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Fred Bumgarner at his namesake uncle's grave in Luxembourg.



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“THIS IS NOT ABOUT EXPEDIENCY. IT’S MORE ABOUT QUALITY.”
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COVID Vaccinations Beginning for Calvert Children

By Dick Myers
Editor

COVID-19 vaccination shots are beginning to make their way into the arms of children aged 5-11 in Calvert County Public Schools, doctor's offices and drug stores. Health Officer Dr. Laurence Polsky is encouraging parents to buy in.

At a briefing to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Nov. 7, Polsky observed that the county's positivity rate had declined to around five percent, the threshold for community spread.

"Even with the reduction this previous week," he said, "we're still in the high transmission range. And you can see if you look back to November, December of last year, that's when we started a very dramatic increase over the winter. Hopefully we'll see a further reduction over this next week or two, but we're heading into Thanksgiving. And I just want to make sure everyone is aware to continue to act in ways that are going to minimize the spread of virus, particularly COVID, but other viruses as well; we are heading into flu season."

Consent forms went out to parents last week. Polsky reported, "Currently we have about 1,300 students whose parents have consented for vaccination in the schools this week. And I expect that number will continue to ratchet up"

He added, "We had discussions with the medical practices around the county, that the most effective way to get vaccinations to as many children as possible in the most expedient amount of time was to do them in the schools. If we do vaccinate about



1,500 children this week, there's no way that private medical practices could vaccinate that number of children in that period of time."

Polsky observed, "The critical thing about this week is that two weeks beyond is Thanksgiving, so children who get vaccinated this week, by the time they get together with family, they will already have about 70, maybe 75 percent immunity against COVID. So, not only does it protect them, but it protects their grandparents. And we have to remember that the zero to four-year old are not eligible yet. And so, for younger siblings who've had asthma, or if there are infants in the household, they're still vulnerable. And so, infections that their older siblings pick up, if they bring those back into the house, it affects generations."

Polsky reported as to vaccinations

for the younger children:

- COVID was the 8th leading cause of death over the past year in this age group
- 8,300 hospitalizations across the U.S. for 5-11-year-olds
- 2,300 cases of multisystem in-

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- 745 deaths in children and teens
- And he said, "Fully-vaccinated children do not have to quarantine if they are close contacts of someone with COVID."

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Early December Public Hearing Eyed on Police Accountability Board

Commissioners Develop Second Draft

By Dick Myers
Editor

After soliciting online ideas and a recent public forum, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is working on a second draft of the makeup of the new Police Accountability Board (PAB). The board was mandated by the legislature as part of "police reform" and must be fully operational by next July.

County Attorney John Norris, after the commissioners made some preliminary decisions at their Nov. 9 meeting, will develop a second draft to present to them at their next meeting, looking towards another public meeting in early December.

At the first public session the BOCC presented as a starting point for discussion a proposal that had been crafted by former commissioner Tim Hutchins that relied heavily on former law enforcement officers for the makeup of the PAB. That proposal was challenged by many speakers at the forum.

Norris in a memo reported to the BOCC, "Responses highlight what was already obvious, this topic stirs passion within its advocates when asked how

this PAB and this ACC (Administrative Charging Committee) should be constituted, but results are not consistent. For instance, just over half of the respondents (80 out of 144 responses) suggested that the PAB should be larger than seven members; and three times as many said there should be minimum qualifications (15 out of 21 responses). Looking deeper, most said that a high school graduate or GED should be required, but there was disagreement whether a retired law enforcement should be eligible, or whether a former conviction for felony or misdemeanor should serve as a basis to disqualify an applicant."

Norris noted in his presentation to the BOCC, "Perhaps law enforcement experience might intimidate the average citizen, in encouraging them not to come." After much discussion, the BOCC settled on a nine-member PAB, with, at the suggestion of Commissioner Steve Weems, two each from the three commissioner districts, two at large and a chairman. The suggested term would be three years (instead of five in Hutchins' proposal) with members eligible for two reappointments.

The makeup of the board, the BOCC



County Attorney John Norris

agreed, should be reflective of the community, but whether that meant by population or by the makeup of the persons who come in contact with law enforcement, was left to be determined. Commissioner President Buddy Hance suggested perhaps a middle ground.

The representation would include minorities and age and sex distribution, although what proportion was left to a future decision.

The BOCC settled on no more than two or three of nine members with previous law enforcement experience.

They also agreed that there should be a background check for guidance to the commissioners and the PAB. They also decided the members should have at least a high school diploma or GED.

Commissioner Mike Hart said, "I've said it from the beginning there has to be community buy-in, but integrity has to be everything. Integrity has got to be the number one thing, because let's face it, what this board is being asked to do, it's charged with the integrity of the incident. So, I think some people were a little hesitant. I think everybody should obviously feel that their input is welcome and that no one should be excluded."

Hance said, "Just like in the first step of this process, we encourage those individuals and organizations to reach out to their members because we do the best we can. We don't have all the opportunity that others have. So once this thing gets out, we just want to everybody to spread the word as best they can. And we want as much feedback as we can get. This is not about expediency. It's more about quality."

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Guest Speaker: Pax River NAS CO



"On Watch Memorial" Veteran's Day ceremony guest speaker Patuxent River Naval Air Station Commanding Officer Capt. John Brabazon.



Jack Fringer, a former member of the Calvert Marine Museum board, laid the wreath at the On Watch Monument.

By Dick Myers
Editor

It stands watch from a quiet spot overlooking Back Creek in Solomons. The eight-foot "On Watch Memorial" depicts a sailor and commemorates the work done on the Dowell peninsula at the Solomons Amphibious Training Base during World War II.

