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Liquor Board Weighing Future of To-Go Service

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

During the COVID-19 pandemic Gov. Larry Hogan relaxed certain liquor regulations which allowed restaurants, bars and taverns to sell alcohol, including mixed drinks, for off-site consumption in an effort to help these establishments to stem the economically debilitating effects of lockdowns.

In May, Hogan signed a law that gives local liquor boards the authority to continue these practices from July 1 through June 30 of 2023.

The St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board is considering whether to allow what would normally be illegal practices; they consulted the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on that issue this week.

"The bill mandates that the alcohol board establish need based on economic problems COVID created for our businesses as well as to weigh in the health and welfare of the community," said beverage board coordinator Tamara Hildebrand. "Each jurisdiction has a choice to opt in."

"We do have a handful of businesses that want to continue this, most of the businesses that supported this did so in support of their fellow businesses."

The law essentially allows to-go service of alcoholic beverages, including cocktails, to customers but only under fairly strict rules.

Packaged snacks or other prepared food must be included with off-site sales and liquor license holders must register and receive permission from the liquor board to take advantage of the law.

Delivery-based sales of such drinks are required to be documented as the liquor board requires and that containers must be capped, corked, sealed or lidded without any holes to accommodate a straw.

These sorts of sales would also be prohibited after 11p.m.; also the liquor board can regulate the quantity allowed for off-site sales to an individual in a single transaction.

Sales would also be limited to the jurisdiction where the liquor board operates.

Both the Maryland Restaurant Association and the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association have urged the local alcohol board to take part in the bill.

The Community Alcohol Coalition said it feared that the new law would allow for the proliferation of off-site sales venues, thereby increasing opportunities for under-age drinking.

"It sounds like the old days at a drive-in window," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt of the impacts of the new law if the county participated.

He was concerned that the practice would only encourage drinking and driving.

"This is basically legalizing to-go cups," said Acting County Administrator David Weiskopf. "That's what you're being asked."

"I don't personally have an issue with it based on the big picture and the data that you have," said Commissioner John O'Connor. "What's the difference if they pull up to the liquor store, grab a bottle and some orange juice and put it in a cup and drive down the road?"

"If they want to do it, they're going to do it; it's about education and intervention at that point."

Hildebrand told O'Connor there had been no "catastrophes" related to off-site sales during the pandemic.

Hewitt said the current law would eliminate the ability of alcohol servers to determine if someone picking up a beverage, which they may have already paid for, was too inebriated to be served another beverage.

"There is concern over that," Hildebrand said, especially when it comes to delivery of food that includes an alcoholic beverage.

"It becomes very hard for employees to say 'Oh, I can't give you your alcohol, you appear to be intoxicated,'" Hildebrand continued. "How can we enforce something like that?"

Employees who make deliveries with alcohol must be trained to spot intoxication in the recipients of their orders.

Under this bill, Hildebrand said, bars would not be eligible to take advantage since they do not provide food as required by the law.

"Probably about 50 percent of our bars will not qualify for this," she said.

David Willenborg, chair of the beverage board, said if the board were to approve it they could do so at their leisure after July 1.

But he was concerned that making the rules effective was more difficult than enacting them, particularly asking employees delivering liquor to confirm with the customer they were of age.

Hildebrand said in years past that delivery of alcohol was strictly prohibited in St. Mary's by the beverage board because any meaningful enforcement was virtually impossible.

"How are you going to enforce any of this?" Willenborg added.

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Police Say Fight Over Marijuana Led to Shooting

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Police have arrested and charged the man they allege shot and wounded another man last week in an altercation on Daisy Lane in Lexington Park.

Tywan Thomas Morris, 19, of Bryans Road, is accused of shooting Shykem Butler, 21, during an apparent struggle over a marijuana cigarette.

Thomas, who was living with a family in the 20800 block of Daisy Lane, remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Adult Detention Center on charges of first-degree assault, use of a handgun in the commission of a felony, possession of a handgun by a minor and several other counts.

An application for a statement of charges filed in county Circuit Court against Morris, stated multiple witness accounts, placed a suspect matching his description – a black male wearing a white t-shirt, black fanny pack with red-colored hair shaped into dreadlocks – in the neighborhood during the time of the shooting.

One witness, who lived with Morris, told police that the defendant came into the home and went back out again when the witness heard a shot outside.

The defendant came back in, charging papers said, saying there was shooting outside; the witness ran out to see what was happening, saw nothing and returned to find Morris

gone.

When sheriff's investigators spoke to the victim, Butler, he told them that he was smoking marijuana in a vehicle outside in the neighborhood when a person matching the defendant's description walked up and asked if he could buy marijuana only to be told Butler was not selling.

Butler then told police the suspect grabbed some marijuana from his hand and walked off, whereupon he gave chase.

When Butler caught up with the suspect, he spun him around and was shot in the chest, the victim told police.

Another witness who police interviewed said he was smoking marijuana with Butler when the suspect asked if he could smoke with them; the witness said Butler reluctantly agreed and gave over the blunt to the suspect, who walked away with it.

The witness said both he and Butler chased the suspect and Butler punched him when they caught up with him; the suspect was able to pull away and continue running.

When Butler caught up with the suspect a second time, he wheeled him around and was shot in the chest by the suspect, the witness said.

The names of the witnesses were withheld in court papers for security reasons, police stated.

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County Pushing To Fill EMS Vacancies

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Emergency services officials with county government say they should be able to fill remaining vacancies for contract emergency medical services personnel (EMS) by July 1, when they hope a pilot program to enact medical billing for ambulance services will also be ready to begin.

The EMS billing plan the county will oversee is designed to help pay for contract medics to help staff volunteer rescue squads, especially during daytime hours when volunteers are not able to keep stations manned.

Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, said there would likely be an appreciable amount of time between the start of EMS billing and collection of revenues.

But the county has some funds available in the interim to pay for up to 16 contract medics, Walker said; roughly \$3 million.

There are 12 medics who have been hired with four positions left to be filled.

"The building up of this is slow starting out because it's a new program," Walker told The County Times this week. "I think it's likely that we'll have 16."

This money would be used to pay for the contract medics, he said, until the EMS billing program was operating at full capacity.

"Will it pay for it all? We don't know

how that will perform," Walker said.

EMS billing would take place through a patient's health insurance provider; no patient would be billed on the spot by an ambulance crew before being served.

Walker confirmed that persons calling for an ambulance would not be refused service if they had no insurance or were otherwise unable to pay.

This meant that a certain number of emergency service calls would have to be subsidized by the county even with EMS billing in place.

Currently, the county estimates it needs 32 EMS providers of basic life support to adequately staff the volunteer rescue squads, but the recently approved county budget was amended to provide funding for just half that.

The contractor is tasked with providing the other half to fill the need.

At the June 9 meeting of the county's Emergency Services Board, Walker told the board members that even with current plans in place, providing service for the whole county was still difficult.

"It's still very challenging to keep the ambulances running," Walker said at the recent meeting. "It's just proving difficult to staff; the contractor is having the problem and of course the volunteers are having the same problem."

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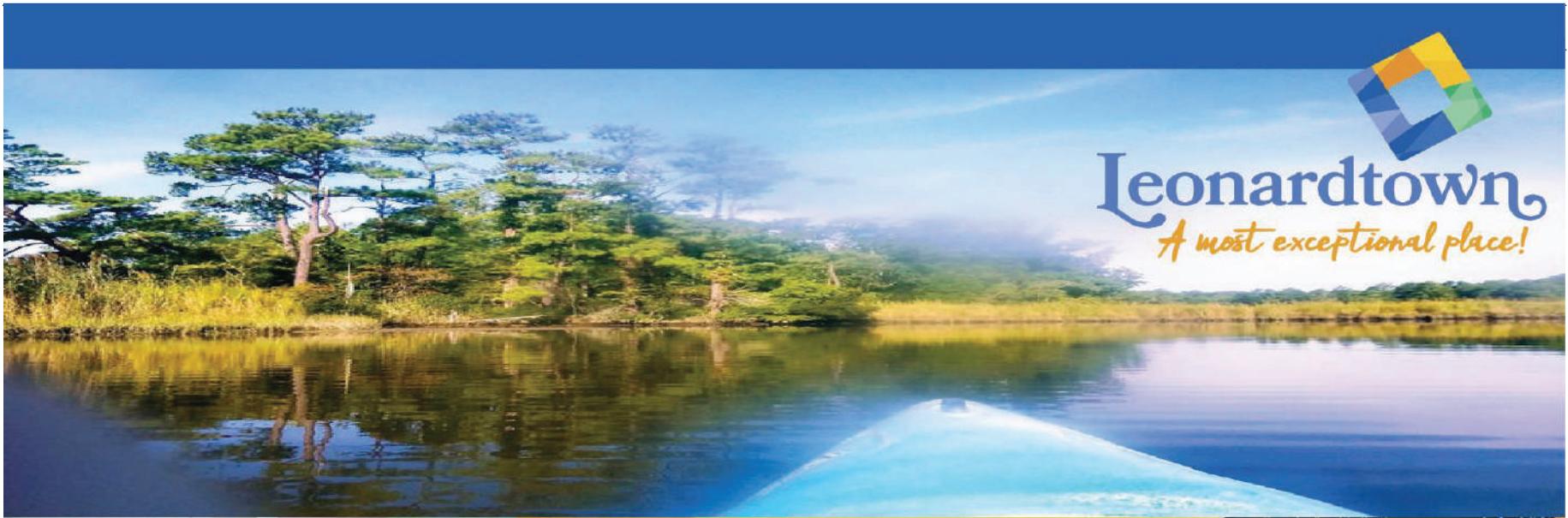
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Hollywood, Ridge Carnivals Coming Back in Late Summer, Fall



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department membership has decided to hold its annual carnival this year, though it will not be held around the traditional July 4 holiday, The County Times has learned.

