan," Glenn said. "He really enjoyed watching the games."

George Guy loved watching the Washington Commanders games, then known as the Washington Redskins.

Glenn said his father was a rabid fan who was not always pleasant to sit next to when his favorite team was losing.

That image ran counter to the one many saw of George Guy, who famously sponsored an annu-

al sportsmanship award for local sports stars.

"He really admired people like that," Glenn said. "He wasn't a good loser."

"He was really competitive when it came to sports."

George Guy's extended family was huge. He had 52 nieces and nephews, Glenn said and loved being around them at family reunions.

"He was in his glory with them," Glenn said of his father. "He loved people more than anything; he cherished his family."

Speaking in 2019 Guy said all of the charitable organizations he had joined, all of the donations he gave and all of the activities he had sponsored in the past – a major local softball league tournament is just one – had all been out of love for his home county.

"I feel an obligation to my community," Guy told The County Times in August of 2019. "Because we're helping the community."

Guy was a member of the Leonardtown Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Moose Lodge, the Elks Lodge and the Lexington Park Rotary Club to name a few.



Guy was most closely associated with the Leonardtown Lions Club; he was honored for his service to the club and his perfect attendance to all of its meeting for the past seven decades.

"I've had 70 years in the Lions Club, it's the most important club I've been involved in," Guy told The County Times in 2019.  
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# Hogan Eases Restrictitons on Handgun Carry Permits

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan ordered the Maryland State Police this week to abide by a recent Supreme Court decision that struck down a highly restrictive New York state law for citizens seeking to get a concealed carry permit for self-defense.

Maryland has also has a restrictive law regarding the obtaining of concealed carry permits which Hogan said, in line with the recent High Court ruling, was unconstitutional.

“Over the course of my administration, I have consistently supported the right of law-abiding citizens to own and carry firearms, while enacting responsible and common sense measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill,” Hogan said in a statement.

“Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a provision in New York law pertaining to handgun permitting that is virtually indistinguishable from Maryland law.

“In light of the ruling and to ensure compliance with the Constitution, I am directing the Maryland State Police to immediately suspend utilization of the ‘good and substantial reason’ standard when reviewing applications for Wear and Carry Permits.”

Hogan said that other permitting requirements would still apply for those seeking a concealed carry license but to continue enforcing the Maryland statute as it would run afoul of the Supreme Court ruling and the U.S. Constitution.

The Maryland State Police issued a statement saying they were complying with Hogan’s order, es-



pecially by updating their on-line application process.

“The Maryland State Police Licensing Division is in the process of updating the licensing portal to reflect these changes,” the state police statement said. “Until these updates are complete, applicants submitting a wear and carry permit application are directed to select ‘Personal Protection / Category Not Listed Above’ as their ‘Handgun Permit Category.’”

Applicants are not required to attach documents to the “Personal Protection Documentation” section on the “Upload Documents” page of the Wear and Carry Permit application.

The state police statement reiterated that before anyone can legally carry a concealed handgun they must first acquire a state police-issued permit.

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Those wishing to speak at the forum will receive up to three minutes to address the Commissioners. Anyone wishing to provide more detailed comments can do so via email or regular mail.

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# Two Arrested for Lexington Park Shooting



Daitoine Vincent Payne



Joshua Mason

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has arrested and charged two men with numerous firearms offenses stemming from a shooting that occurred on June 24 in Lexington Park.

Arrested and charged were Daitoine Vincent Payne, age 21 of Lexington Park, and Joshua Alexander Mason, age 38 of Lexington Park, in the shooting which injured a 43-year-old man in the area of Exquisite Court in Lexington Park.

During the investigation, items of evidence, in conjunction with multiple witness accounts, determined an earlier altercation took place between the victim and Mason. Payne and Mason later returned to the incident location armed with several firearms and assaulted the victim.

On June 30 Payne was observed walking through the Columbia Commons neighborhood in Lexington Park carrying a black bag. As officers approached him to apprehend him, Payne fled on foot and was apprehended a short distance later. Recovered was a loaded Glock 27 handgun with its serial number obliterated. Payne is a prohibited person from owning firearms by Maryland law.

A short time later on June 30, after Payne's arrest, Mason was located and apprehended pursuant to an outstanding warrant for his arrest in connection to the aforementioned incident.

Payne is charged with the following: First-Degree Assault; CDS Possession with Intent to Distribute; CDS: Distribution etc. with firearm; Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm; Possession of a Firearm with Criminal Violence/Felony Conviction; Firearm in the Use of a Felony or Violent Crime; a bench warrant for Failure to Appear for Child Support; Illegal Possession of Ammunition; Second-Degree Assault and CDS Possession: Marijuana more than 10 grams.

Mason was charged with First-Degree Assault; Attempted First-Degree Murder; Attempted Second-Degree Murder; Second-Degree Assault; Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm; Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction; Illegal Possession of Ammunition; Firearm Use in a Felony/Violent Crime and Loaded Handgun on Person.

Payne and Mason are being held at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.

# STS to Resume Full Service for Great Mills

St. Mary's Transit System (STS) has resumed full transit route service for the Route 3, Great Mills bus.

The Great Mills, Route 3 bus runs northbound and southbound every hour from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays – Fridays. It traverses

the route between the Leonardtown governmental center and the Tulagi Place transfer locations.

For additional information on STS routes and operations, please visit our webpage at <https://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/sts-transit/>.

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I myself left our office in June 2021. I was not looking to leave. I was recruited by the Clerk of Calvert County for a supervisor position. After careful thought, I decided this was an opportunity for me to benchmark another Clerk's office to expand my leadership and knowledge. After my years of dedication, it broke my heart to walk away from what I knew to be home. I cared so much for the customers I served, the staff and friendships developed over the years.

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My heart and soul are in St. Mary's County. My leadership will restore transparency, professionalism, integrity, and teamwork to the Clerk's office. I know where I belong, and I know I am the right person. I am excited to serve the citizens of St. Mary's County as your next Clerk of the Circuit Court. I humbly ask for your vote in the primary election on July 19th.

Authority: Faye Wheeler for Clerk of the Circuit Court, MaryKay Myers, Treasurer.

## Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival This Weekend

A free concert featuring a nationally-renowned jazz group, an exclusive opening party where attendees dress in their best all-white attire, and a free opening reception to kick off the 22nd annual Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival in a big way this July 8 in downtown Leonardtown. As one of the mid-Atlantic's signature jazz events, this three-day festival is held at two superb locations - along the shores of the beautiful Potomac River and in Leonardtown. The award-winning weekend features fantastic national jazz artists, amazing seafood and lots of related events July 8-10, 2022.

The Town of Leonardtown takes center stage as the kickoff locale for the festival Friday, July 8, 2022. Attendees can come to town early and enjoy a free welcome reception at the Inn at Leonardtown with live music, drinks and light fare from Quality Street Kitchen & Catering between 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants are then encouraged to dine and shop around Leonardtown at stores and restaurants that will be in on the jazz fun, some of which will have live jazz music and more. The free trolley will be circulating town at various stops every 30 minutes so you can get around town easily without having to drive or find parking.

The night's highlight will be a free concert on the Square at 6 p.m. featuring the internationally renowned Eric Byrd Trio. Bring your chair or blanket to sit on the lawn or grab outdoor seating while eating at one of the restaurants on the Square to enjoy the music. For 20 years, the Eric Byrd Trio has traveled the world as enthusiastic ambassadors of jazz. Rooted in swing and bebop, they also embrace gospel and the blues as core elements of their expansive performance style. Their body of work spans seven unique studio and live recordings on which they shine as a Trio and collaborators. On each recording, they take a rigorous, modern approach to standards and original compositions, playing with excellent acuity within the broad and rich jazz tradition. The concert ends at 9 p.m.