Each year the serenity of the site is interrupted with a ceremony honoring Veteran's Day. This year it was held Nov. 7 and conducted by Calvert Marine Museum, which now has responsibility for the monument. Museum Director Jeff Murray was the master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker this year was Patuxent River Naval Air Station Commanding Officer Capt. John Brabazon. He said the spark that prompted his service might have been as a child spending summers in the Poconos. They had a neighbor, Donald Mack, who was a survivor of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis by an Imperial Japanese Navy submarine. Approximately 300 went down with the ship and the remaining 890 men faced exposure, dehydration, saltwater poisoning, and shark attacks while stranded in the open ocean with few lifeboats and almost no food or water. The survivors were rescued four days later.

The license plate on his golf cart was "USS Indy." And "he always pulled me aside," said Capt. Brabazon. "People ask me where the sparks started? I think it started in the Poconos and it led me here to Solomons today."

He said the base that stood on the site 80 years ago "had given our military personnel an ideal place to train in a manner that would bring the fight to the enemy. It's just unfathomable, looking back at it, amphibious warfare, while not a new form of combat, it was here at Solomons the techniques would be modernized, perfected, and where the fighting men of the day would get up that steely nerve to fight their way onto the beach."

He observed that those "footholds on

foreign shores eventually gained us the victories that brought peace, peace that we enjoy today. Peace that we don't take for granted. Peace that we know because we were born to a mother in the United States of America."

The commanding officer said, "Imagine the strength of character and the bravery of those who trained on these very shores. Imagine now crashing through the wake of the Patuxent spraying in your face, your neck and shoulders strain under the weight of your steel pot helmet and field pack, grip tightening your rifle as your boots, with the water and sand moving under your feet, knowing the skills learned here in Maryland may save your life the weeks and months to come on a much more distant shore."

Capt. Brabazon relayed what he heard earlier in the day on Fox Sports about Travis Manion, a Marine who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Brabazon retold, "Before Travis went back on his second tour in Iraq, he was at the Philadelphia Eagles football game. And his brother-in-law said, 'You've already done a tour in Iraq. You don't have to go back, let someone else go.' And Travis replied, 'I've got the training, my team's ready. And if not me, then who?'"

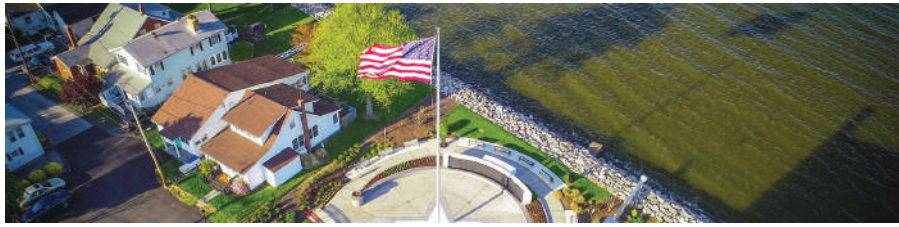
He said he and Manion grew up in the same town.

The Veteran's Day ceremony is co-sponsored by the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 274 in Lusby. Auxiliary President Joyce Baki said they had been especially busy during the pandemic. With 280 members, among a long list of activities, they have made "monthly drops of snacks, sodas, waters, and other items" to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home.

And with help from Calvert Marine Museum last Christmas, "Filling three vehicles last year with t-shirts, pants, flannel, pajamas, razors, crossword books, coloring books, and other items on their wish list." They're doing it again this year.

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Five Apply for Chesapeake Beach Council Vacancy



By Dick Myers
Editor

Five Chesapeake residents have applied to fill the vacancy on the town council. The five have been certified as eligible by the town election board. They will be interviewed by the town council before the Nov. 18 council meeting.

The candidates are:

1. Margaret Pauline Hartman, 60, of Baywalk Square. She is retired, with a BS in Accounting. She's lived in town since 2012.
2. Kathleen Berault, 66, of Bayside Road. She has lived in town since 1990. She was a police officer and federal employee. She is a member of the town's planning commission and Green Team.
3. Gregory Kernam of Woodshire Drive. He's a former

division chief of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He is a member of the county planning commission and its former chairperson. He is president of Calvert Hospice.

4. John Carey of Meridian Court. He has 30 years' experience in operations and logistics fields. He has a BA from Kent State University.
5. Richard A. Burch of Lavrin Court. He's an emergency medicine physician's assistant. He has a Master's of Medical Services from St. Francis University.

The five are vying to replace Derek Favret, who resigned after his job moved he and his family out of state.

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North Beach Experiences Storm Damage

Cost Estimate: \$450,000

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Town of North Beach has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$450,000 worth of damages from the Nor'easter storm that hit the area on Oct. 29.

The most significant damage was to the boardwalk north of 7th Street that runs in front of eight houses. The boardwalk railing was damaged and there was significant erosion under the boardwalk, although Mayor Mike Benton says he doesn't believe the 250 feet of boardwalk impacted will have to be replaced.

The boardwalk area that most residents and visitors use did not experience any damage.

The situation was discussed by the town council at their Nov. 4 work session. At Benton's insistence, the council decided to hold off doing any work until the town hears about funding from the federal agency.

Benton told the council he hoped the replacement work could improve the boardwalk along that stretch. He insisted there was no immediate public threat that needed to be addressed.

Residents of the eight houses are still



North Beach Mayor Mike Benton

able to access their homes along the boardwalk closest to the houses. But the rest of the boardwalk is roped off and there's a large sign warning against entering and walking on that damaged section.

Benton says other storm damages in that cost estimate include the town's Living Shoreline, both sides of the boat slip and sediment in storm drains.