Bill Mattingly, the president of Company 7, said June 17 that the carnival would take place the last two weekends of August.

The first portion of the carnival will run from Aug. 19 through Aug. 22, Mattingly said, with the second running from Aug. 26 to Aug. 29.

The carnival is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Hollywood volunteers.

Mattingly said the carnival will take the shape it once had before COVID-19, including rides and concessions.

“The only thing we’re doing different is running eight days instead of nine,” Mattingly said.

Officials with the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department confirmed that they would revive their carniva-

val as well this year after the COVID-19 hiatus.

Scot Best, the public information officer for the Ridge volunteers, said the tentative dates for the Ridge carnival would be Sept. 9 through Sept. 12 on the first weekend and the second weekend directly after on Sept. 16 through Sept. 19.

“We chose these dates so it wouldn’t conflict with the Hollywood carnival,” Best told The County Times. “That’s what we’re pressing for right now.”

The carnival, located on property near the corner of Route 5 and 235 in Ridge and adjacent to the volunteer fire house, includes rides, games and concessions.

Best said the carnival was a hopeful signal of a return to normal in St. Mary’s County.

The carnival will be just like the other events in years past pre-pandemic, Best said.

“It’s nothing spectacular, nothing new,” Best said. “We’re just getting back to normal.”

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Sheriff: Task Force Growing To Counter Gun Violence

Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As the local Youth Gun Violence Task Force continues to make arrests and take illegal guns off the streets, Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said he expects resources from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office to supplement work in which his deputies are already engaged.

The task force has already received assistance from the state police and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to curb the rising tide of gun related violence in the Lexington Park and Great Mills Road community.

Despite the rise in violence, Cameron said, he is confident things are changing and it is due to the taskforce's work.

"We are starting to get information," Cameron told The County Times. "The tide is turning."

Deputies have already made an arrest in a shooting that occurred last week on Daisy Lane in Lexington Park in which a man was wounded in the chest in an apparent argument over possession of a marijuana cigarette, according to

police, but law officers have yet to make an arrest in the shooting that took place the same day, June 14, which led to the death of Valdez Rico Baker III, a 19-year-old man from California.

Baker was shot in the back of the head on the basketball courts at Chancellors Run Park on Great Mills Road and died from his injuries shortly thereafter at an area hospital.

The sheriff's office is still looking for suspects in the slaying of another man last year in the area of Patuxent Homes.

A lack of information from the community continues to be a problem that stymies the efforts of investigators to charge suspects in the recent spate of shootings; Cameron said he believed that many in the community were intimidated by criminal elements involved in the violence.

Cameron and detectives have said that two criminal factions in Lexington Park are responsible for much of the violence involving illegal firearms, be they shootings of persons or at homes and cars.

"We're still asking for the community's help [in finding a suspect



in the fatal shooting]," Cameron said. "I'm trying to remember any act of violence there, certainly no shootings or homicides."

The sheriff's office responded to 37 calls complaining of shots fired in the Great Mills and Lexington Park zip codes for 2020; those calls include assaults, reckless endangerment and some noise complaints.

The sheriff's office has already responded to 29 calls for firearms discharges in the same zip codes for the first half of 2021 alone.

"There's a pattern of violence promoted by a gun culture among our youth," Cameron said. "It's an illegal gun violence culture."

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Complaints Push County To New Contractor for Washed Out Bridges



Work to replace the bridge on Route 6 over Persimmon Creek

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Tropical Storm Isaias drenched St. Mary's in August of last year, flooding whole neighborhoods and washing out bridges throughout the county.

Almost one year later, some of them have yet to be replaced and the communities in the area of Busy Corner Road and Manor Road are fed up with their bridges still being out.

The county's Department of Public Works and Transportation chief, John Deatrick, announced that a new contractor would replace the one that had been working on the projects.

"The bridges that are still out... I'm getting a lot of complaints from farmers that have to drive a great distance to move their equipment around to get to various fields," said Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy at the June 15 business meeting.

"The contractor has not performed," Deatrick said. "His engineer who was supposed to design the footers has not performed."

"We're going to turn the work over to Great Mills Trading Post."

Deatrick said when he received a message from the previous contrac-

tor that it would take almost another month just to design the footers for the projects, that was when he directed staff to cancel the purchase order arrangements and replace the contractor.

Deatrick said the previous contractor was on the project due to a larger task that had been closed out in the budget.

"It just makes sense to bring in the new contractor," Deatrick said.

Guy lamented the slow progress at the bridges.

"It's pretty embarrassing, I agree," Deatrick said.

The public works chief said he was considering using temporary bridges to alleviate the problems while construction continued on the permanent spans.

"Hopefully, in the future we will not be using that old contractor," said Commissioner Todd Morgan.

The bridge over Persimmon Creek, part of New Market Turner Road, is nearly finished, reported the State Highway Administration, stating concrete slabs had been installed and the old bridge removed.

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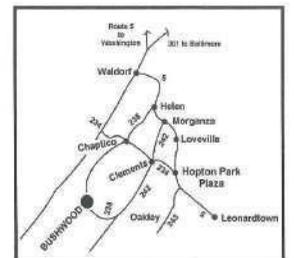
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The Maryland Department of Labor (Labor) today announced that the department has detected over 508,000 fraudulent new unemployment insurance claims since the beginning of May.

“With fraudulent activity rampant in unemployment insurance programs across the country, Maryland has consistently adapted and added new security measures to prevent, detect, and report fraud,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “In fact, an astonishing 1.3 million claims flagged by the state have been confirmed as fraudulent since the beginning of the pandemic, with over 508,000 being detected in the last month and a half alone.”

With the record number of unemployment insurance claims filed and the additional federal benefits available during the COVID-19 pandemic, states have combated bad actors and fraudsters using illegally obtained data to file fraudulent unemployment insurance claims.

“As the economy recovers and states across the country continue to opt out of the federal benefits programs, bad actors are becoming more brazen and aggressive in their attempts to exploit unemployment insurance programs than ever before,” said Labor Secretary Tiffany P. Robinson. “I strongly encourage all Marylanders to remain especially vigilant in the coming weeks to protect themselves against scams and identity theft.”

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Of the 1,118,829 in-state claims that have been identified as potentially fraudulent, 1,027,054 (91.80%) have either not uploaded the verification documentation requested or their documentation has been reviewed and denied.

Of the 1,457,912 total claims flagged, there are 37,088 (2.54%) in-state and out-of-state potentially fraudulent claims pending review.

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SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Theft: On June 12, 2021, Deputy Casey Hill responded to the 21700 block of Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown for the report of trespassing. Upon arrival, **Stacey Lynn Goode**, 44 of Callaway, was identified on the property driving a stolen Kabota RTV 1100. The vehicle's rear-view mirror was also broken off. Goode was arrested and charged with Theft: \$1,500 to under \$25,000 and Malicious Destruction of Property under \$1,000.



Stacey Lynn Goode

Rogue and Vagabond: On June 12, 2021, Cpl. Skyler LeFave responded to Three Notch Road for a traffic complaint. Cpl. LeFave made contact with **Marvin Jerome Contee**, 62 of Capitol Heights, at 28765 Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville where Contee was observed leaning into another vehicle. Contee had no valid driver's license and was driving an unregistered vehicle. Contee was arrested and charged with Rogue and Vagabond and Attempted Theft under \$100.