Finally, the opening night caps off with an exclusive ticketed event, the brand-new All White Attire Summer Soiree, hosted at The Rex at 9:30 p.m. Partygoers will come in all-white attire and join Wynne Briscoe, the official

Jazz Ambassador, to dance the night away to live entertainment by 4 The Road Band and DJ Cisco T. Tickets include a delicious late-night buffet with freshly prepared appetizers and small bites from The Rex. Two cash bars will feature a full array of beverages. The dress code is formal "all-white attire," with no athletic wear permitted. Attendees will experience an excellent night on the town in downtown Leonardtown with a new outdoor patio under the lights. Tickets are on sale at the website and are \$60 per person. Those interested are encouraged to purchase as soon as possible; tickets are limited for this exclusive event.

Saturday will then feature the ticketed Main Event at St. Clement's Island Museum with national and local jazz artists. Sunday will finish off the festival back in Leonardtown with jazz brunches, jazz cruises, music around town and more.

This annual festival has become known in the past two decades for showcasing local culinary delicacies of Maryland's Mother County and renowned national jazz talent. It will feature three days of jazz fun. The Maryland Office of Tourism recognized the 20th anniversary festival in 2019 with the "Maximizing Opportunities Award" - the only event in Maryland to receive such distinction.

Various tickets for Saturday, as well as tickets for Jazz Cruises and the All-White Attire Summer Soiree, plus discount hotel packages, are now available on the festival's website [www.PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com](http://www.PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com). There, those interested can find more information about everything happening that weekend. The public is encouraged to regularly check the website and Facebook page as new information is updated weekly.

Proceeds from this event go toward funding the nonprofit Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums' mission of supporting the museums and historic sites under the care of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. The event's major partners include the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums, St. Mary's County Museum Division, the St. Mary's County Arts Council, and many Leonardtown businesses. For more information, please visit [www.PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com](http://www.PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com).

  
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# Bailey Swears in NARFE Officers



At a June 17 meeting at Olde Breton Inn, Senator Jack Bailey (third from left) swore in officers for National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 969, from left, Federal Legislative Officer Dick Myers, President Joe Moffatt and Treasurer Nettie Harding.

# Nonprofit to Unveil New Corporate Identity

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living (SMCIL) - a non-residential, non-profit community-based human service agency working to empower individuals living with disabilities with the tools they need to lead self-directed, independent, and productive lives - is excited to unveil a new brand and corporate identity as they aim to have an even larger impact in Southern Maryland's Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

"As a non-profit organization created for and by people with disabilities, our mission is to promote independent living and empowerment for people of all ages with all types of disabilities," said Lidiya Belyovska, SMCIL's Executive Director. "Advocacy, information, and education all play key roles in our efforts to provide access to the resources individuals with

disabilities need to enhance their independence."

She added, "That's why our recent rebranding and new corporate identity are so important. Both add fresh energy and vibrancy to our work, and with this refresh, we hope to reach more residents in our community than ever before, through all our activities, ranging from providing exceptional Independent Living Skills training, Veterans' services, access to Assistive Technology, Advocacy, and Peer Support for individuals living with disabilities and their families."

To learn more about or support Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, visit our website at <https://www.smcil.org>.

*Press Release from Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, Inc.*



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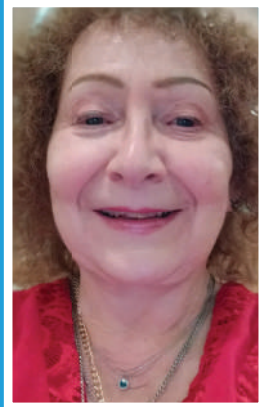
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The auction will be held and open for the sale of other animals.**

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Auction is now online for viewing & bidding.

In-Person Auction Preview: Friday, July 1, 2022 from 3 pm to 7 pm

at Westfield Farm, 26689 Laurel Grove Rd. Mechanicsville, MD

**Online auction will close beginning at 6 pm Tuesday, July 5th**

(NOTE: This is a revised closing date/time than originally noted)

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# BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES RESPOND TO KEY QUESTIONS



Dorothy Andrews



Bender



Williams

## IF ELECTED, WHAT ARE YOUR BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM?

### WILLIAMS

I will review the budget to make sure that money is being spent effectively and efficiently by advocating for the elimination of categories which are not meeting student and classroom needs and allocating money to categories that are. Additionally, I would advocate for an increase in funding from the local and state government so that SMCPs has enough funding to meet the needs of our public schools and to implement the priorities of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

### ANDREWS

I am in favor of a school budget that prioritizes the classroom. Classrooms must be fully funded with spending focused on literacy – reading and writing – the top priority. Increases or decreases in the budget should be predicated on what is “essential” versus “non-essential” spending.

### BENDER

My priorities for the school system are:

Ensure teaching/staff salaries are met per the agreement.

Fully fund school building security updates as necessary.

Ensure the district is fully funded to meet the requirements for the Blueprint of Maryland.

Listen to parents and help them understand the laws, policies, regulations, processes, and provide resources for parents to advocate for their children.

## WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, NEED TO BE MADE TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM?

### WILLIAMS

Communication between parents and the public school system needs to

improve so that parents are kept informed about the curriculum, school policy and potential changes to policy, and programs offered. Additionally, the public school system must continue to work to close the achievement gap and graduation rates between students of different races and economic backgrounds by providing each student with the resources each student needs to help each student reach his/her full potential so that the student can thrive in school and beyond.

### ANDREWS

The right to a public education was not intended to become a government monopoly. I am in favor of “School Choice” to give parents the freedom to choose a private school for their children. Under such a program, funds typically spent by a school district would be allocated to a participating family in the form of a voucher to pay partial or full tuition for their child’s private school, including both religious and non-religious options.

### BENDER

If elected to the school board, the changes I would suggest would be to employ more paraeducators and have full time SRO’s in each school.

## DO YOU THINK THE SCHOOL BOARD FOCUSES ENOUGH ON GATHERING PARENTAL INPUT?

### WILLIAMS

The Board of Education (BOE) with the assistance of the superintendent, should continue to notify parents through social media and the SMCPs’ website that parental input is requested. Requests should also be disseminated through the principals, in a consistent way, and through PTOs and PTAs. Additionally, at the beginning of the school year and when a student enrolls in a school during the school year, the parent should be given a

flyer that lists contact information for the BOE, the dates and times of BOE meetings, and states that they can attend meetings in-person or watch online.

### ANDREWS

No! The public school’s “whole child” continuum – academic, social, and physical and mental health – is lacking in parental awareness and involvement. What children are taught must require parental knowledge and more than tacit consent. Compulsory school attendance is not a license for the public schools to do whatever they please. The doctrine of “in loco parentis” – in place of parents – is unacceptable.

### BENDER

I believe the school board focuses on gathering parental input. Parents can email the district, fill out provided surveys throughout the year, and during each board meeting the community is welcome to make comments.

## WHAT WOULD YOUR POLICY BE REGARDING SCHOOL SECURITY?

### WILLIAMS

School security is of utmost importance and requires a multi-faceted approach. The school system cannot do it alone. I would collaborate with the Sheriff’s Department to work towards ensuring that each school has a school resource officer (SRO). I would also increase safety assistants in the school. In addition, I would advocate for the securing and controlling of access to each school by clearly defining the main entrance to schools, securing the school vestibule/main entrance through the utilization of bulletproof glass, reinforced doors, and cameras, and consistent visitor check-ins.

### ANDREWS

My policy on school security will be that the school administration must

strictly adhere to the requirements of the Maryland Safe to Learn Act and the memorandums of understanding with the sheriff’s office and the state’s attorney regarding school security, especially the initiative pertaining to gangs.

### BENDER

My suggested policy for school security would be to have all exterior doors locked at all times, so only staff have access to the building, update building security to add a PIN to the badge swipe system for access, to have full time SRO’s at each school, and to install ballistic glass a building main entryways.

## WHAT OTHER ISSUES OF POLICY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM?

### WILLIAMS

Not all students will attend college after graduation. More focus should be given to career readiness and learning life skills. Not only do students need to learn the fundamentals: math, reading, writing, etc., but they also need to learn essential life skills: communication, decision-making, financial literacy, etc. Additionally, if a student wants to pursue a vocation after graduation, then the school should work with community partners to offer internships and mentorships.