Benton said the recently completed new Route 260 bridge over the creek that separates the town from Anne Arundel County held up well. And the roadway, that regularly flooded before, did not do so this time because the roadway was raised. Some homes near the bridge did experience some flooding.

Benton is expected to give a status report on the storm damage at the Nov. 11 town meeting.

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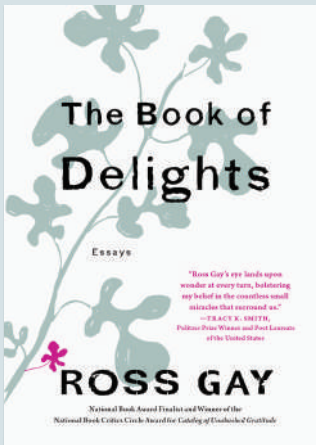
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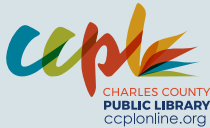


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Members of the Calvert County Sheriff's Patrol Bureau and Crash Reconstruction Unit responded at approximately 8:30 a.m. to report of a serious motor vehicle crash in the area of Maryland Rt. 260 and Rymer Way in Owings.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered two vehicles involved, a 2020 Ford Transit Van and a 2016 Audi Q3.

Preliminary investigation revealed, the 2020 Ford Transit Van was traveling west on Maryland Rt. 260 at a high rate of speed according to witnesses, when it struck a 2016 Audi Q3. The Ford Transit continued traveling into the grassy median where it struck a tree. The Audi sustained disabling damage and came to rest on the shoulder of the roadway.

The operator of the Ford Transit van, Kyle Eugene Jones, 35 of Lusby was pronounced deceased by emergency medical personnel on scene.

The front seat passenger of the Ford transit van was identified as Catherine Elizabeth Truske, 26 of Bowie. Truske



Photo courtesy North Beach VFD&RS.

was transported via MSP Trooper 7 to Capital Region Hospital in stable condition.

The occupants of the Audi were not injured.

Senior Deputy First Class Jeffrey Hardesty of the Crash Reconstruction Team is conducting the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed this accident, is asked to please contact S/DFC Jeff Hardesty with the Crash Reconstruction Team at (410) 535-2800 or via e-mail: Jeffrey.Hardesty@calvert-countymd.gov.

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9x12	\$5.05	20x35	\$30.60
10x12	\$5.60	20x40	\$35.00
10x15	\$7.00	24x36	\$36.20
10x16	\$7.45	25x45	\$47.15
10x20	\$8.75	30x40	\$50.30
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Parents Ask For Help In Finding Son's Body

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

David and Teresa Sukhram, the parents of a Leonardtown High School student who committed suicide by jumping from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge last month, are asking for help to find their son's body.

"We are making a plea to the public that walk the shoreline, commercial fishermen, recreational boaters, etc.," the Sukhram's stated in a Facebook post for Leonardtown High School parents. "Please be on the lookout for his body."

"He was wearing a black LHS seniors 2022 t-shirt, gray shorts and white shoes."

The day of Andrew Sukhram's death, Oct. 28, the principal of Leonardtown High School Jill Mills posted a message to the greater school community.

"I am so sorry to tell you all that one of our students, Andrew Sukhram, was reported missing today," Mills wrote. "The student left LHS sometime this morning and was traveling to an assigned internship in the California area."



"His vehicle was found abandoned on the Thomas Johnson Bridge. First responders are continuing on with their investigation. We will provide additional details when notified."

Mills asked for a cessation to any open speculation about the victim's motives for suicide.

"We are aware that there has been talk about this incident on social media," Mills said, "Rumors may begin to come out, but please don't spread them."

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Sukhram was a cross country track athlete at Leonardtown High School.

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CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

During the week of October 25 – October 31, deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,410 calls for service throughout the community.

Theft: 21-61524

On October 31, 2021, Deputy Shoemaker responded to the Liquor Store located at 701 N Solomons Island Rd. Prince Frederick, MD for the report of a theft. The complainant advised an unknown suspect entered the store and placed a bottle of Ruffino into a purse and exited the store without making payment. The value of stolen property is \$10.99.

Theft: 21-60780

On October 27, 2021, Deputy Contic received report of a theft. The complainant advised the rear registration plate of his vehicle was stolen after the vehicle had been parked at a business in the 1200 block of E. Mount Harmony Road in Huntingtown, MD. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-60431

On October 26, 2021, Deputy Huy responded to the 4300 block of Locust Grove Road in Chesapeake Beach, MD for a report of a theft. The complainant advised sometime between 3 p.m. and 9

p.m., unknown suspect(s) stole a wooden bench from the deck of the residence. The value of stolen property is unknown at this time.

Theft: 21-60492

On October 26, 2021, Deputy D. Durnbaugh responded to the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center, located at 130 Auto Drive in Prince Frederick, MD, for a reported theft. Investigation revealed two unknown black male suspects cut the lock off of a locker. They proceeded to steal personal property to include a victim's credit card. The value of stolen property is \$228.00. The suspects used a stolen credit card to purchase \$3073.27 in gift cards, at the Harris Teeter grocery store, located in Dunkirk, MD. They were seen entering a dark colored, passenger car, possibly a BMW. Anyone with information in regards to this incident or the suspects involved, is asked to please contact Deputy Durnbaugh at Drew.Durnbaugh@calvertcountymd.gov. Please refer to case #21-60492 when providing information.

Editor's Note:

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

Prince Frederick Businessman Sentenced for Felony Theft

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey has, announced that on Nov. 5, Marco Joseph Decesaris, III, 72, of Prince Frederick was sentenced to six months incarceration for felony theft. Decesaris, the owner of Marco's Quality Storage Buildings, LLC, took money from victims after promising to build them sheds. The sheds were never delivered, and the victims were not able to get their money back.