Marvin Jerome Contee

Child Abuse: On June 14, 2021, Cpl. Sheena Tirpak responded to the 22200 block of Archer Street in Leonardtown for the report of an assault. A witness advised that **Rebekah Ellen Mantz**, 37 of Leonardtown, pushed the juvenile victim down onto a couch and began

punching the victim with a closed fist. Injuries to the victim were observed and Mantz was arrested and charged with Second-Degree Child Abuse and Second-Degree Assault.



Rebekah Ellen Mantz

Assault: On June 15, 2021, Cpl. Alvin Beishline responded to the 21900 block of Rosewood Terrace in Lexington Park and spoke with the victim who advised that **Jonathon Jacob Resnick**, 46 of Lexington Park, had assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the chest. The victim has a protective order against Resnick. Resnick was arrested and charged with Second-Degree Assault and Violate Protective Order.



Jonathon Resnick

Trespass: On June 15, 2021, Deputy Bianca Salas responded to the 21800 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park for the report of trespassing. **Mattea Kaydell Linville** was located at the Pax River Inn in violation of a no trespass order. Linville was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property.



Mattea Kaydell Linville

Editor's Note:

The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN FAIR SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 209

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Leonardtown have passed, and the Mayor has approved, Ordinance No. 209 - Leonardtown Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A fair summary of the ordinance will follow:

Ordinance No. 209 - An ordinance for the purpose of adopting an update and revision of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Leonardtown prior to annexing additional land into the corporate limits of the Town of Leonardtown.

Ordinance No. 209 - will become effective July 5, 2021. Full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or on-line on the Town's website at www.Leonardtown.somd.com

By Authority:
Laschelle McKay, Town Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building, Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Room, 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland, to consider modifying the LOSAP point accrual process for 2021.

Public Hearings are now open to the public. The public may also view the hearing remotely on SMCG Channel 95 and on the St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcDK2_siSdnSnxDKWVtU-7JQ

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

- a) Written Comments via Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com
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Citizens may listen to the Public Hearing by calling 301-579-7236; Access code: 963443#

All submission will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or seven (7) days following the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing guidelines are subject to change.

Appropriate accommodations for individual with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the County Commissioners Office at 301-475-4200, Ext. 1340. Proceedings are televised live and/or recorded for later broadcast on television. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are use during the Commissioners' meetings. These are public meetings and attendance at these meetings automatically grants St. Mary's County Government permission to broadcast your audio and visual image.

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Retired Blue Angel Lands at PAX River Museum

After months of preparations and discussions with the navy, the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum is thrilled to announce the addition of a Blue Angel aircraft to the flight line. On Thursday, June 10th, the FA-18B took its final flight from Jacksonville, Florida and arrived at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Once proper actions were taken to defuel the aircraft, the Blue Angel demonstrator was brought to the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum where it will remain for the foreseeable future.



Pictured is Clark Jones, Stephen Godwin, Aaron Rose, William Reynolds, John Walters, Tom Phelan, Steven Hardy, Michael Lee, Ted Gundling, Alexa Flores, Eddie Flores

Before arriving at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station the Blue Angel #7 was assigned at the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE). Prior to the FRCSE it was assigned to the United States Naval Test Pilot School here at Pax and VMFAT-101 in California. The Blue Angel also received modifications here at the Patuxent River Naval Air base during its long career. Now after just a 1.9 hour flight the aircraft is back at Pax River only this time it is to retire here.

Amy Davis, Executive Director, described the recent addition to the museum's flight line as "an exciting new exhibit that will highlight one of the most well known, and highly esteemed programs of the US Navy."

The incorporation of the Blue Angel on the flight line will honor all those who have worked (and continue to work) on the Blue Angel Program at NAVAIR, as well as inspire the next generations to come. "The arrival of the museum's latest acquisition culminates several months of negotiations. Organizations throughout the Navy were involved with bringing this to fruition and without their support, it wouldn't have ended so successfully," reflects Clark Jones, the museum's supervisor of aircraft maintenance.

The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those who worked diligently to ensure the Blue Angel's placement at the

museum.

Over the next few weeks visitors can expect to see the fenced-in Blue Angel as the flight line maintenance team prepares the iconic aircraft for the view of the general public. During this time the museum asks guests to be respectful and patient of this laborious process. Guests can look forward to the final reveal of the exhibit in six to eight weeks.

About the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum: The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum (PRNAM) serves as the link between the U.S. Navy's missions at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (Pax River) and the community defined by those missions. The museum sits in an enviable location with an

inspiring story perfectly suited to the technological preoccupations of our era. PRNAM is unique in terms of its collections and mission, which are focused on the research, development, test, and evaluation environment as well as experimental concepts that never made it to the Fleet. The museum also houses artifacts and simulators, films, and books spanning the history of Naval Aviation, as well as 26 one-of-a-kind aircraft. Current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information please visit the museum's website at www.pax-museum.org

Press release from Patuxent River Naval Air Museum



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CHOPTICON BASEBALL TEAM

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Chopticon High School's victory last week that brought home the state 3A baseball championship was a team effort, but the local group of young men was no ordinary team.

They defeated Howard County-based Atherton High School's team by a 4-to-2, effectively shutting them out for most of the game, according to their coach Chopticon Student Activities Director Ray Sapp.

"These kids have been playing together for years," Sapp said following their victory. "They're a hard-working bunch."

For all the conditioning, training and practice they do to prepare for their sport, they do as much training off the field, said Sapp.

It paid off, added to their determination to win the ultimate prize in their division; there are four levels of play at the state level, from 1A to 4A, which is the highest level.

"They had a goal to get to the state tournament," Sapp said.

The coach said the team got an eye-opening reminder at the beginning of this year's season that they had to play their best every minute of every game if they wanted to be champions.

It was their opening game against Patuxent High School and by the time the game was nearly over – Chopticon was up by five runs – Patuxent rallied and came from behind to win.

"They beat us by one run," Sapp said. "We lost one game, the first of the season.

"We realized we had to play complete games."

They won their next eight games in the regular season, then two to capture their regional victory and three in the state tournament.

Their victory against Atherton was no mean feat, said their coach.

"If you make it to the state's [tournament], you're pretty good," Sapp said.

On that day Chopticon was just a

little bit better; Sapp praised the team's relief pitcher, senior Shane Smith, who was called in early to take the mound.

"He threw seven innings of shut-out baseball," Sapp said. "He came in with bases loaded and no outs.

"He did not give up a single run; he was unbelievable. He did a great job."

Smith said it was an experience he would never forget.

He was still elated over his team's victory.

"Yeah, it was awesome," Smith said, noting his teammates were more than that, but lifelong friends. "We've all been playing with each other or against each other since we were about 4 or 5 years old.

"I think the chemistry we had was unmatched by any of the other teams we faced."

The young men on his team all lived close in the community, he said, all going to the same middle school and then on to Chopticon High School.

"It all fell into place when we came together," Smith said. "We found a pretty good group."

Sapp said the victory was just what the school, and the community needed, after last year's baseball season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

"After such a long year, it's great to have a finish like this," Sapp said. "And it was great for the community."

Smith said the victory helped honor the team that couldn't get a shot at the title last year.

"It was great; it was a moment and feeling I'll never forget," Smith said. "Especially, to do it for the guys who lost the chance last year."

Smith said the competition Atherton gave his team was strong.

"You could tell they were a very disciplined team," Smith said. "There weren't many mistakes they made but the ones they did we just had to take advantage."

The pitcher said some missed at-



tempts by the other team when they bunted the ball were examples of plays "that got away from them."

Mark Pirner, Chopticon High School principal, said the St. Mary's team battled for respect as much as runs batted in.

"We were playing programs that had lots of resources," Pirner told The County Times. "These Southern Maryland teams are often seen as not much to be concerned about. "This represents the rising tide of our

athletics programs."

Pirner said the Chopticon victory showed just how important school sports, and physical activity in general, was for young people.

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the concurrent closing of schools and isolation of students was detrimental not only to their physical health but their mental health as well.

"The more involved with athletics a person is at a young age, the better," Pirner said. "I'm so impressed by our

CONGRATULATIONS CHOPTICON BASEBALL



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Smith said he enjoyed his student career at Chopticon just as much as he did playing for the baseball team.

“I loved it,” Smith said. “I’m sad to see it go; but I’ll have to move on to the next chapter.”

He said he expects to move on

to college, perhaps the College of Southern Maryland, and said “hopefully” baseball will continue to be a part of his life.