### ANDREWS

The policies of the board of education are largely dictated by the Maryland General Assembly, Maryland State Board of Education, and the Maryland Department of Education. At the local level, I will advocate for the adoption of a “Parents’ Bill of Rights” ensuring that the St. Mary’s County Public Schools will not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of a child.



# Early Voting Underway at Three Locations



**HOLLYWOOD FIREHOUSE**



**BAY DISTRICT FIREHOUSE**



**MECHANICSVILLE FIREHOUSE**

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

There are roughly 75,500 registered voters in St. Mary's County and close to 10 percent of them have applied to vote remotely by mail-in ballot this election, according to the latest information from the county's elections board.

Wendy Adkins, director of the elections board, told The County Times that 6,903 voters here had requested mail-in ballots, closing in on 10 percent of all voters, who may not go to the polls to cast their votes come July 19, which is the primary election day.

Adkins said the state board of elections sent out a mail-in ballot request form to all residents throughout the state in preparation for the upcoming election.

So far, according to state elections numbers, mail-in ballots have favored Democrats.

Close to 19,000 Democrats statewide have already cast their votes by sending back their mail-in ballots, while just under 6,000 Republicans have sent back in a mail-in ballot.

The state has issued a statement about how voters can get and return mail-in ballots.

"If you hand deliver your request and the ballots are ready, you can pick up your mail-in ballot," a notice from the state board of elections states. "You may take your mail-in ballot with you and return it by mail or you can vote it at the local board office and give it to an election official."

The deadline to request a mail-in ballot in person is election day, July 19, according to the statement.

Voters who want to receive their mail-in ballot by mail or via a fax transmission must mail in their request so that it is received by Tuesday, July 12, according to the state board of elections.

Mail-in ballots can also be received via the internet but the request must be received by 5p.m. July 15 for a request sent in the mail, or by 11:59 p.m., the same day for a request sent by fax or submitted online.

Voters who miss the deadlines to receive their ballot by mail, fax, or via the internet, but still want to vote by mail-in ballot, must apply in person, or through their agent, at their local board of elections, the state board of elections has decreed.

There has also been a significant shift locally in party affiliation from Jan. 1 to June 28, which was the last day to change parties.

Adkins reported that 1,000 Democrats have switched to the Republican party.

The Democrat party in St. Mary's County has also seen a net decline by 772 registered voters, Adkins said.

"I've never seen this before," she said. "Not this drastic of a change."

Many of the most important races, including those for state's attorney and sheriff, will likely be decided in the Republican primary.

There are currently no Democrat candidates running for either seat, while there are three Republicans running for sheriff and two running for state's attorney.

Some Democrats speaking privately to The County Times have said they and others of their political bent have switched parties for the express purpose of shaping the outcome in those two elections.

There are 31,825 registered Republicans in St. Mary's, Adkins said, 25,629 Democrats and 17,535 named with other parties or designated as unaffiliated.

Only Democrats and Republicans can vote in primary elections.

Despite the large shift in party alignment, Adkins said there have been relatively few new voter registrations for this gubernatorial election.

There are three early voting polling places in St. Mary's.

They are: Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department located at 24801 Three Notch Road, Bay District Volunteer Fire Department located at 46900 S. Shangri-La Drive and Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department located at 28165 Hills Club Road.

Early voting runs from July 7 to July 14.

The county board of elections held an emergency meeting on June 16 for an emergency polling place change for the primary election. Greenview Knolls Elementary School located at 47511 Military Lane in Great Mills is under construction and will not be operational and voters who normally cast their ballots there must instead now do so at Esperanza Middle School located at 22790 Maple Road in Lexington Park.

*guyleonard@countytimes.net*

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**ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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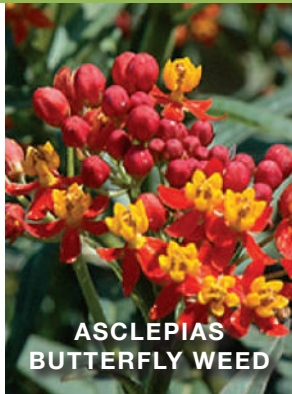


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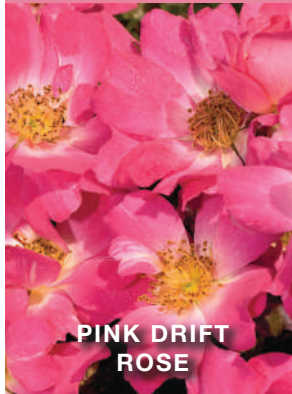
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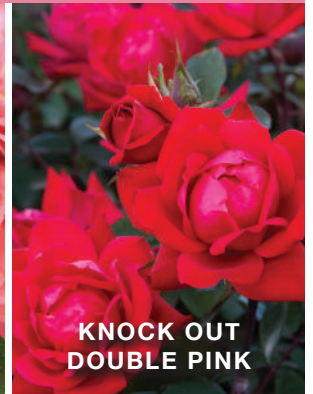
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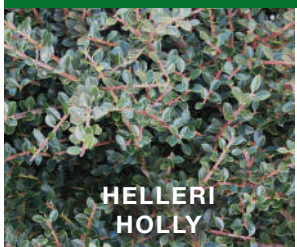
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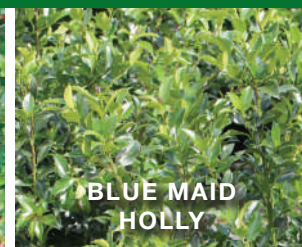
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# ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

## Legal Ad

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV21-000103

Alan C. Wetter  
c/o Lucas I. Dansie, Esq.  
406 5th Street NW  
Washington DC 20001

Plaintiff

vs.

Oliver W. Wilson  
6424 Blair Rd NW  
Apt. 3  
Washington, DC 20012

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

all unknown 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:

\*Unassigned, Lot 21 Block 52, Plat 1/91, Longview Beach A/C 07-014716,

Defendants

### AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

\*Unassigned, Lot 21 Block 52, Plat 1/91, Longview Beach also known as Account Number: 07-014716

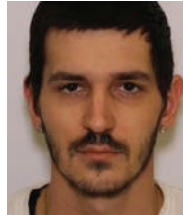
The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

**ORDERED**, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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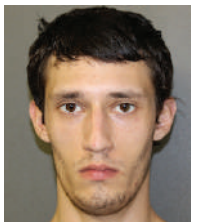
### On View Arrests:

**Drug Arrest-** On June 13, 2022, DFC. Raley arrested **David Richard Speakman**, age 28 of Leonardtown, on outstanding warrants for his arrest for Failure to Appear/Escape, Assault and Resisting Arrest. Upon arrival at the detention center, suspected Suboxone strips were located in the sole of Speakman's shoe. Speakman was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and Introduce Contraband at Detention Center.



David Richard Speakman

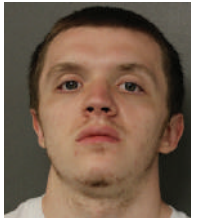
suspected cocaine. Located on Brooks was another plastic cylinder containing suspected cocaine. Brooks was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia.



Joseph Tyler William Brooks

**Drug Arrest-** On June 14, 2022, DFC. Westphal conducted a traffic stop in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, and identified the operator of the vehicle to be **Joseph Tyler William Brooks**, age 25 of Lexington Park. A K-9 scan was conducted and the K-9 altered to possible CDS in the vehicle. Located in the vehicle was a plastic cylinder containing

**Assault-** On June 26, 2022, Cpl. McClure responded to the 41800 block of Tomey Court in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **George Henry Wilson III**, age 18 of Leonardtown, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the face and back. Visible injury was observed to the victim and Wilson was charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



George Henry Wilson III

## Editor's Note

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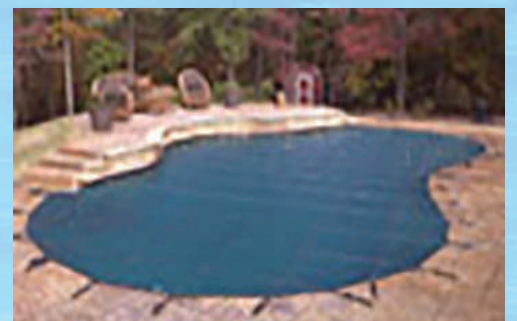


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"Because Piney Point has so many interesting things for children to explore, we thought it would be great to continue to offer a fun, yet educational, multiday STEAM program for children to take part in while off school for the summer," says Karen Stone, manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "With such a broad range of topics, they're sure to find lots of fun things to do while enjoying the outdoors at the lighthouse."