Prior to sentencing, the State's Attorney's Office was able to obtain restitution for each of Decesaris' victims.



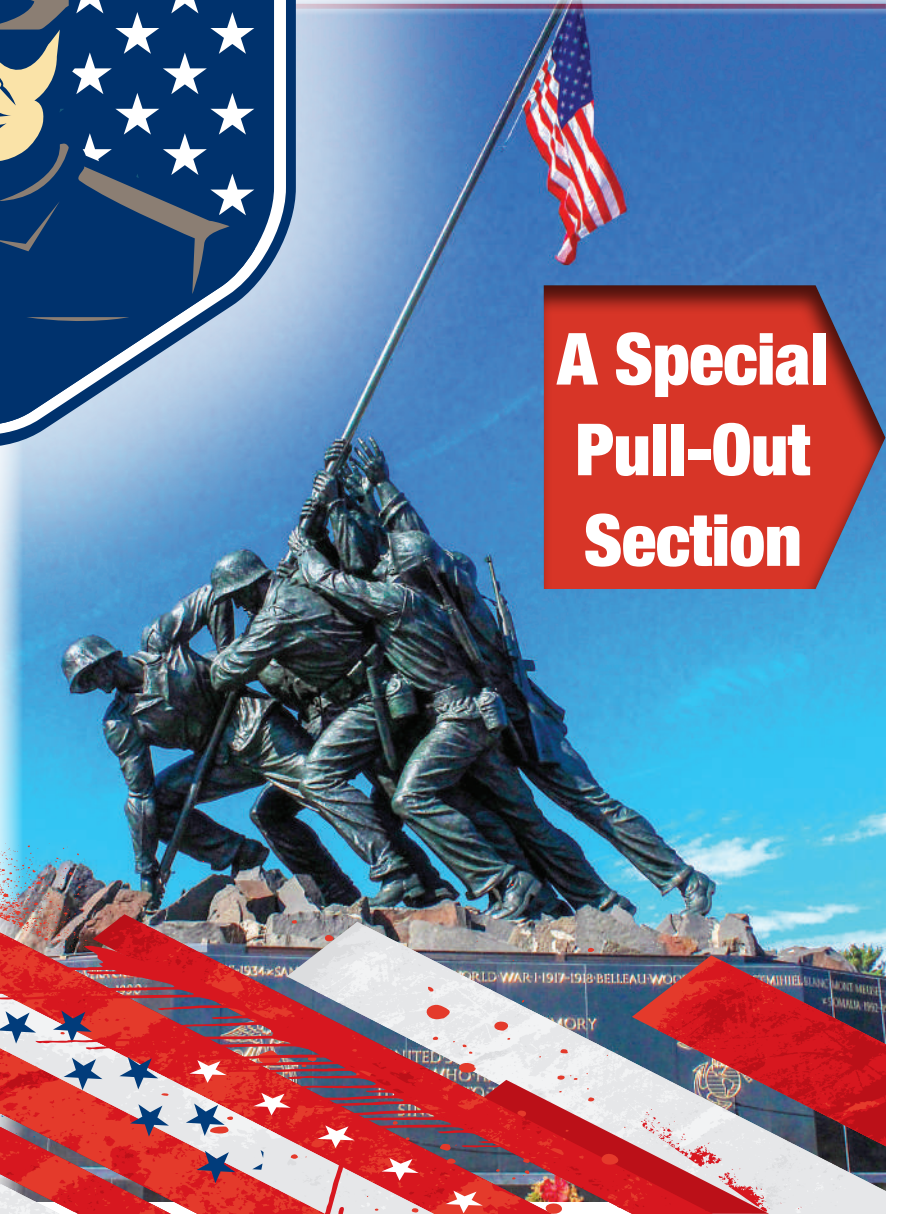
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Serving in World War II in Chesapeake Beach

The following is an excerpt from one of Fred Bumgarner's longer interviews. This one conducted in December of 2013 was with Bill Barrett, past Post 206 Commander, who has since passed away.

Bill was a 21-year old college sophomore at the Newark (NJ) College of Engineering at the time of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent US entry into the war. In December 1941 Congress amended the Selective Training and Service Act (Manpower Act?) making all men aged 18 to 45 subject to service by a draft lottery system during the duration of the war "plus six months." Bill received a student deferral until his January 1944 graduation from college when he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME).

During WWII 50 million men were registered for military service via the draft, 36 million were classified, and 10 million were actually inducted.

Bill entered the Navy and attended eight weeks of boot camp at the Sampson Naval Training Center in upstate New York. Subsequently he went by train to the Navy's engineering school in Gulfport, MS. Upon

completion of that school he went to the Navy's diesel engine school located in Richmond, VA, and finally was assigned to the Naval Research Lab Annex at Randall Cliff, Chesapeake Beach, as a Motor Machinist Mate 3rd Class (MOMM3).

While he bunked briefly in the barracks at Randall Cliff, he mostly lived and performed his engineer duties on the YP-564 (ex-Navajo), a 73-foot "yard patrol craft" that was docked at the Navy Pier located in the Fishing Creek inlet just north of the present-day bridge. Across Route 261 from the Water Park and Northeast Community Center, that pier is still used today by NRL-associated vessels.