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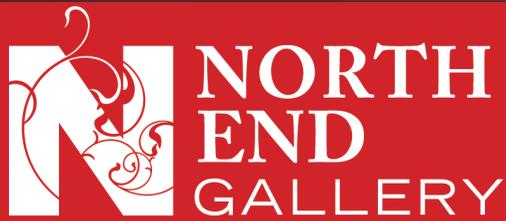
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On Saturday, June 19th the Mission of Mercy (MOM), a non-profit organization that helps the underserved public get free access to healthcare, and Tidewater Dental of Lexington Park teamed up to have the first mini-MOM event in the Nation. With the COVID-19 pandemic creating a potentially high-risk scenarios for large scale events such as the typical MOM events, all Mission of Mercy clinics nationwide were cancelled through all of 2020 and thus far in 2021.

Realizing there is still a great need for access to care for our underserved public, Kit Wright, Martin Barley, DDS and Garner (Butch) Morgan, DDS got together to start contemplating alternatives to the traditional, large platform MOM events that would take over a High School or College gymnasium. The idea was to create several "mini-MOMs" several times a year rather than one major MOM event once a year in the Southern Maryland Market.

With that in mind, Kit reached out to David Cooper and Jeff Tomcsik of Tidewater Dental to see if they would host the event based on their

long-standing support of MOM events and other philanthropic support Tidewater has always provided. Tidewater was also a good choice because it is the largest dental practice in Southern Maryland and has all the modern technologies needed to host such an event.

Once Tidewater was locked in, Kit worked with the Charles County and St. Mary's County Health Departments, Health Partners, Catholic Charities, and the Three Oaks Center to vet patients that would be good candidates for the free dentistry day. Through community outreach these charities and departments gave access to care to over 80 individuals in pain and/or dire need of dental care.

The event was a huge success. There was a total of fifty-nine volunteers. Eighteen doctors and eleven hygienists participated. Nine doctors and seven hygienists were from Tidewater. There were nearly twenty dental assistants with the majority volunteering from all the Tidewater Dental practice sites.

The health departments also had several volunteers including nurses

and administrative volunteers. A great thank you must go out to all the volunteers who sacrificed their entire Saturday on Father's Day weekend to tirelessly help those less fortunate than themselves.

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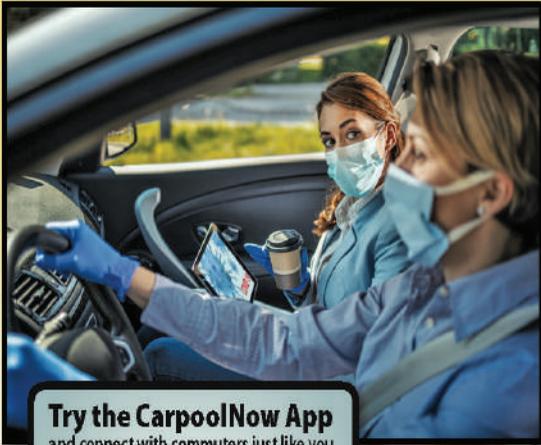
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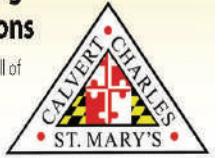
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7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 29

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The support group meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. For more information call the church office and leave a message at 301-645-0660 or email us at admin@ccsmd.com.

Wednesday, June 30

Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. We thought this would be a fun way to bring our closed museums to you while we all keep our social distance. Join us every week for short videos featuring everything from the quirky to the fascinating - tune in! We have several episodes in the playlist! [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

DAV Assistance Program

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

Veterans - do you have a service-connected disability? Did you receive an injury while on active duty and are now filing for disability through the Veterans Administration (VA)? The Disabled American Veterans organization is here to assist you with those VA forms at no cost to you. These men and women (who are disabled veterans) are volunteers who ensure you are placing the proper information in the proper blocks and advise you on common mistakes that are made on these VA forms. Their spaces are toward the rear of the building on the left side. Stop by and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment

necessary.

Food Pantry

Noon - 6 p.m.

St. Matthew's Pentecostal Church, 23755 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. 301-475-2910

Fried Chicken Dinner

Kevin's Corner Kafe; 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary is hosting a fundraiser at Kevin's Corner Kafe in Leonardtown MD. You can take-out or dine-in for some delicious food and support our fundraiser. The fried chicken dinner includes 4 fried pieces of chicken (leg, wing, thigh, breast), fries, and coleslaw. Please be sure to let your server/cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser. Thank you!

Thursday, July 1

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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

Ongoing

Blackstone Grill Raffle

To benefit 7th District VFD Auxiliary Range Top Combo with Griddle, Two-Burner Stovetop & Fryer A basket full of Cooking Essentials included. Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Ruffled: July 2, 2021 Contact: Barbara Sue at 301-769-2654

AmazonSmile Charity

AmazonSmile could donate a percentage of shoppers' purchases to the 2nd District VFD & RS (AKA Co. 6 / Valley Lee). For more info / instructions how to shop contact Cheryl @ 240-925-7559

Yoga Classes

\$100 per class. All classes will meet at Leonard Hall Rec Center. Register at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate.

Classes are:

Yoga Basics - ages 10 and up
6/23 - 8/11; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Vinyasa Flow Yoga - ages 16 and up
6/24 - 8/12; 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Gentle Yoga - ages 10 and up
6/21 - 8/23; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 6/26 - 8/21; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Restorative Yin Yoga - ages 10 and up
6/22 - 8/10; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Tween Yoga and Mindfulness - ages 9 to 13
6/25 - 8/20; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:
Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680

Leonardtown Office:
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 475-4330

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:
Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free
No doctor's order needed
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Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible - Uninsured community members are welcome and will not be charged

Upcoming

Co-Ed Match Play Tournament Wicomico Shores Golf Course; July 12

Participants play when they choose and turn in score cards
Ages 15 and up
Bracket format
Lowest handicap plays highest handicap

Single elimination
\$25 entry fee

For more information, call the Golf Shop at 301-884-4601 or visit www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/golfcourse

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When Slots Ruled

Before 1965, slot machines could be found almost anywhere in St. Mary's County. The revenue they brought in was an important crutch that the County leaned on.

But along with the gambling came social and structural problems. St. Mary's County was once one of the poorest counties in the state. Then when the Patuxent River Naval Air Station opened in April 1943, better-paying jobs arrived reversing the population loss and the economic fluctuations that plagued the County since the first U.S. Census in 1790.

Just a few years after the base opened and Jarboesville was renamed Lexington Park, St. Mary's became the second county in Southern Maryland to legalize slot machines making it, in time, one of four Southern Maryland counties (Charles, Anne Arundel, and Calvert being the others) and the State of Nevada where slots were legal.



Before 1943, "This was one of the poorest counties in the state," said former State Senator J. Frank Raley in an interview. "Near last in investment in education." The base – and the slots – changed that.

Slot machines proliferated throughout St. Mary's County. They were everywhere except for churches. And as might be expected, the slot machines produced problems. Their prevalence in so many businesses, burglaries of machines were commonly reported. But more than that, the slots were funding political machines and draining incomes of the Navy base's sailors. John Hanson Briscoe, a newly elected state legislator in 1963, commented, "I've seen people who were in drug stores; and in those days, welfare checks were given out, literally checks, you got cash. You're supposed to go and

cash [the check to] buy food, medicine and drugs. And they'd go in to pharmacies and cash their checks, put the money in the slot machines. Because they had them in pharmacies, places of necessity, that's what made them so offensive. If they were in bars and nightclubs, that's one thing; but in drug stores, places of necessity."

The slots had become a multi-million-dollar business in Southern Maryland with scant accounting of the money that they brought in. The owners made the machines, maintained them, and emptied them. When they emptied the nickels, dimes, and quarters into their big bags, there were no inspections. Owners' agents would take them into their dark rooms supposedly to count it honestly and to record it. Each month they were to come to Leonardtown to report on the revenue collected and pay a 20% income tax to the county. But there were no checks, no oversight. It was all on the slot owner's word.

By 1963, people had had enough. Religious leaders led a campaign against the slots. The Navy opposed them. This similarity to Las Vegas concerned some State residents who feared that slot machines attracted undesirable elements and corrupted the moral fabric of the State. In 1963, newly elected Governor J. Millard Tawes introduced a bill to abolish slot machines over three years. His bill passed the House 93-42 and after some rankling, it passed the Senate virtually unchanged.

While the slot machine owners tried rear-guard actions to maintain their presence (including "double-arm" slots which they saw as one machine), by the end of 1968 the slots were all gone.

Peter LaPorte
Executive Director, St. Mary's County Historical Society

This story is drawn from the John Hanson Briscoe Historical Project which can be found in its entirety at <https://www.baldwinbriscoe.com/the-john-hanson-briscoe-historical-project/>. Our gratitude to Sam Baldwin and John Sterling Houser for permission to use stories from the Project.