Parents are encouraged to book their child's slot soon, as this program is limited to 15 participants to give each child the best hands-on experience possible. Call 301-994-1471 to book; the cost is \$40 per child for the entire four-day program.

For more information about the program, other educational activities or Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, please call 301-994-1471 or visit [www.Facebook.com/1836Light](http://www.Facebook.com/1836Light).

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# A View From The BLEACHERS WEALTH



By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

This is going to be a busy “View.” Grab a chair. Here it goes.

Last week, Bradley Beal resigned with the Wizards for five years and a cool \$251M, Terry McLaurin signed a three-year, \$71M extension with the Commanders, Kevin Durant asked the Nets for a trade, and UCLA and USC further fractured college sports’ landscape by jettisoning the PAC-12 for the BIG conference. Oh, and pro golfers continue to exit the PGA Tour for the Saudi Arabia-backed LIV Golf.

Breathe. The defectors are up first.

Remember August 21, 2021? Just a 11 months ago, per the calendar. Forever ago, in NBA terms. Durant signed a four-year, \$194M contract extension on that date, a contract that kicks in next season. And he just asked the Nets for a trade, because, well, this is the move for NBA stars now. Durant’s tenure with the Nets has been choppy. His running mate, Kyrie Irving, is a bit of an eccentric and a steadfast anti-vaxxer (a choice that rendered him unavailable for home games in the vaccination-required state of New York). A trade for former MVP James Harden didn’t work (he was dealt to Philadelphia late last season) and the Nets’ season ended with an embarrassing first round play-off exit. Then Durant’s former team, the Golden State Warriors, won the championship. So, Durant’s torqued, and instead of grinding through the challenge, he wants to jump and parachute into a situation offering an easier path to the championship.

Kinda nuts, eh? Yeah, until you check behind door numbers two (college football) and three (golf).

USC and UCLA just determined the future of college sports by shunning the PAC-12, a conference the schools had been members of since 1922 and 1928, respectively, for the BIG. With the entire Los Angeles market now in the BIG’s coffers, and the Southeastern Conference (SEC) poised to add Texas and Oklahoma in 2025, there will be two super-conferences in college sports. Never mind long-standing rivalries. Forget competitive balance. “Follow the money,” as Deep Throat said. Listen to the cash register ring. Same goes for those shameless pro golfers – Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau and Dustin Johnson to name a few – who signed up for dirty checks from Saudi Arabia.

Cringe flashback: It’s 1982 and I’m in the back of my mom’s station wagon while Michael Martin Murphy’s “What’s Forever For?” blares through the speakers. “Why doesn’t anybody ever stay together anymore?” he sings. I don’t know, M-cubed. I don’t know.

With all semblance of continuity and commitment fading, McLaurin and Beal arrived like two stabilizing Avengers. Beal’s choice to remain with the Wizards is curious; he was due stupid money nearly everywhere, to choose Washington is to choose mediocrity, at best. Beal is now poised to end his career as one of the greatest Wizards of all time, and certainly the best in generations...for what it’s worth.

McLaurin’s decision to stay with the Commanders is pleasing but unsettling. For Commanders fans, McLaurin’s extension was Christmas in June. For McLaurin, it was lottery day – \$71M in total and a \$28M signing bonus. But McLaurin deserves better. Not more money, necessarily, but better. Good luck finding another NFL player with McLaurin’s level of professionalism and character. He is everything a Dan Snyder organization is not.

With the paydays inevitable, Beal’s and McLaurin’s decisions to stay with middling (Wizards) or embarrassing (Commanders) franchises remind that wealth is more than money. Sahil Bloom (@SahilBloom), a self-described entrepreneur, creator and investor, dropped an epic Twitter thread last Saturday – “22 Powerful Ideas from the first half of 2022.” One of the 22 ideas defined five types of wealth – financial (money), social (relationships), physical (health), mental (knowledge, faith) and time (freedom).

Whatever their calculus, Beal and McLaurin determined that remaining in Washington generated the most personal wealth. And on second thought, Durant’s decision may be less cowardice and more a grasp for non-monetary aspects of wealth. However, the LIV golfers, and USC and UCLA’s abandonment of the PAC-12, leave only one conclusion – this was a money-grab, holistic wealth be damned. Perhaps Bloom’s powerful, multi-faceted wealth equation excludes institutions and pro golfers. It’s their loss – and ours.

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# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## LIFE IN BLACK AND WHITE

I have the Keurig humming, brewing a cup of Folger's Black Silk coffee, though I will pour half out. My traditional cup of Scottish Breakfast tea in the early morning is usually enough caffeine, cream, and sugar to get me through a day and a half. But on column writing day, I love to have a bit of coffee to give me that true, traditional writing stereotype of the 20th century author hunkered down over their Remington typewriter with black coffee and cigarettes at hand (although I have never smoked). I can feel like Ernest Hemingway, Wolfe (Thomas and Tom) or Virginia Woolf, Mickey Spillane for fun, Dashiell Hammett, or Agatha Christie. Then my heart starts racing from the additional caffeine and I regret having the coffee. As my two-finger pecking skips across the keyboard, I notice how much the caffeine does affect me.



I think I need to get my mother's old Remington back from my son Ryan for a while just for fun. She was an excellent clerk-typist (with speed and no mistakes) from her early secretarial years in DC to her many years working for the State of Maryland. My mother could also type amazing stories on that old Remington as well as write hundreds of letters to different elected officials and companies about various things that bothered her. The Remington sat at the end of our metal and Formica dining room table for years. She even wrote stories for my sons on that typewriter. Watching my mother type away with her Love That Red lipstick stained coffee cup as well as lipstick-stained Salem cigarettes slowly sending up a winding, wispy trail of smoke always made me think she was one of the old black and white movies come to life.

Maybe that's why I watch too many old classic and Film Noir movies on TCM on rainy days or on quiet Sunday afternoons – reminders of those days growing up. Gosh I love curling up on the sofa watching old Thin Man, Charlie Chan, and Sherlock Holmes movies. I have probably seen them all over and over since childhood, and never tire of them. Any movie with William Powell and Myrna Loy is always good for intrigue and innuendo. The neatest movies are the pre-code movies from the late 20s to early

30s before religious organizations campaigned against anti-heroes in the movies like Public Enemy, Scarface, and Little Caesar where villains were idolized, and risqué women with the heart of gold were portrayed. "Pre-Code Hollywood was the brief era in the American film industry between the widespread adoption of sound in pictures in 1929 and the enforcement of the Motion Picture Production Code censorship guidelines, popularly known as the "Hays Code", in mid-1934." The studios hired a Presbyterian elder, William Hayes, along with Catholic Layman Martin Quigley, and Jesuit priest, Father Danial A. Lord to oversee and rehabilitate Hollywood's image and create a code for movies to go by.

Of course, now, those codes are long gone, and seem mild to the films and television of today. But the old black and white films have such beautiful lighting and shadows; the depth in grayscale was remarkable. Women's rhinestone encrusted gowns and beautiful diamond jewelry shimmered in a way that color film can't match. Can you imagine watching The Thin Man movies, or Frankenstein or Nosferatu in color?

As I write, it is getting darker and darker outside with a chance for thunderstorms most every day this week. Sounds like a perfect week to watch old movies, and maybe sift through the old black and white photos of my mother and family. Maybe my mother will channel her spirit of writing and typing technique through my hands... or probably not, I'll be a two finger typist forever.