The patrol craft that Bill served on was one of two converted private yachts acquired by the Navy in 1942 and docked at the Navy Pier in Chesapeake Beach. The crew of the YP-564 consisted of two engineers, two deckhands, a cook, a chief, and a skipper. As an interesting aside, Bill said the skipper on the YP-564 was LTjg Linwood "Buddy" Kellum who later developed the marina on Fishing Creek. Bill said that whenever the creek was dredged, the dirt was used to fill in the swamp which later

became "Kellum Field."

The other vessel was the YP-354 (ex-Innisfail), an 80 footer. Bill indicated that when the two vessels were docked end-to-end, they filled the entire length of the pier. The vessels were armed with 50-caliber machine guns in the bow and stern.

Their routine duties included patrolling the waters adjacent to Randall Cliff where radar ranges and firing ranges were maintained. When ships came up the Bay near the facility, Bill said they would circle those vessels and help them calibrate their navigation equipment.

While stationed at NRL, Bill met a local "West Beach" girl – Betty Alberta Robertson - who lived on 27th Avenue, and in 1945 they were married. He indicated that, at the time, the community north of the Fishing Creek Bridge was known as West Beach. Perhaps one of our old timers can explain that name?

After the war ended, Bill was still on the crew of the YP-564 and in June 1946 it was taken up the Potomac River to the Washington Navy Yard where it was surveyed and decommissioned.

Bill left active duty at that time but still worked at Randall Cliff

for a time as a civilian involved in research on jet engines. He and his wife then lived in base housing at the facility. Bill subsequently joined the Naval Reserve and was commissioned as an ensign, but he said his further service was not noteworthy and he spent most of those years taking correspondence courses.

In the years after leaving NRL, Bill worked for various companies and defense contractors including the American Helicopter Company, a firm that he said was involved in attempting to develop helicopters with jet engines attached to the tips of their rotors. He noted that the effort eventually failed because of the difficulty of balancing the engines and their outputs.

Bill also worked for Western Electric and Douglas Aircraft in New Jersey, Arizona, Tulsa, OK and Springfield, VA.

In those years he and his wife raised three children, two boys and a girl.

Bill first became a member of Post 206 in 1967 when he was still living in Springfield, VA, and 46 years later he is one of our longest-serving members.

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Untold Stories

The following are some of Fred Bumgarner's Untold Stories from Post 206 Newsletters from Apr. 2013 to Jan. 2017:

- I was a World War II veteran. I served in the Army Air Corps as a staff sergeant and was an airplane propeller mechanic. I served in the southern Philippines and Papua, New Guinea. My decorations included 5 campaign medals with bronze stars. Before the war I was a tobacco products salesman from Huntingtown.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served in the Marine Corps as a corporal and rifle expert. I was wounded on Okinawa in the Ryuku Islands in June 1945. My awards included the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) as a company clerk in northern France. My awards included the European-African-Middle East Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the WAC Service Ribbon.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served in the Navy as a machinist mate. My duty stations included the Amphibious Training Base at Solomons, MD, and various amphibious vessels including USS LST 73, LST 240, LSM 276, and LSM 364. My awards included the

Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served in the Army Air Corps as a major and was an air operations officer involved in air combat over Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland. My decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters. Before the war I was a civilian flying instructor.

- I was a Korean War veteran. I served in the Army as a corporal and was an ammunition supply specialist. My awards included the Good Conduct, Korean, and UN Service Medals. Before the war I was a sales clerk from Prince Frederick.

- I was a Korean War veteran. I served in the Navy as a ships' serviceman (barber) on the USS Dauphin and the USS Lenawee. My awards included the Korean Service Medal and China Service Medal.

- I was a Vietnam-era veteran. I served in the US Coast Guard as a radioman aboard the USCGC Gallatin. My awards included the Good Conduct Medal.

- I was a Vietnam veteran. I served in the Navy as a hospital corpsman. My decorations included 2 Purple Hearts, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign Medals.

- I was a Vietnam era veteran. I served in the Army as a specialist 5 and was an interpreter. My awards included the Good Conduct Medal and the Army Occupational Medal (Berlin, Germany).

- I was a World War I veteran. I served as a private in the Army Quartermaster Corps (Demobilization Group) from July to December 1918. I was born in 1889 and was 28 years of age and working as a foreman when I enlisted. On my enlistment record one of the fields reads: "Horsemanship: Not mounted." I was issued a bronze victory button upon my discharge.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served as a PFC in the Army's anti-aircraft artillery. I enlisted on December 5, 1941, two days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. I was an elevator operator at the time I signed up. I served in the Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland campaigns and was wounded in France on August 1, 1944, for

which I received the Purple Heart. I was discharged at the Newton D. Baker General Hospital in Martinsburg, WV, on October 7, 1945.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served as a corporal with the 81st Fighter Group of the Army Air Corps. In civilian life I was a signal service repairman. I was a radar mechanic and worked on P-40 and P-47 aircraft based in China in support of Chinese ground forces. My awards included the Victory Medal.

- I was a World War II veteran. I was a Calvert County farmer (Paris) and served as an Army rifleman in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns. I wore the Combat Infantry Badge and my decorations included the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Ribbon.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and was a bombardier with the 5th Bomb Group of the 13th Air Force, participating in the New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Southern Philippines, and Borneo campaigns. My decorations included the Philippine Liberation Medal and the Victory

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- I was a World War II veteran. I was a motorcycle messenger for the Office of Emergency Management before enlisting in the Navy where I served as a sonarman and electricians mate on submarine chasers (USS SC 330, USS SC 1302). I attended the Navy's Sound Operators Class at the Fleet Sound School in Key West, FL. My awards included the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served in the Coast Guard as a boatswain's mate, enlisting two months before Pearl Harbor and separating in December 1946. I was stationed at various CG shore stations and aboard several vessels including CGC Faunce and CGC Mallow.