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

A View From The BLEACHERS



BUY THE TICKET

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

They departed early Saturday morning for College Park with a few bucks and a dream. One was an ardent fan of the Maryland Terrapins; the other, for some shameful reason, passionately supported the North Carolina Tar Heels. The dreamers planned to wander around outside Cole Field House in search of scalped tickets to that day's showdown between the two national basketball powerhouses and bitter ACC rivals. Given ticket demand and their limited budget – they had \$80 combined – the odds opposed them. If efforts to enter Cole failed, Plan B was to retreat to Bentley's for its own unique viewing experience.

Hours passed without luck. The primary constraint was cost, although one scalper refused to sell to a North Carolina fan. The Maryland fan, while disappointed, appreciated to scalper's love of the Terps. Some things should transcend profit.

Dejected, the two once-hopeful lads sat on the steps of Cole, slumped in silence, with two fingers out (indicating the need for a couple of tickets). It was game time. They could hear the crowd and feel the energy emanating from Cole. They were the kids looking in the toy store's window with no way in. They were the students in math class on a beautiful day gazing out to the playground with no way out. So close...so far...

Then a voice spoke from the heavens: "You need two tickets?"

Their weary eyes gazed at the angelic scalper and offered a sheepish reply: "How much?"

"Well, the game's about to start, just give me \$80 to cover my cost."

Never have two people parted with \$80 faster or with more zeal. Their tickets were punched - literally. Entering the raucous Cole, they found their section. An usher scanned the tickets, looked back at the two youthful fans in disbelief, and said, "Come with me."

Down, down, down they went to court level. As they took their third-row seats somewhere between half court and the free throw line, the two buddies acted like they totally belonged among VIPs. Once the usher was out of site, they screamed some jubilant expletives

and embraced, completely oblivious to the bizarre optic of joint Maryland/North Carolina fan-love.

That's an old story, but it has been renewed of late. Sporting events create anticipation, whether attended or viewed. The audience expects good competition, shifts in momentum, suspense and, ultimately, victory and defeat. Every now and then, though, something really special happens. A 50-year-old wins a golf major (Phil Mickelson). A long-suffering NBA team (Atlanta Hawks), behind the moxie of a young point guard, rallies from 26-point deficit to beat Philadelphia. A one-time NBA MVP, back from an Achilles tendon injury and without his two All-Star teammates, scores 49 points to will his team to victory (Kevin Durant).

Such are the scripts you can't write. They are stories that lurk only in the imagination. The viewer hopes for such things; to expect it would be presumptuous. But there's always a chance. And if you're lucky, you catch lightening in a bottle and are taken on a magic carpet ride to a place where dreams intersect with reality.

Such experiences aren't constrained to sports. Graduations carry similarly predictable elements – caps, gowns, speeches and diplomas. The superficial familiarity teases the routine. But if you attend one and absorb it all, the emotion is palatable as families close the book on one life and one experience and await the start of another, which as of yet, is unknown. Behind each graduate's name is a story. The accomplishments of the class can be amazing in aggregate and the hope they promise renewing. Before you know it, tears flow - not just for the graduate of your affection, but for the enormity of it all. That's when the event has morphed into something much bigger, something special, something beyond expectation, maybe even something transcending imagination. Sports can do that. Parenthood can do that. Life can do that. As Hunter S. Thompson said, "Buy the ticket, take the ride," even when...especially when...it arrives as a humble surprise while sitting on a step with a flickering dream of seeing a basketball game. Trust me on that one...

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



60 IS THE NEW...?



June has been a really busy month for us, with two grandchildren's graduations; one from high school and one from college. Quite a few birthdays, and unfortunately a beloved family member's funeral. Joy to sadness and back to joy; that normal rollercoaster of life. Life does seem to be getting back to normal, and it sure has lifted my spirits.

Last Friday was my husband's 65th birthday, and immediately people we knew, and my brother were letting him know it was time to get an appointment with the Social Security office to start planning out the magic time to start receiving benefits and how to get started on Medicare. So I made an appointment which is set up for August. My brother, who is 74, said that he was given the same advice. He told me that when he went, the social security specialist covered everything from retirement planning to when was the best time for him to start receiving benefits. He said that there were lots of things he didn't even know about that he learned from the meeting. I may learn some things too I hope.

Luckily talk of social security was not the only item on my husband's birthday agenda. Steamed crabs, live music, and family enjoying a night at Seabreeze was wonderful. Picking crabs and having a drink is so relaxing anytime. He received many lovely gifts, including a handmade wooden tray I had made by local woodworker Mark Milton of The Craft Guild of St. Mary's to keep his bourbon on, (and to keep the top of my antique bookcase stain free – okay, so it was partially for me).

Tuesday was my 60th birthday; I am happy to have reached another milestone. I was looking forward to a quiet birthday which the rain helped because a good rain is so calming. In the afternoon we went to Waldorf and ordered the rest of our bedroom set, made a Michael's pit stop for some art supplies, a Home Depot stop, and then went to my favorite birthday place while in Waldorf: Books-A-Million. That is my kind of day! After all those errands,

my husband and I met my two sons, and my younger son's two little boys at Rucci's in White Plains for a delicious lasagna dinner with cake at the end. Of course, there was a bottle of Chianti for my husband and I which made the evening even more mellow – exactly how I wanted to bring 60 in. I loved the flowers and gifts I received, the lottery tickets which I hope will be winners, all the Facebook greetings and well wishes, and the lovely evening in the white tablecloth and candlelit room with loved ones at Rucci's.

The excitement continues this week when we finally, after many years of deliberations, setbacks, and back orders, will have the rest of our bedroom set delivered. Yay!!!! We are officially out of the 1980s. The only item left on back order will be that darn California King mattress, with an updated delivery date of mid-July. It's not like we are in any hurry. It will be so exciting to have the shabby chic bedroom all set up. There were more pieces we would have loved to get, but if you have ever lived in, or seen a split foyer master bedroom then you know that these rooms must have been designed for a twin bed with one dresser. But we are getting out the old shoehorn and making the pieces work whether they are meant to or not. Actually, we were very careful in measuring and will only have two other pieces besides the bed in there. My husband has decided to put the tall chest in his closet and reconfigure everything out that. The only thing left will be getting a dresser for me to put in the extra room/craft room, since I gave mine away.

Not sure if I feel immensely older all of a sudden, but 60, the word, the decade, will take just a bit to get used to. Turning 50 felt so different for some reason – I really looked forward to it, and I think I do look forward to 60 too and beyond...like they say, "It's better than the alternative".

To each new decade's adventure, Shelby

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

Pet

OF THE WEEK



MEET DALLAS

True happiness starts with a wet nose and

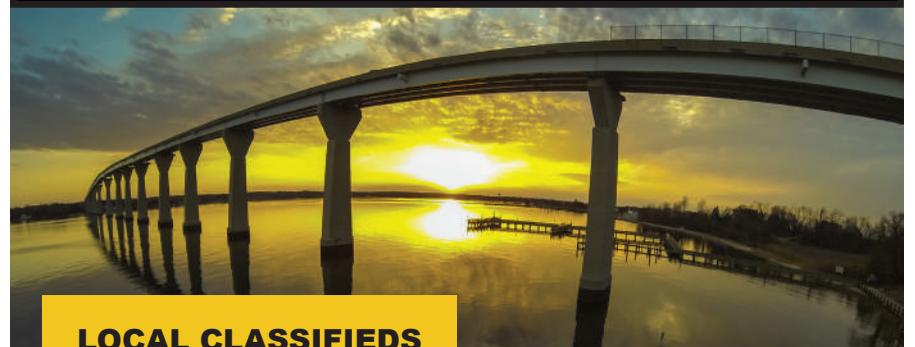
Ends with a wagging tail!

Hello, my name is Dallas. I'm an EXCEPTIONAL 3 year old gentleman who likes to take it slow when it comes to new relationships. I don't just rush right in and give you CUDDLES and KISSES--you've got to work for it a little bit but I'm worth it! Once I trust you, then the SERIOUS LOVE and FUN can begin! Get ready for some FOREVER HAPPINESS in your life! I really enjoy going on walks and my TCAS buddies say I'm pretty easy on the leash. Now I would LOVE to find a HOME where I can be the center of your attention! Hurry and email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

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

In Remembrance

Michael Timothy Norris, Sr



Michael Timothy Norris, Sr., "Mike", 59, of Hollywood, MD passed away on June 20, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on March 10, 1962 in Leonardtown, MD and was the loving son of James Carroll Norris, Sr. of Hollywood, MD and the late Shirley (Peggy) Ann Raley Norris. Mike is survived by his sons Michael T. Norris, Jr. (Devin) of Richmond, VA, John Dennis Norris (Hayley) of Warsaw, VA, William (Billy) Allen Norris of California, MD, and 4 grandchildren. Along with his siblings James (J.C.) C. Norris, Jr. and Patricia A. Sparks (Bobby).