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## THE PARADE OF IMAGINARY HORRIBLES

*Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel*

I have always followed the principle of figuring out the “parade of imaginary horrors” and planning for every possible contingency to ensure protection. The approach is as valid for financial planning as for estate planning.

In financial planning, you should always assume the horrible of losing your job and being without an income for at least a year. This means that, after you pay off your high cost consumer debt, the next step is to save enough money to allow you peace of mind even if you lose your job and don’t find another for a year.

In estate planning, the horrors hit close to home and become much more personal. For example, no one with children wants to face the possibility that they will outlive their children and children do not want to think they will not outlive their parents. All too often, I am reminded that such horrors aren’t so imaginary.

A married couple recently came to discuss their daughter’s sudden recent illness and impending death at a young age. They are named as co-executors of their daughter’s will. What I learned was that the daughter, who is unmarried and has no children, had named her siblings as beneficiaries on life insurance, pension funds, etc. She had not named her parents, assuming incorrectly that she would outlive them. The effect of this was that the parents, who co-signed on the daughter’s student loan, were left without resources to pay off the student loan when the daughter died. Given the daughter’s medical state, we could not remedy the situation by changing the beneficiary designations on her insurance or retirement accounts. Fortunately, however, the family is a loving one and the siblings will help the parents to pay off the student loan.

The lesson is that you can never assume you will outlive your parents. And, if you owe your parents money for student loans, mortgage assistance or whatever, make sure you have provided for the repayment of those loans when you die. A simple way to do this is to allocate a percentage of your life insurance, retirement funds, etc. to your parents to pay them back for the loans you have made when you die. If you are paying off those loans during your lifetime, you can always change your beneficiary designations when the loans are repaid.

Another not so imaginary horrible occurs when an inheritance is left to

a person on disability. Thought must be given to the status of your beneficiary. If that person is disabled, an inheritance from you may cause the person to lose his or her disability payments. This is a far more common problem than we think. In this case, there is something that can be done to help. A “special needs trust” can be created for the disabled person. This is a trust created for the specific purpose of allowing a person receiving disability to continue to receive those benefits and also receive an inheritance. This type of trust must follow specific guidelines, one of which will return any assets left after the death of the disabled person to the State of Maryland to reimburse the state for making the disability payments. A special needs trust must be approved by the Maryland Attorney General’s office.

What about the potential horrible of unforeseen consequences of a second marriage? I was thrilled for another client when he recently married after being a widower for several years. The issue was that the new wife had her own children from a prior marriage and didn’t have a good relationship with the man’s children. That meant that upon the man’s death, he needed to take care of his children as well as his new wife and not leave everything to her. She also faced the same issue. Both husband and wife eventually decided to split each of their estates so that both sets of children would inherit a percentage upon the deaths of their parent, with the remainder going to each other.

Have you thought about the fact that your children may not get along after you die? If you have named all of them as executors, personal representatives or trustees, they are going to have to agree. If they don’t get along, don’t put them in such a position. Instead, name one of them to serve and appoint the others in sequence.

Of course, there are many other horrors that can arise. So long as you consider them and plan to take actions to protect yourself and your family in the event they actually happen, horrors can be used to help you figure things out and not to hurt you or your loved ones.

To learn more about estate planning, join me at a free seminar on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am in our offices at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space. See you then.





# Letters to the Editor

## Endorsing Morgan

To the Editor:

I write to express my strongest possible endorsement for Todd Morgan for Maryland House of Delegates District 29-C. I have known Todd for 40 years and worked closely with him for 25 years. Todd provides all the three key ingredients required of a successful representative of St. Mary's County and Southern Maryland in Annapolis. First, Todd is intimately familiar with all the diverse aspects of our county and how state Government can most effectively support our citizens. Second, he possesses a deep knowledge of the Patuxent River Navy Base and knows exactly how our state Government should work to support these world class facilities. Lastly, the importance of Todd's 12 years of experience as St. Mary's County Commissioner cannot be overstated. This experience will enable Todd to work effectively in the context of the Maryland House of Delegates with all the give and take required to advocate for Southern Maryland and to form effective legislation for State of Maryland. Todd's effectiveness as county commissioner and his fierce advocacy for the county's citizens is attested by the fact that he was unopposed in his last two elections.

We are fortunate to have someone with Todd's unique background and should express our thanks by sending him to Annapolis.

*John McAllister  
Leonardtown, MD*

## Doug Gansler Endorsement

I am endorsing Doug Gansler for Governor — And I am asking you to join me. Doug Gansler is a candidate for the Governor of Maryland. I have known Doug for over 10 years. I am endorsing Doug for Governor and asking you to join me.

I've had the honor to serve St. Marys County for 12 years as County Commissioner. I am a lifelong resident of St. Marys County who wants our county to grow in a well planned fiscally conservative manner. I feel, with Doug as governor, the county will grow and prosper.

First, Doug loves St. Mary's County. His family owned the old Dorsey home on Medley's Neck years ago, and his love of our county has only grown with time. He visits often and truly takes the time to find out what is happening in our community — whether it is while buying stuffed ham or fried chicken at the Chaptico Market, enjoying a plate of his favorite wings at Leonardtown's Olde Town Pub. We need a Governor who understands the opportunities and challenges facing St. Mary's County, and who can be counted on to pick up the phone when we need help.

Second, Doug's priorities are right for Maryland. He knows we cannot build a stronger economy and attract good-paying jobs if our residents and small business owners don't feel safe. Doug appreciates the importance of a strong, results-oriented education system to the success of our increasingly high-tech economy. Doug knows how vital Pax River is to our economy and to the State's economy as well. To learn more about the policies that Doug will pursue as Governor, please visit [www.dougansler.com](http://www.dougansler.com).

Finally, Doug is the Democrat who I know can win the general election in November. I believe his blend of homegrown Maryland values, governing experience and pragmatic vision for our future is precisely what people are looking for in these times of deep uncertainty and it's why the state of Maryland and St. Marys County will benefit with Doug as Governor. Many of the county's leadership, past and present, support Doug for governor. Let's join together to elect him governor of our great state. Early voting has started, Election Day is July 19th. Please go out and cast your vote for Doug Gansler. I look forward to working together to help elected Doug Gansler Governor.

Sincerely,

*Dan Raley  
Former County Commissioner*

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## In Remembrance

### George Aloysius Guy



George Aloysius Guy, 97, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Clements, MD, passed away on June 30, 2022 at Hospice House in Callaway.

Born on July 26, 1924, he was the son and ninth of 12 children, of the late Mary Agnes Abell Guy and the late Claude Eugene Guy.

George married Gladys L. Guy at St. Joseph Church in Morganza, MD on September 1, 1946. He is survived by their children Joseph Glenn Guy (Patricia) of Leonardtown, MD, Brenda Ann Surfield (Ron) of Leonardtown, MD, and Karen Patricia Guy of Leonardtown MD. He is also survived by his brother Albert Francis Guy of Clements, MD, his very faithful companion of 34 years, Nancy Allwine of Tall Timbers, MD, four grandchildren, Mark Guy (Julia) Angela Pickeral (Bryan), Chris Morgan (Julie) and Karla MacRae; and five great grandchildren. George was preceded in death by his siblings Joe Stanton Guy, Claude Byron Guy, Mary Agnes Hammett,

Dorothy Elizabeth Emig, Laura Cecilia Gass, Nellie Evangeline Patrick, Anna Gertrude Haden, Claudia Abell Yates, Frederick Edmund Guy, and Charles Perry Guy.

George was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He attended St. Joseph's Grade School, then St. Mary's Academy for two years; before graduating from Charlotte Hall Military Academy in 1942. His parents became Anheuser-Busch beer distributors in 1935. He worked for his mother in Guy Brothers Store and on the beer truck until 1948, when he took over the distributorship. George loved the business and worked very hard to make it grow. As business grew, George began to sponsor many special events, the largest of which was the annual Budweiser Men's Softball Tournament. In its hey day, this tournament attracted over 100 teams. During the many year history of the tournament, it raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit the SOMD Association for Challenged Children. It was a cause that was near and dear to George's heart.