- I was a World War II veteran. I was a civilian operating room nurse before serving as a 1st lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. I served in the European, African and Middle Eastern campaigns from October 1943 until September 1945. After the war I became a restaurant owner.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served as a Tec 4 in the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Before enlisting I was a housekeeper and general office clerk. I attended the Army's Bakers and Cooks School in Daytona Beach, FL, in March and April 1943, and became the first cook in the unit mess hall. My duty stations included Ft George G. Meade, MD. My awards included the Good Conduct Medal and the WAC Service Medal.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served as a PFC in the Army where I was a medical technician on the 45th Hospital Train. I participated in the Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes campaigns. Before the war I was a dairy hand. My awards included the European, African and Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars.

- I was a World War II veteran. I was a 1st lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, serving as a radar observer and bombardier with the 305th Bomb Group. I served in the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns, flying 30 combat missions over Germany, Holland and France. My awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters. Before the war I was a draftsman at the US Naval Torpedo Station in Alexandria, VA.

- I was a World War II veteran. I was a Marine Corps 1st lieutenant and served as an infantry officer. I attended radar engineering and radar search schools at Harvard and MIT. Before the war I was a laborer for an oil refinery in Texas.

- I was a Korean War veteran. I served as an Army infantry commander (captain) and held the Senior Parachutist Badge. My awards included the Army Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

- I was a Vietnam and Operation Desert Shield / Storm veteran. I served in the Air Force and AF Reserve as a tech sergeant and was an air transportation supervisor. My awards included the AF Outstanding Unit Award, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal,

and AF Longevity Service Award.

- I was a Vietnam veteran. I served in the Navy and Naval Reserve as a P-3 flight engineer. My awards included the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, 2 Navy Good Conduct Medals, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

- I was a Vietnam era veteran. I served in the Marine Corps as a legal clerk (E-5) and my duty stations included Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, VA. I completed training at the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. My decorations / awards included the Expert Badge Pistol, Sharpshooter Badge Rifle, and the Good Conduct Medal.

- I was a Vietnam veteran. I served as a military policeman (spec 4) in the Army and my awards included the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

- I was a Vietnam veteran. I was a career Air Force officer (O-6) serving as a civil engineer. My awards included the Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign Medals, and the Legion of Merit.

- I was a World War II veteran who served as a 1st lieutenant in the US Army. I was a combat engineer and a unit commander with the 60th Engineering Battalion. I served in Normandy, Northern France, and the Ardennes. My decorations included the Purple Heart and the WWII Victory Medal.

- I was a World War II veteran. I served as a petty officer 3rd class in the US Navy aboard the fleet oiler USS Mattaponi (AO-41). Before the war I was a motion picture projectionist from Grundy, VA. My awards included the WWII Victory Medal and the American Area, Asiatic-Pacific Area, and European-African Area ribbons.

- I was a Korean War veteran. I served as a private first class in the Army Reserve and was assigned to the 140th Tank Battalion. I was born in St. Mary's County and before the war I was a service station attendant at an Esso station in Washington, D.C. My awards included the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

- I was a Korean War veteran. I was a corporal in the US Marine Corps and served as a cook. Before the war I was a sheet metal worker from Brandywine, MD. My awards included the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

- I was a Vietnam veteran. I served as a corporal in the US Marine Corps and was a combat engineer involved in mine warfare. I was from Carbondale, PA. My awards included the National Defense Service Medal, the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign medals.

- I was a World War II veteran who served as a sergeant in an Army anti-aircraft searchlight battalion. I participated in the Ryuku Islands campaign, including Okinawa. Before the war I was a police inspector from Belmont, OH. My awards included the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

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Telling the Stories of American Veteran Shares His Love of History

By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Beach resident Fred Bumgarner grew up in Hagerstown in Western Maryland. When he graduated from high school in 1965 during the Vietnam War, the draft was a reality for kids his age.

"I took academic courses in high school," he said, "but I wasn't motivated to go to college right away. So, I ended up working for a year in a trucking company."

One day a friend said he was enlisting and Fred followed along and they both joined the Navy under the buddy system.

Why the Navy out in Western Maryland? For one thing, his mother was a Navy Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services (WAVES) in WW II. But also, when he was 12, as a Washington Post newspaper carrier, he won a contest for getting new subscribers, and the prize was a weekend trip to Norfolk Naval Base. "It was such a thrill to go down there and be able to get on some ships and just tour the area. So that sort of stuck with me. I knew I didn't want to be in the Army and I don't want to be a Marine. I physically wasn't that big. So, I elected to go with the Navy."

During boot camp at Great Lakes, IL he could choose his specialty and he picked communications technician. His father was an Army radioman during World War II. He became a Morse Code operator, a job that took him to Vietnam.

"I was doing communication security stuff, and I moved around the country a lot. That was a greatest adventure of my life, but I was a non-combatant. The equipment that we used was pretty expensive stuff and they tended to keep us as far away from the action as they could, to protect the equipment."

"We were close enough. We could hear the war real well," he added.

"We listened to our own Navy forces and tried to make sure that the communication practices weren't putting them in danger, giving away a valuable information to the enemy," he explained.

Bumgarner recently published an eight-part blog for a naval security group in which he detailed his year in Vietnam.

After serving his four-year active-duty enlistment, he graduated from Mt. St. Mary's College. "I got out of the Navy and I went to college on the GI Bill and got a

job in the Pentagon, with the Air Force legislative liaison director, as a legislative research assistant."

He added, "And it's funny. After I accepted the job, two weeks later, I got a job offer from the Army at Fort Dietrich for a historian position." Although he stayed with the Air Force, that historian thing would eventually come full circle.