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and a graduate of Leonardtown High School. Mike was a self-employed painter for 30 years. He enjoyed working on old Chevy trucks.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM in St. Aloysius Catholic Church Leonardtown, MD with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael T. Norris, Jr, John Dennis Norris, William A. Norris, James (Jesse) Carroll Norris, III., Bobby L. Sparks, and Charles B. Norris. Honorary Pallbearers will be Robert B. Sparks, Peggy A. Sparks, Aryn Tilley.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements made by Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home.

Marica (Mary) Kucko Townsend



Marica (Mary) Kucko Townsend, age 83, passed away peacefully June 16, 2021. She was born February 23, 1938 in Croatia

(Yugoslavia). She was preceded in death by her husband, James Townsend, in 2009 and her son, Rickey Townsend, Sr. in 2004.

Marica is survived by her beloved companion, Ted; her sister and brother-in-law, Anica and Slavko Jelecki of MI; her daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Dan Lass of CO; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Dawn Townsend of FL; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; along with her extended family and friends.

She grew up during times of war in a small village. Life was not always easy, she worked by hand on the family homestead. Whenever there was a dance, Mom was there. After fleeing communist Yugoslavia, she became a U.S. Navy wife and was devoted to her adopted country.

She loved people, no one was a stranger to her. She was "Grandma" to everyone around her. She was an excellent seamstress, loved to knit, and volunteered in her community.

Please join us in celebrating Marica's life on Thursday, June 24th at Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, 41590 Fenwick St, Leonardtown, MD. Family visitation is at 8:30 am, the public from 9:00-10:00, immediately followed by a service.

In lieu of cut flowers, the family will accept living flowers for her memory garden.

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

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Barbara "Jean" Russell



Barbara "Jean" Russell, 86, of Morganza, MD, passed away on June 13, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her lov-

ing family. She was born on September 6, 1934 in Abell, MD and was the daughter of the late

Susan Alberta Ellis Bowles and John Ignatius Bowles. Jean was the loving wife of the late Louis Lee Russell, whom she married on November 11, 1950 at St. Joseph's Church in Morganza, MD, and who preceded her in death on September 10, 1986.

She is survived by her children Patricia Schap (Pete) of Cockeysville, MD, William Russell (Dana) of Clements, MD, Barbara Hill of Maddox, MD, Eleanor "Ellie" Bogie (Bobby) of Leonardtown, MD, Janet Knott (Mike) of Chaptico, MD, and Terry Russell (Cheryl) of Mechanicsville, MD, along with her siblings Howard Frederick "Freddie" Bowles, Susan "Sue" Josephine Huber, Francis Anthony "Tony" Bowles, Mary Ellen Barone, Catherine Norma Hill, Mildred "Denise" Lundberg, Thomas Randall "Randy" Bowles, Brenda Lee Long, Lucy Mae Elkins, Gerald "Jerry" Allen Bowles, and Donald "Donnie" Ellis Bowles, 14 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by her siblings Anna Mae Bowles, John Ignatius Bowles Jr., James "Jimmy" Bowles, Sharon Ann Bowles, and her son-in-law Z. J. Hill.

Jean was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident and attended Margaret Brent High School. She was a sales clerk at Hall's Shoes and Clothing.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bushwood, MD where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Morganza, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Jamie Bogie, Patrick Russell, Chris Russell, Zachary Wolfe, Jonathan Schap, Brian Russell, Mike White, and Matt Schap.

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

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

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William "Billy" Cusic, III



March 11, 1976 – June 10, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of William 'Billy' Cusic III of



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Lakeland, Florida, born in Leonardtown, Maryland, who passed away at the age of 45 after his courageous fight with cancer. He was the owner/operator of Mid-State GrassMasters. Billy was a dedicated husband and father. He loved to play golf, hunt, fish, cook and coach youth baseball.

He is survived by his wife KC Cusic, two sons Breton and Fisher Cusic, daughter Alexis Secor, father William F. Cusic, JR. & wife Nancy, mother Bonnie Hetzel & husband Fred, brother Mark Cusic & wife Kara, sister Melissa Miedzinski & husband Robby, sister Valerie Zyriek & husband Will Knecht, grandchildren Ellie, Lane and Lawton, nieces & nephews Savannah, Natalie, Cruz, Bentley and Paxton, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by Grandparents; William SR & Teresa Cusic (paternal) and Deedy & Rae Garner (maternal).

Honorary Pallbearers: Bob Arnold, Tony Cekos, Warren Farr, Kevin Ferris, Todd Mattingly and Jesse Smith. Along with many family and friends.

Memorial Services will be held in Lakeland FL and Leonardtown, MD.

Lakeland, FL:

Sunday, 4 PM June 27, 2021 at the United Women's Club of Lakeland, 1515 Williamsburg Square in Lakeland, FL 33803.

(For Lakeland, Donations, Flowers, Light a Candle or Plant a Tree. Please contact whid-denmclean@yahoo.com)

Leonardtown, MD:

Saturday, 4 PM July 24th, 2021 at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

(For Leonardtown, the family has requested that donations in Billy's name be made to the Breton Bay Junior Golf Program or your favorite Charitable Organization)

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

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Katherine Maria Knott Brown



Katherine Maria Knott Brown, affectionately known by many as "Mama Brown," 89, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away

on June 19, 2021 at St. Mary's

Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD with her loving family at her side.

She was born on March 2, 1932 in Oakley, Maryland to the late Joseph Ambrose Knott and Ada Katherine

Goldsborough.

Katherine is a lifelong resident of Southern Maryland. She is a 1947 graduate of Sacred Heart School. On January 1, 1950, she married beloved husband, Joseph Daniel Brown Sr. They celebrated over 38 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in July 1988. Together they enjoyed going to the movies, the racetrack and dancing. She was a devoted wife and mother of 12 children. She was an excellent homemaker providing many delicious meals every night. She was famous for her stuffed pork chops and stuffed ham. Holidays were all festive and filled with delicious foods. She enjoyed flower gardening and always spent her summer's canning her husband's bountiful garden. Later in life, she enjoyed playing BINGO, going to Cracker Barrel with her sister Agnes and shopping. She enjoyed finding bargains and treasures at yard sales. She was a wiz at word search puzzles. She lived with her youngest son, Anthony, who was her caretaker for many years before moving to St. Mary's Nursing Center. She was a devoted and loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend to many. She was a treasure to her family and will always be in their hearts.

Katherine is survived by her children, Joseph D. "Tink" Brown, Jr. (Sue-Ellen) of Golden Beach, MD, Joan M. Guy (Sonny) of Leonardtown, MD, Frances "Arlene" Boswell (Eddie) of St. Inigoes, MD, David W. "Bubba" Brown, Sr. of Avenue, MD, Michael Allen "Chico" Brown (Karen) of Daytona, FL, Karen Jeanette Ruffner (Patrick) of Brandywine, MD, Agnes Cecilia Brown, Mary R. Barreras (Porf) of Mechanicsville, MD, Thomas Eugene "Tom" Brown (Tammy) of Colonial Beach, VA, Cheryl Melinda Wedding of Newport News, VA and Anthony J. Brown of Mechanicsville, MD. She is also survived by her sisters: Agnes Macrae of Lexington Park, MD, Margaret Bridgette (Lester) of Mechanicsville, MD and Barbara Copsey of KS; 31 grandchildren and many great and great-great grandchildren, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her son, Robert Glenn Brown and her sib-

lings: Joe Knott, Aloysius Knott, Leonard Knott, Dorothy Bowles, and Virginia Strain.

All services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Nursing Center, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Linda Susan Jones



Linda Susan Jones, 68 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on June 18, 2021 at home with her family by her side.

She was born on November 2, 1952 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Theodore Marshall Russell and Mary Elizabeth Porter Russell.

On July 14, 1971, Linda married her beloved husband, Fritz Jones in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 49 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for many dedicated years in the retail industry. She and her husband enjoyed taking day trips, especially to the beaches on the California coastline and to visit family in Alaska. Her favorite vacation was in Hawaii. She was a delicious cook with her specialty being lasagna. Holidays were always treasured filled with family and delicious meals. She taught her granddaughter, Faith, how to cook. A favorite outing was to play BINGO at Island BINGO. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she especially loved all her time spent with them.