He was a loyal member and Past-President of the Leonardtown Lions Club which he joined in 1949. He also was a member of many other community organizations. George

loved the Washington Redskins (was a season ticket holder for 75 years) and was a fan of Big Band music. He enjoyed tennis, snow skiing, which he learned to do at age 57, golf, and working out at the gym until he reached 95 years of age. George especially treasured time with family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 9:30AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD, with Father David Beaubien as celebrant and Father James Myers as concelebrant. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Morganza, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Mark A. Guy, Chris Morgan, Ron Surfield, Bryan Pickeral, Glenn Guy II and Patrick Russell. Honorary pallbearers will be the Leonardtown Lions Club.

Contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Fire Department, P.O. Box 50, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and/or the Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 299, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

### Francis Herbert Russell



Francis Herbert Russell, 92 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 30, 2022 at his home.

He was born on January 20, 1930 to the late Theodore Herbert Russell and Agnes Violet Readmond.

In 1961, Francis married his beloved wife, Dorothy Russell at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 54 wonderful years of marriage until her death in May 2015. He was employed as a skilled carpenter for Elmer and Tommy Bailey. Upon retirement he enjoyed working for Food Lion for five years.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Dryden of Leonardtown, MD, his nieces, Trudy Wible (Larry) of Leonardtown, MD and Wendy Jenkins (Paul) of Park Hall, MD; his great niece, Dr. Shannon Fitzgerald and his nephew Tyler Fitzgerald. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his siblings, Catherine Gertrude Russell, James Leonard Russell, and John Sterling "Diddly" Russell.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service by Rev. Ryan Pinder at 7:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. A Graveside Service will be held on

Friday, July 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

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### Francis Neale "Frankie" Tippet

Tippet



Francis Neale "Frankie" Tippet, 73, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on June 30, 2022 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

with his family at his side.

He was born on May 24, 1949 in Washington, D.C. to the late Elmer Francis Tippet and Margaret Jarboe Tippet.

Frankie was a lifelong resident of Southern Maryland whose roots trace back to the 1600's. In his younger days, you could find him romping around the streets of Leonardtown getting into mischief. He never met a stranger and that served him well, whether he was at Tudor Hall, the Leonardtown Library, or a coin club meeting. His vast knowledge of St. Mary's County history, as well as hundreds of photos, made him an immeasurable asset to anyone who was looking to trace their genealogy or just remember "the good old days". As a renowned historian, he brought great joy to others over the years with his stories, photos, and cheerful personality. He also enjoyed spending time with his sister and his daughters, especially when there was stuffed ham involved. He cherished and adored time with his grandchildren and loved visiting with them. He was sure to always have mints or candy on hand to offer to everyone he met. Frankie was a warm, caring, and wonderful person who fought a long, brave battle with cancer.

He is survived by his children: Amanda May Tippet-Moritz of Chaptico, MD, Amber Marie Collins (Jason) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Aimee Cay Tippet of Flint, MI; his sisters, Rose Marie Stublarec of Benedict, MD and Lisa Paul of Olney, MD; nine grandchildren with one more on the way; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son Charles Francis Tippet, and his sisters, June C. Tippet and Dorothy Griffin.

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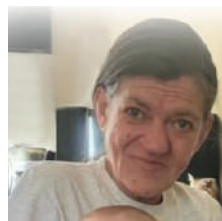
to 12:00 p.m., with a Liturgy of the World celebrated by Reverend David Beaubien at 12:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Historical Society, P.O. Box 212, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Brenda Marie Gatton



Brenda Marie Gatton, 50, of Great Mills, MD died on June 22, 2022 at her home with her loving family at her side.

She was born on July 23, 1971 to the late Walter B. Lamb and Nancy C. Lam Lamb of Leonardtown, MD.

Brenda is a 1991 graduate of Great Mills High School. She was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, and sister. She was a good cook and was known for her delicious chili. She was the life of the party and enjoyed cookouts and road trips. The family was regularly travelling throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania. She loved camping in Brunswick, MD and going to listen to local country and soft rock bands. She was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan and liked to ride on Harley Davidson motorcycles. Family was her pride and joy, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Bethany Marie Gatton (Andrew) of Great Mills, MD, Timothy Ignatius Gatton of California, MD, and Shirley Davis (Gary) of Clements, MD; her brothers: Walter Allan Lamb (Helen) of Mechanicsville, MD, Douglas Keith Lamb (Tammie) of Callaway, MD, and David Wayne Lamb (Vicky) of California, MD; her grandchildren: Samuel Wyatt Newingham of Great Mills, MD, Ronald Turner (Keyannah) of Sterling, VA, Ashley Turner of Clements, MD, Angel Davis of Lakewood, WA and Alexzia Davis of Clements, MD; her boyfriend, William James "Billy" Kolton of Leonardtown, MD; and many extended family and friends.

In addition to her loving father, she is also preceded death by her husband, Richard Patrick Gatton, and her brother, Jeffrey Frank Lamb.

All services will be private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

### Charles Alton Stone, Sr.



Charles Alton Stone, Sr. 88 of Welcome, Maryland passed away on June 26, 2022 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonard-

town, Maryland.

He was born on October 3, 1933 in Leonardtown, Maryland to the late Joseph Vernon Stone and Mary Mildred Johnson.

Charles was one of 9 children who grew up on a farm in Medley's Neck, Maryland. His siblings include: Jack Stone (Betty) of Tall Timbers, MD; Barbara Logan of Callaway, MD; Jimmy Stone (Dottie) of Leonardtown, MD; Shirley Forsythe (Gene) of the state of California; Jean Nelson (George) of Leonardtown, MD; Linda Oliver (Jimmy) of Mechanicsville, MD; John Stone (Laura) of Leonardtown, MD and Doris Bean (John Louis) of California, MD. Charles enjoyed farming and joined the United States Army in 1952. He participated in the Korean War where he was promoted to a Sergeant. He earned numerous honors including a Good Conduct Medal, Korea Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, UN Medal, ROK Presidential Unit Citation, Merit Unit Citation and National Defense Service Medal. When asked what did he do to earn these honors, he stated "I was just a good soldier". He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, Maryland. He married Margaret Alberta (Bertie) Trossbach in 1955 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. They spent 66 years together before her passing in 2021. He worked in Construction and enjoyed being outdoors. He loved boating, crabbing, fishing and working on his coy ponds. He had a large garden that he took pride in and loved to can the vegetables that he grew. He and Bertie enjoyed vacationing in Ocean City, Maryland but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with Bertie and their dogs.

He is survived by his son, Charles A. Stone, Jr. and daughter in law, Laura Stone of Leonardtown, Maryland; grandchildren, Mark Stone (Melinda) of Avenue, MD, Jason Stone (Shannon) of Chaptico, MD, and Shara Morales (Vincent) of Morganza, MD; and his great grandchildren, Marcus, Mya, Parker, Finley, Brielle, Adalee Stone and Charlie Ann Morales.

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### Dr. David Froom



Professor David Froom died on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at his home in Southern Maryland after a months-long battle with cancer. He was

surrounded by loving family.

Dr. Froom served on the faculty of St. Mary's for 33 years, helping to bring the Music Department to national prominence, a program that was the envy of other small liberal arts colleges. In the true spirit of the Liberal Arts, he was known to be welcoming to all students in his courses, whether musically gifted or not, and whether music majors or not. Many of the students whose lives he touched went on to successful careers in the arts or arts management and stayed in touch with him over many years. He earned his Doctoral degree from Columbia University, after which he spent a year at Cambridge University on a Fulbright Grant. Beyond St. Mary's, Dr. Froom enjoyed a thriving international career as a composer, garnering many distinguished awards such as a Fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Kennedy Center Friedheim Award, an Academy Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, numerous Individual Artist Awards from the Maryland State Arts Council, and many others. Most recently he had enjoyed performances of his music by prominent ensembles such as the President's Own Marine Band and the Folger Consort. He was widely admired and loved as a warm and generous artist, educator, colleague and friend.