He stayed with the Air Force for 32 years and retired in 2007 as chief of legislative research.

He said, "I used to joke before 9/11, I moved about 30 feet in almost 30 years and then after the attack on the building, we had to move around to the other side."

After marrying his wife Ginny, they moved to Calvert County, where her sister taught at Northern High School. "I liked the rural nature of it because that's the kind of environment that I grew up in. And they also had a very good

school system down here." They raised two daughters.

He met his wife in the reserves, where he served for 26 years and retired as a chief warrant officer.

He joined American Legion Post 206 a year after they moved. "I've got, I think, 47 years of American Legion service."

Of the Legion, he said, "I really liked the community service work that they do." He said the post plugs back into the community the gambling revenue they bring in.

He has served three terms as historian (told you we would get around to that) and three terms as Sergeant at arms. He served on the executive committee for 10 years. He also was service officer for four years in which "you help people navigate claims with the Veterans Administration and just point them in the right direction."

He was always interested in history, particularly military history.

Bumgarner explained, "We were in the post one day and the admin officer was asking me to help him clear up some old files. They had a lot of DD 214s for members that were deceased, and we no longer needed them, and we needed this space."

Everyone who served in the military knows about the DD 214. It's their proof of service and lists what they've done before separation.

He started looking at them with an historian's eye, and he said, "I don't want to throw this stuff away."

He said, "One of my jobs for the Air Force, we went through the Congressional Record every day and we turned a three-page speech into a two-paragraph summary for high-level Air Force consumers."

"Some stuff would just jump off the page," he said of the DD 214s. "A fellow served on the USS Ari-



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zona, or a fellow was a pilot. And he also was a fruit grower in Plum Point. The more I got into that, it was kind of fun. It was like a little detective story.”

He explained, “The DD 214s don’t provide a whole lot of information, but it was enough. The internet’s a wonderful thing and Wikipedia, and just put it a ship name or a squadron name, and you can find out what they were doing during the period that that member served, with that platoon or that company or that organization. So it was sort of easy to weave a small story with those things.”

They turned into Bumgarner’s “Untold Stories,” which were printed, several at a time, in the Post 206 newsletter for 101 years (a sample of the Untold Stories are presented accompanying this story).

Because the information was gleaned from a personnel record, Bumgarner did not use the service member’s name with each Untold Story. But he noted, “Some of them, it was very, very easy to determine.”

“I wanted to show that the people who live next door to you in Calvert County came from all sorts of different backgrounds. And they got into the military, maybe if not by the draft, they just volunteered. And they were pipe fitters. They were sign painters. They were lawyers. They came from all walks of life.”

And they often didn’t talk about their service once they got back home, he said. “If they were really into the serious stuff, they’re not the ones that talked about it. It was guys like me, who it was an adventure, freely would talk about it.”

After doing Untold Stories for

a while, Bumgarner branched out into doing longer pieces on the living members of Post 206, one of which appears with this story. In all he did about 20 of them for their newsletter.

What did he personally get out of all of that work? “It just fed my love of history, and just satisfaction. You’re a writer, Dick. You know what it’s like when something comes together in a good article.”

Bumgarner’s love of history extended to research on his own family and to his uncle, for whom he was named.

“They all were from central North Carolina. They knew that I was named after him, and I used to go to some of the reunions with my dad. The word was that he died three days before the end of the war when his Jeep ran over a landmine and he was killed. Well, I started to do some research and it turns out that wasn’t true. He was an artillery officer and he was killed on the banks of the Saar River just after the Battle of Bulge.” He added, “Our troops were starting to sweep through Germany, and he was killed in March of ‘45, six weeks before the end of the war, which was still sort of ironic.”

Through his research with the American Battle Monuments Commission, he learned his uncle was buried at Ham Luxembourg, an American World War II cemetery that also has the grave of Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

He recently fulfilled his dream of visiting the Luxembourg cemetery and his uncle’s gravesite. The picture on the front page of today’s issue is from that visit.

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Fred Bumgarner writing one of his Untold Stories at American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach.



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Submariner Remembers Life In the Silent Service

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

David Willenborg, a Hollywood resident, spent 10 years of his young life in the U.S. Navy like so many who live in St. Mary's County.

But instead of spending much of it above the clouds in aircraft he was silently stalking along under the waves in submarines.

He spent months deployed at sea, first on the USS Grayback, a diesel/electric submarine first commissioned in early 1950s — it was already about 30 years old when Willenborg first put to sea on board in 1982 — and he was on the crew that decommissioned her.

The Grayback was later painted for target practice and later sunk by the same Navy who had used her as a special operations submarine for decades.

Willenborg was serving on another boat, a nuclear powered one, when that occurred.

"It was my first boat," Willenborg, who is also the chairman of the both St. Mary's County's Alcohol Beverage Board and the Republican Central Committee said. "It was like losing part of your soul.

"That was my home and that



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crew was my family."

But while he was on board the Grayback, which sported twin humps just aft of the boat's main sail used to deploy teams the likes of UDT/SEALS in clandestine missions, he loved his job.

But on his first day he would become acutely aware of the dangers of his chosen specialty.

"It was a clandestine boat," Willenborg said. "My first day underway five men died.

"It was the worst diving accident in U.S. Navy history."

Just one of six men survived after a disastrous failure in one of the diving domes on the boat.

It wouldn't be the last time he came face to face with the possibility of dying.

Serving on submarines is arduous, taxing work performed at extreme close quarters in the best of circumstances, with the extreme pressure of the surrounding seas ready to crush the boat at any time if there is a catastrophic hull failure or sink it to the depths if there is flooding.