In addition to her beloved husband, Fritz, Linda is also survived by her children, Christopher M. Jones (Virginia) of Upper Marlboro, MD and Dana M. Whorl of California, MD; her grandchildren, Faith E. Whorl and Matthew S. Connelly; her brothers Dale E. Russell of Great Mills, MD and Mark S. Russell of Flowery Branch, GA; and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her brother, Ted A. Russell and sister, Janet F. Purcell.

Family will receive friends on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, with a Funeral Service at 1:00 pm, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at

Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 22020 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, MD 20634.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Linda Jones name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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ETC Kerry Joseph McGargill



ETC Kerry Joseph McGargill, USN (Ret.), 57, of Hollywood, MD passed away suddenly June 16, 2021 at his home.

He was born on December 17, 1963, in Omaha, NE to the late John Robert McGargill and Glenda Ann Mausbach-Merwald and Jack Merwald (stepfather.)

In 1982, Kerry proudly enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country for over 20 dedicated years of service before his retirement in 2003 as an Electronics Technician Chief. During his service he travelled throughout the world, with some of his favorite assignments being in Spain and Cuba. He earned many awards, metals and citations, including: Humanitarian Service Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (6), Navy Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Good Conduct Medal (5), Commendation Medals, Achievement Medals, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medals, "E" Ribbons, National Defense Service Medals, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals. After retiring from the Navy he began his second career with CACI as a Project Manager, in which he has worked for the past 17 years. He enjoyed his job and took great pride in his work. In 2009 he met his life partner, Terri Lynn Hoffman. Together, they have enjoyed 12 wonderful years making memories to last a lifetime.

Family was his pride and joy. He loved hosting backyard cookouts with family and friends gathered around the pool as he manned the smoker and the grill. He was known for his smoked beef brisket and fried turkeys. He loved spending time on the water, when he was younger he loved to

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In Remembrance

boat and fish, then in adulthood he enjoyed scuba diving. He made many trips home to Nebraska and Arizona to visit his family whom he remained close with. He had a quick witted, dry sense of humor, and was always up for a good time. He loved playing with his 3 grandchildren and made sure to teach them all to swim. He also loved his dog, Zoey. Family was his greatest love and he enjoyed spending time with them.

In addition to his beloved companion, Terri, he is also survived by her children: Robin N. Cole (Joseph) of Lusby, MD, Lindsey M. Hoffman of La Plata, MD, and LJ A. Hoffman of Hollywood, MD; his siblings: Kelly J. Jones (Edward) of Omaha, NE, Kimberly A. Hill of Euless, TX, and Donald L. McGargill (Dolores) of Auburn, NE; his granddaughters: Karmyn E. Hoffman, Kennedy E. Cole, and Alayna M. Johnson; his nieces and nephews: Nicholas Jones, Kyle Jones, Alex Jones, Amanda Hill, Jack Hill, Duane McGargill, and Caleb McGargill; and great nieces/nephew: Makayla Jones, Jonah Jones, Ellie Jones, and Xander Bigelow. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Robert J. McGargill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2632, 23282 Three Notch Road, California, MD 20619.

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

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Cyril Patrick "Pat" Gerek



Cyril Patrick "Pat" Gerek, 81 of Park Hall, MD passed away peacefully on June 11, 2021 with his wife, Gloria by his side.

Pat was born on March 18, 1940 in St. Mary's City, MD to the late Cyril Joseph Gerek and Teresa Gertrude Hammett Gerek.

After graduating high school in Great Mills, MD, Pat entered the United States Air Force (USAF). He proudly served from January of 1958 until September of 1963. Upon leaving the USAF, Pat opened his own business, Pat's Speed Shop. He also towed for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department as well as the Maryland State Police for over 30

years. Upon semi-retiring, Pat acquired a Captain's License and chartered numerous fishing parties aboard his boat "Miss Pat".

He married the love of his life, Gloria Jeane Bowles, on August 15, 1959 in Ridge, MD, with whom he enjoyed 61 years of marriage. They were blessed to raise three wonderful children together. In addition to his wife, Pat is survived by his children Cyril Paul Gerek of Chantilly, VA, Deborah Lynn Gerek (Ty Larsen) of Arizona, Cheryl Helene Gerek (Chris Woodburn) of Ridge, MD, his grandson Wyatt Christopher Woodburn of Kodiak, AK and his two granddaughters, Stephanie Gagliano, of Rockville, MD and Sarah Helene Woodburn of Ridge, MD. He also has two great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brothers Rick Gerek (Renee) of St. Mary's City, Joe Gerek (Anita) of St. Mary's City, sister-in-law Sandra Gerek; brother-in-law Bob Pace and extended family Greg Madjeski, James Fenwick and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles Michael Gerek, sisters Elizabeth Ann Stewart and Mary Rose Pace.

Pat was an amazing, hard-working, caring man who lived an adventurous life racing Super Stock Class at IHRA and NHRA events. He was an outgoing man with a great sense of humor and the ability to fix anything. Even though Pat endured Kidney Disease the last four years of his life, he never complained and could even find humor in it at times. The family would like to thank the staff at MEDSTAR Washington Hospital Center.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ridge Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680 or the National Kidney Foundation, 1301 York Road, Suite 209, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093-6007.

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

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Dr. Manojkumar

Dhansukhlal Panwala



Dr. Manojkumar Dhansukhlal Panwala, 52, of Southern Maryland, unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday,

June 16, 2021, at his residence. Manoj was born in Mumbai, India on July 28, 1968, and came to the US when he was fifteen (15).

He went to medical school and practiced medicine for twenty-three (23) years. He was a beloved father, treasured son, loving brother and forever friend to all he knew. He enjoyed fishing, sailing, wind surfing, cooking and flying planes.

Manoj is survived by his mother, brothers, sister, respective families, two sons, and a daughter. He will be remembered fondly.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to <https://tinyurl.com/manojpanwala> or mail a check to St. Jude Children's Fund, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

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

Alice Lee Ritchie Colvin



Alice Lee Ritchie Colvin, 96, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on June 13, 2021 at her home.

She was born on October

12, 1924 in Washington, D.C. to the late Scott Brewer Ritchie and Ruth Kathleen Neff.

Alice graduated from William and Mary College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. On November 28, 1947 she married her beloved husband, Jerry Marshall Colvin, Jr. in Valley Forge, PA. Together they celebrated over 57 wonderful years of marriage before his passing in December 2004.

She was an avid reader, particularly enjoying mysteries and autobiographies. She and her husband enjoyed square dancing and listening to Concerts at St. Mary's City, as well as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. They also travelled extensively throughout the world, including Africa, Japan, France, Italy and China. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother.

Alice is survived by her children, Scott Marshall Colvin (Camille) of Leonardtown, MD and Tracy Colvin North (Jim) of Virginia Beach, VA. She is the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren: Eric Colvin (Jo-

anna), Brandon Colvin (Polly), Kelsey Colvin, Nick Colvin, Carly Colvin, Jason North (Kristin) and Nicole Smith (Jeff); great grandmother of seven: Sidney Colvin, Jackson North, Charlie North, Jones North, Harper Smith, and Jordyn Smith; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her brother, Bruce Ritchie.

She was a past member of the Sweet Adeline's, St. Mary's County Woman's Club, and a long-time member of Leonardtown Baptist Church.

All services are private.

Memorial contributions in memory of Alice may be made to Second District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

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Charles Anthony "Tony" Quade



Charles Anthony "Tony" Quade, 66, of Hollywood, MD passed away on June 13, 2021 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center

in Washington D.C. with his loving wife at his side.

He was born on October 1, 1954 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Joseph Horace Quade, Sr. and Margaret Cecilia Flora Quade.

Tony is a 1972 graduate of Chopticon High School On April 19, 1975, he married his beloved wife, Elaine Garner Quade at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD. Together they celebrated over 46 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed for over 26 dedicated years as a Supervisor for the Charles County Road Division until his retirement in 2016. He and his wife enjoyed traveling, especially to Las Vegas and the local casinos. He was an Associate Member of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department where he liked helping the Ladies Auxiliary with catering events and working the carnival. He also volunteered with the St. Mary's County food pantry. He was very giving and enjoyed helping others. He also liked sitting on his porch watching the birds.

In addition to his beloved wife,



Elaine, Tony is also survived by his siblings: Michael O. Quade, Sr. (Barbara) of Ocean City, MD and Patricia Morgan of Hollywood, MD; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his siblings: Betty Ann Self, Joseph Horace "Teenie Boy" Quade, Jr., Mary Virginia Quade, Margaret Ann Brady, George Reintzell, Irene Hill, and William Patrick "Billy Boy" Quade.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636 and the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd. Street, New York, NY 10016.