Dr. Froom leaves behind his wife of 35 years, the pianist Eliza Garth, and two grown daughters, Rosalie and Ana, as well as two brothers, Paul and Mitchell, a sister, Mignon Benjamin, and their families. He was fiercely devoted to his family and deeply loved by them. He also leaves behind countless cherished musician colleagues and friends of many decades' standing.

All services are private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Linda Marie Buckler

Linda Marie Buckler, 69, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2022, surrounded by those she loved and adored.

Linda was born on March 13, 1953,



in La Plata, MD, to the late James Allison Robey and Ella Marie Robey.

After graduating high school, Linda immediately be-

gan working as a Financial Secretary at La Plata High School, where she met her best friend, Christina Saylor. After 42 years, she retired in 2013 to spend more time with family and friends.

Linda married Clark "Cotton" Buckler on December 4, 1981. With their marriage, Linda gained two beautiful stepdaughters, Tina and Brenda, and in November of 1984, Linda and Cotton welcomed their beloved baby girl, Brandy. They were happily married for 22 years before his passing in 2003.

Linda was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and always brought a smile to her face. She enjoyed organizing and hosting family gatherings, card games, and her traditional Thanksgiving dinner at her home. She was always up for a shopping trip and trying a new restaurant. She also enjoyed collecting "Precious Moments" figurines, and seasonal décor which she displayed proudly throughout her home.

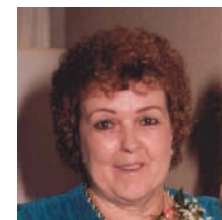
Linda is survived by her daughters, Brandy Liberati (Steve) of Crofton, MD, Tina Lawson (Tim) of Welcome, MD, and Brenda Carpenter (Mike) of Burlington, NC; her sister Mary Alice Beatty of Mechanicsville, MD; her eight (8) beloved grandchildren; her two (2) great-grandchildren and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by both of her parents James and Ella Robey; her husband Clark "Cotton" Buckler, her son Joseph David Buckler and her brother James Allison Robey, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

Arrangements were made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. in Charlotte Hall, MD.

### Gertrude Ethel Hawkins



Gertrude Ethel Hawkins, 82, of Prince Frederick, MD, formerly of Crofton, MD, peacefully passed away on May 16, 2022, at Cal-

vert Memorial Hospital in Prince

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

## In Remembrance

Frederick, MD. She was born on October 14, 1939, to the late Melvin and Gertrude Leizear.

She worked for several years at the Hecht Company in Washington DC and at the Giant in West Lanham Hills, MD.

She enjoyed camping at the Goose Bay Marina with her family many years ago. She loved dogs and liked bowling, bingo, ceramics, and softball. She also liked watching football, baseball, and horse races, but her most favorite was when she drove to many of the Nascar Races. She spent her time in her later years making beautiful crocheted blankets for her family and friends. She liked a good work finder book and her solitaire game on her tablet.

On February 5, 1958, she married Robert "Bobby" Hawkins and celebrated 54 years of marriage before his passing in 2013.

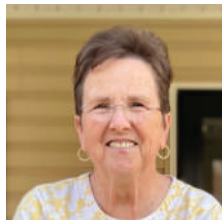
Gertrude was predeceased by her parents Melvin and Gertrude Leizear; her brother Melvin Leizear, and her sisters Peggy Miller and Lola Ellinger. Gertrude is survived by her children; Sharon Booker (Robert) of Tampa, FL, Barbara Livingston (Chuck) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Deborah Hawkins-Baker of Inwood, WV; her grandchildren Bobby (Maria) Trahan, Shelley, Stacey, Cody (Jackie) Trahan, Samantha Livingston, Michelle (Jeremy) Short, Theresa and Nicholas Baker and her eight (8) great-grandchildren and many beloved grand doggies.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Tri-County Animal Shelter.

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

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

### Rebecca Wood Norris



Rebecca Wood Norris, "Becky", 75, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on July 2, 2022 at her

home. Born on December 10, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Lucy Yvonne Wood and the late James Gibbons Wood. Becky was the loving wife of the late William Andrew "Billy" Norris, whom she married on May 27, 1967 in Mechanicsville, MD, and who preceded her in death on July 17, 2008. She is survived by her siblings Son Wood of Hollywood, MD, Emily Norris of Mechanicsville, MD, Quintin Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Michael Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Gerald Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Nancy Hall of Mechanicsville, MD, Victor Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Steve Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Susan Pullen of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, Sheila Hill of Mechanicsville, MD, Vivian Downey of Mechanicsville, MD, Lynn Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, and Justine Farrell of Mechanicsville, MD, her children Tony Norris (Sheri) of Leonardtown, MD, and Karen Tippett (Troy) of Mechanicsville, MD, as well as her grandchildren Courtney Norris, Garrett Norris, Kaitlyn Tippett, Alex Tippett, and Ryan McLean, and her great grandchildren Jackson Arias, Karmen Arias, and Banks Bock. Becky was preceded in death by her sibling Pat Wood.

Becky was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent in 1964. She was a secretary for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for 34 years, until her retirement on April 30, 2001. Becky enjoyed playing cards, yard sailing, sewing, spending time with her family and watching her children and grandchildren play softball and volleyball.

The family will receive friends on Tues-

day, July 12, 2022 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where prayers will be recited at 7:00PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 10:00AM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD, with Father Keith Woods officiating. Interment will follow in Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, Helen, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Gary Norris, Bob Norris, Tim Downey, Jim Norris, Adrian Hill, and Bernie Beaven. Honorary pallbearers will be Liz Strine and Jan Johnson.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

### Frances Ruth (Franny) Long



Frances Ruth (Franny) Long, 83, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully at her home on July 4, 2022.

Born on November 24, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Kathleen Brown Hayden and James Bradley Hayden.

Franny married the love of her life John A (Buddy) Long at St Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD on June 7, 1958, and they enjoyed 64 years of wonderful marriage to this very day.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Cathy Lacey (Jim) of Leonardtown, MD Karen Sager (Tim), of Tullahoma, TN, Susan Jarboe (David) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Buddy Long Jr of Leonardtown, MD seven grandchildren, Jeff Lacey, Brandon Daye (Kristen), Brien Sager, Daniel Jarboe (Sabrina), Nicole Edwards (Mike), Tyler Long, and Cody Jarboe (Taylor). She was preceded in death by her brother, Allan Hayden of Leonardtown, MD and her grandson, Andy Sager of Keller, TX. She is also survived by 6 great grandchildren, Camryn Edwards, Aiden Edwards, Eli Edwards, Theo Jarboe, Caleb Edwards, and Claire Jarboe.

While the better part of Franny's life was spent as Mom and homemaker, she spent 19 years working in the school cafeteria at Leonardtown Elementary School, where she enjoyed serving the many young children who came to know her as Aunt Franny.

Her grandchildren were her greatest joy, as she and her husband Buddy spent many weekends at soccer games, baseball games, dance recitals and competitions, thus instilling the continued love and support to their next family generation.

Franny's most cherished moments in life were the countless hours spent with her children at Father Andrew White Parochial School, where she volunteered as a room mother, assisted in the library, and worked the haunted house during annual school Fundays. She also coached the girl's basketball team and helped with P.E. She chaperoned many class trips. During this time she developed a special bond with Lisa Abell Kohut who still affectionately refers to her as Mom.

Franny was also blessed with a wonderful talent of crocheting. She shared her beautiful creations with family, friends and coworkers. Her greatest joy came from designing an afghan that was specifically suited for each grandchild and great grandchild.

She was also an excellent baker, sending batches of homemade cookies with her husband for his fellow workers and countless others. She was also well recognized and appreciated for the delicious pumpkin rolls, delivered to so many family and friends during the holidays. Her love for the different seasons was easily recognizable, with the many decorations she adorned the house with, inside and out, establishing the Long residence as not only a house with decorations, but a warm, inviting home for everyone who visited. The doors to the Long home were always open to all who visited, due in large part to Franny's warmth and love.

The family will receive friends on Monday, July 11, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD. Where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeff Lacey, Brandon Daye, Brien Sager, Daniel Jarboe, Tyler Long, and Cody Jarboe. Honorary pallbearers will be Hayden Hammett, Lucas Hammett, Carlin Hammett, T.J. Kohut, Brian Hammett, Chris Hammett, Allen Lacey, and Richie Daye.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 260, Leonardtown, MD, 20650, and/or ACTS, 21808 Colton's Points Road, Avenue, MD 20609

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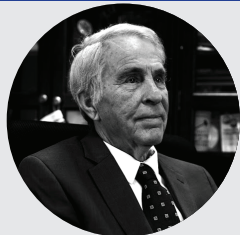


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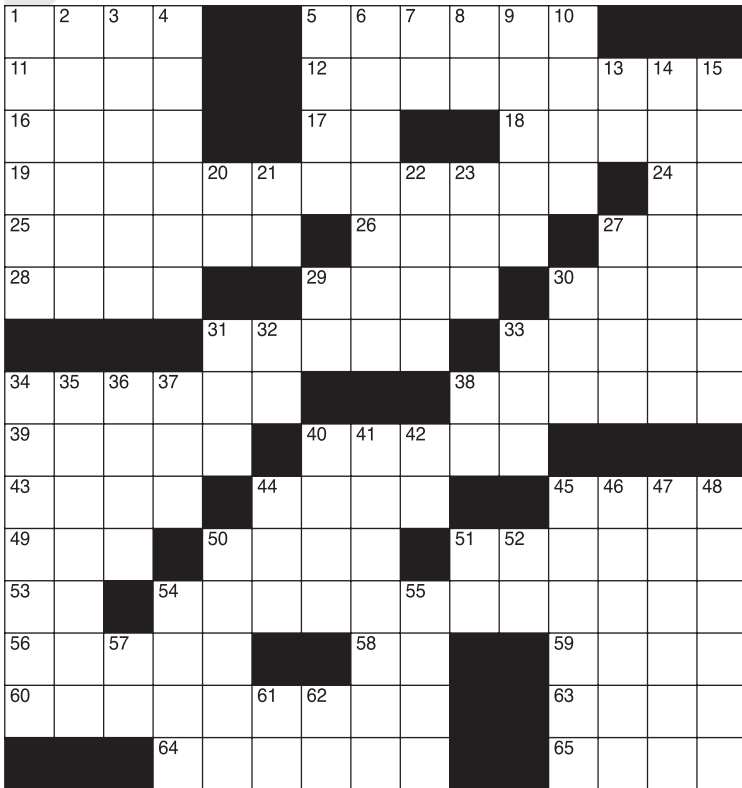
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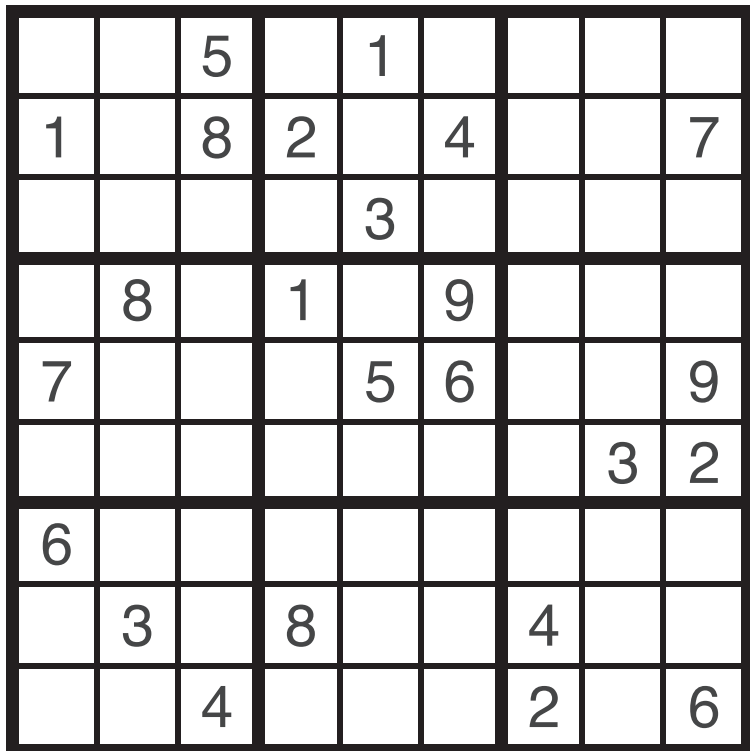
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 5. Genus of insects
- 11. Culinary herb
- 12. Neutralizing antibody
- 16. Plan
- 17. Pa's partner
- 18. A city in S Louisiana
- 19. TNT sportscaster
- 24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
- 25. Well-known bug
- 26. Body parts
- 27. Monetary unit of Albania
- 28. Kids' play things
- 29. Coastal city in Malaysia
- 30. Famed French physician
- 31. Flourishing
- 33. Excessively overweight
- 34. Pampered
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Order of tailless amphibians
- 40. Indian term of respect
- 43. Shift sails (Brit.)
- 44. Beloved Mexican dish
- 45. Scottish tax

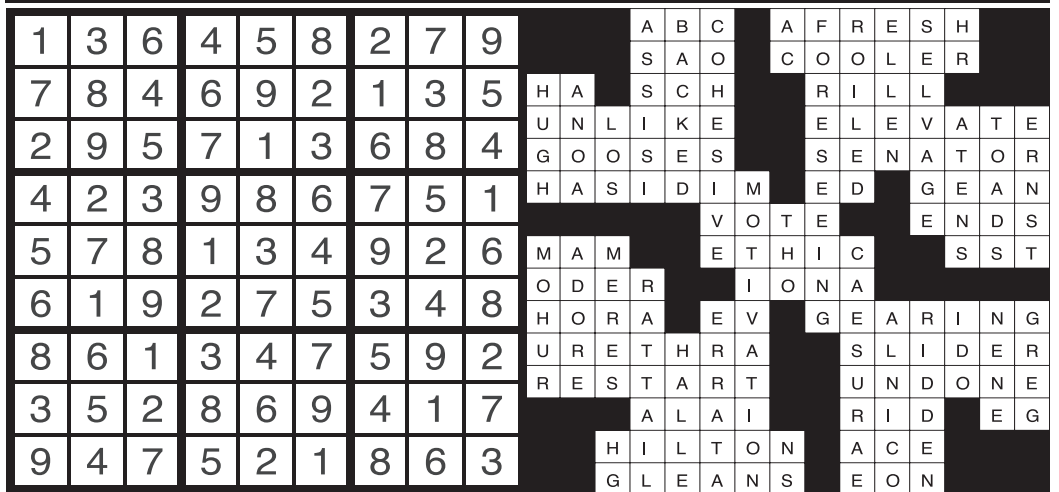
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 51. Move about
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Unit of dry measure
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Something you can up
- 60. In great need
- 63. Breezes through
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Become acquainted with

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A particular part
- 2. Spanish neighborhood
- 3. Business
- 4. Reddish browns
- 5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
- 6. Disney town
- 7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
- 9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- 10. In a moment
- 13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 14. Submerge in a liquid
- 15. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 20. -\_\_\_, denotes past
- 21. Hoopster Morant
- 22. Not
- 23. Indian title of respect
- 27. Horsley and Marvin are two
- 29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
- 30. Hoover's organization
- 31. Round globular seed
- 32. University official
- 33. Spherical body
- 34. Iraq's capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Technological marvel
- 40. Peruvian district
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. What Santa says
- 44. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 45. Late Heisman winner
- 46. Reveal the presence of
- 47. Long upholstered seat
- 48. Most wily
- 50. Sword
- 51. Respiratory disease
- 52. The Ocean State
- 54. Fleshy watery fruit
- 55. Lying down
- 57. Superheavy metal
- 61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 62. Indicates position



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**He has extensive jury experience, having tried over 350 jury trials with every form of forensic evidence from experts.**

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