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John Louis Madel, Jr



John Louis Madel, Jr., of Williamsburg, VA, passed away Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the age of 83.

As a young man, he delivered the Washington Post in St. Mary's County. John was an electrical engineer and after retiring from the federal government in the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, he worked for a number of government contractors before retiring to Williamsburg, VA in 2012.

He attended St. Mary's Academy, Leonardtown, MD; St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, MD; University of Maryland, College Park, MD; and the Naval Warfare

College, Newport, RI.

John was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, the Leonardtown Lions Club where he especially loved working the Lions Club Crab Festival, delivered meals to senior citizens in St. Mary's County through Meals on Wheels, and was an original member, supporter, and tireless fundraiser of St. Clements Hundred and the effort to rebuild the replica of the Blackstone Lighthouse on St. Clements Island. Some of his fondest memories were spending time with his wife Annette, family, and friends at St. Mary's County crab festivals, oyster scalds and the Osprey Ball. After moving to Williamsburg, VA, he remained active in his community through numerous business and social committees at WindsorMeade. He was also a member of St. Bede's Catholic Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Annette Dianne Madel. Survivors include his children, Lisa Geyer, (Jim) Monument, CO; John Madel, (Diana) Fruita, CO; Timothy Madel, (Donna) Inverness, IL; Emelie Madel-Toner, (Lee) Leicester, England; Kurt Madel, (Meghan) Richmond, VA; grandchildren, Morgan Geyer, Weston Geyer, Hannah Geyer, Daniela Posso, Laura Posso, Atticus Madel, Theo Madel-Toner, Jonah Madel-Toner, Noah Madel, Michael Madel, Ben Madel, and Timmers Madel; brother, Jay Madel (Della); and his dear friend, Mary Fox of Williamsburg, VA.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11AM on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at St. Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188 (www.bedeva.org). Online condolences may be shared at www.Nelsen-Williamsburg.com.

IF YOU HAVE A LIVING TRUST, PLEASE READ THIS

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Lynda J. Striegel

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their

attorneys should do that work for the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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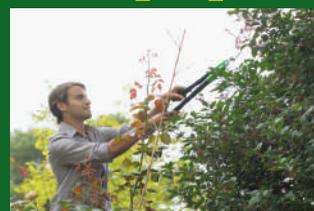
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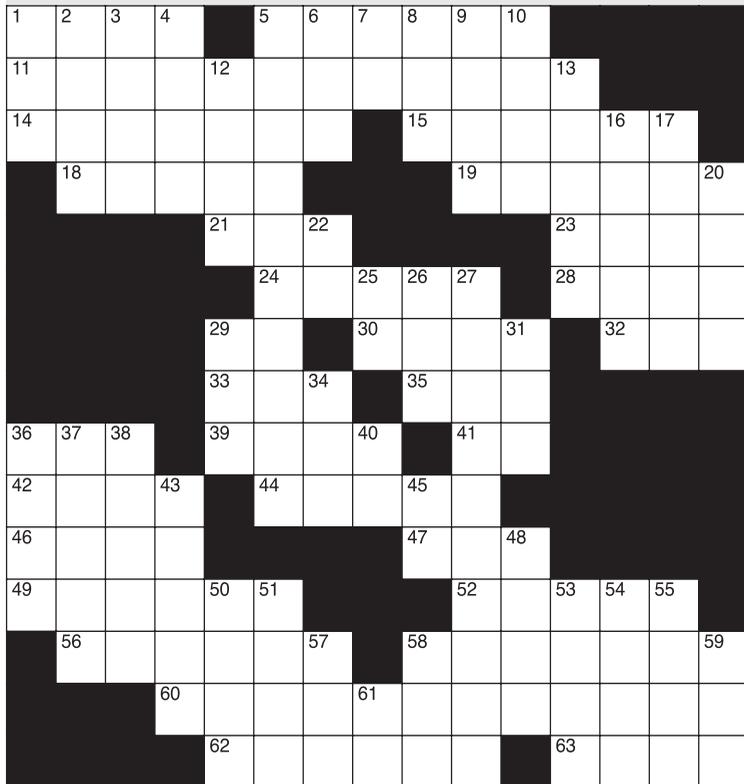
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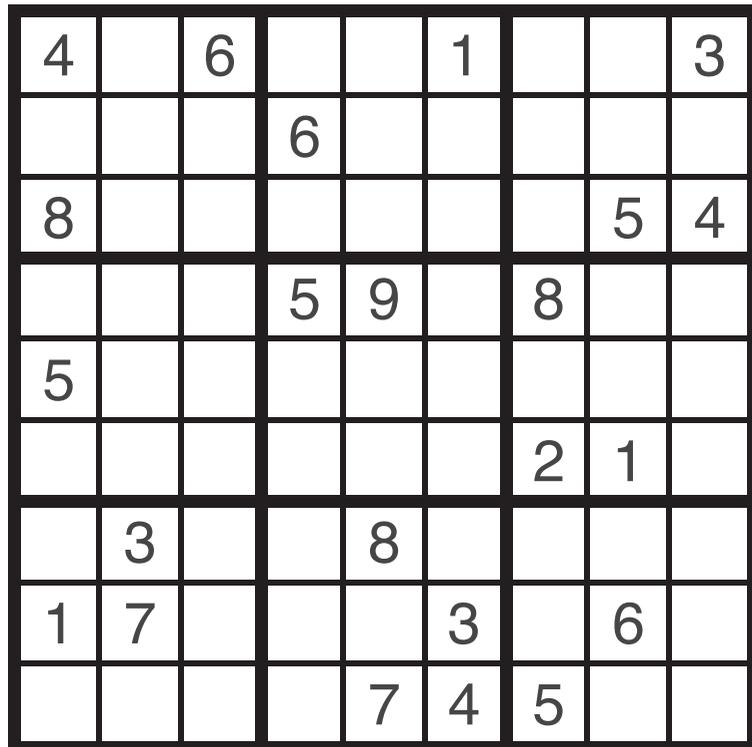
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- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Senses of self-esteem
- 32. Trigraph
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Driver's licenses and passports
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Military flyers
- 42. Raincoats

- 44. Type of community
- 46. Feature of worm's anatomy
- 47. In the center
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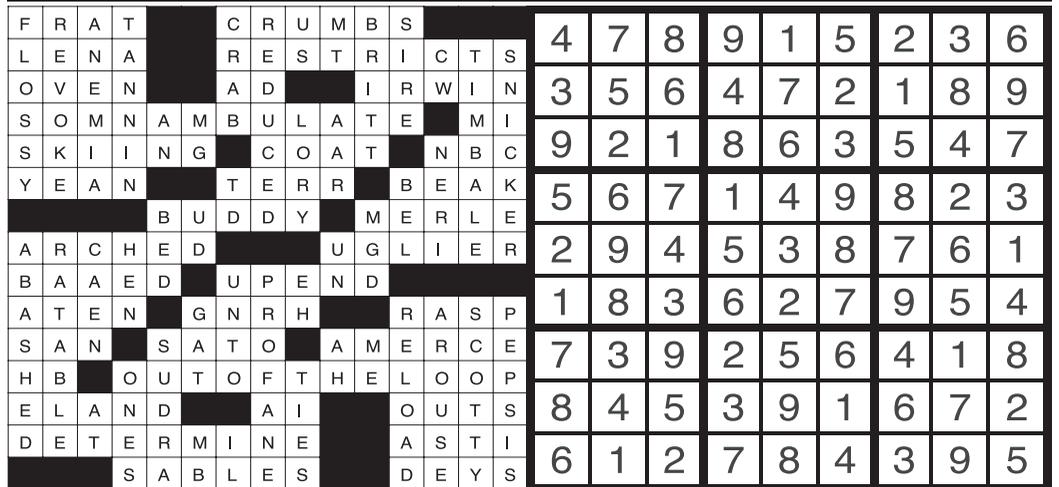
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- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Jerry

- 20. Affirmative!
- 22. Potato state
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Mosque prayer leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Scad genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
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- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
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- 59. Residue
- 61. It keeps you cool



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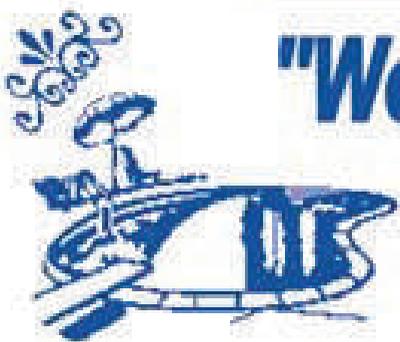


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