Willenborg volunteered to do it, which meant undergoing some of the most technically advanced and demanding survival training in the military, while actively seeking to serve first on a boat that was almost an antique.

When he joined the Navy nuclear power had largely supplanted the diesel-powered boats; working on diesel boats meant everything on board was permeated with the smell of fuel oil.

It was like a throwback to the days of submarines in the days of the World Wars.

"I love history and I knew it was the end of an era," Willenborg said.

"I wanted to be a part of that."

He later served on two nuclear powered boats — the USS Shark and the USS Memphis — that actually provided the crew with the ability to take showers and do their own laundry.

Those luxuries didn't exist on the Grayback.

But there was one thing that helped to kill the pain.

"The food was excellent," Willenborg said.

Of his time on nuclear boats, or "nukes," Willenborg reduced it to one sentence.

"It was a picnic," he said.

Most of what happens in the silent service is also secret, but Willenborg shared some choice stories that showed a diesel boat could still be a force in a nuclear navy.

During one exercise that pitted them against a surface taskforce assigned to hunt them, the captain had the boat surface and string up lights along the length of the boat and put themselves amongst a fleet of Filipino fishing vessels.

"The task force rolled by and we radioed them we had [shooting] solutions on them," Willenborg said. "I wanted to be on a hunter."

Willenborg knew about shooting solutions, he was a fire control

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Grayback maneuvering watch

technician and slept in the aft torpedo room with nine other crew members.

But to be on a submarine means you are constantly learning and learning means understanding every single system on board the boat; submariners call it earning qualification or “quals.”

Becoming qualified means becoming a real submariner and earning respect.

“It was old school,” Willenborg said. “They gave you a hard time.”

The process was much like a student starting at one end of the boat, learning under the tutelage of a senior crew member in their specialized rate, mastering it all, and moving on to the next.

Earning qualification could take a year, but Willenborg said he was finished in seven months; it was arduous.

“They never let you slide out,” he said.

This all took place while he was serving and underway; he was allowed no reading materials save for training manuals and non-qualified crew members had to sit at their own table in the mess hall.

They also were not allowed to watch movies with the crew.

When he had to pass through the compartment where the crew were viewing movies while he was on duty was when they began their ritual abuse.

“They’d turn off the projector, turn on the lights and start throwing things and yelling at you,” Willenborg said.

While he was striving to earn his “quals” he came face to face with a near fatal catastrophe that could have killed every member of the crew.

He learned just how important it was for every member of the crew to know every inch of the boat’s systems fore and aft.

A main pipe in the boat burst and started major flooding, each member of the crew, Willenborg included, leapt to their posts.

A senior enlisted crewman, acting without orders, blew the main ballast tanks that kept them submerged and immediately sent the boat hurtling for the surface, saving the boat and their lives.

That man had been through exactly the same emergency before, diagnosed the problem and had the immediate solution.

“I realized how important ‘quals’ were,” Willenborg said, reflecting on what happened to him when he was just 22 years old.

It was only after the near-catastrophe that he realized how close he came to being entombed in a watery grave with his crewmates.

But he had the satisfaction of knowing he had done his duty when it counted.

“I didn’t reflect on myself [at the time],” Willenborg said. “I did my job.”

He eventually earned his “fish” — the coveted dolphin insignia that shows a submariner has earned their qualifications — and had earned his place among the elite service.

“It was the good old days,” Willenborg said of his pinning ceremony. “They’d pin them on and they’d come over and punch you in the chest.”

The proudest day of his service was yet to come.

While on patrol in the South China Sea the Grayback spotted an old teak vessel carrying 29 Vietnamese refugees fleeing their country.

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The crew couldn’t leave the boat so they sank it using some of the weapons and munitions they had one board — enough to outfit a platoon of Navy SEALs if necessary.


M-60 general purpose machine guns and M203 grenade launchers didn’t work, so they brought up an M2 Browning .50 caliber machine gun to finally shred the old vessel, Willenborg said.

“That was one of our best moments,” he said of the humanitarian rescue, for which the boat won a commendation. “It was a special day.”

Despite all of the hardships and intense work schedule — submariners are constantly drilling — Willenborg looks back with a surge of pride.

“It’s a cool life,” he said of serving in the depths. “It’s a privilege to do it.”

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Veterans Day Parade Schedule



The 46th Annual Veterans Day Parade & Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony takes place on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 10 AM - 1 PM. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Commissioners of Leonardtown invite the public to salute America's Veterans at the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown! The parade steps off from St. Mary's Ryken High School, proceeds through Town Square and is immediately followed by a Memorial Ceremony in historic Leonardtown Square.

Road Closures:

The roads will close from Shadrick St. to Courthouse Drive at 8 a.m. for preparation and setup for the event. The parade steps off from Ryken High School at 9:45 a.m. and is usually 1 - 1 1/2 hours in length. The parade ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. and the main roads will open. Only the Upper Square from Fenwick St. to Park Ave. will remain closed for the Wreath Laying Ceremony that takes place directly after the end of the parade. The Square will open after the completion of the Ceremony at approximately 12 p.m.

Parking and Shuttle Information:

Parade participants are requested to be in place at the staging area at St. Mary's Ryken High School no later than 9:15 a.m. and be aware of the following: Parade vehicles, including buses, floats, cars, trucks and motorcycles, should report directly to the staging area at St. Mary's Ryken High School between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. All parade vehicles - except emergency vehicles - should be parked by 8 a.m.

Marching groups and other parade participants should park at Leonardtown Middle School and take the shuttle to St. Mary's Ryken High School between 7:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Parents are asked to refrain from dropping their children off at St. Mary's Ryken High School, along the roadside or at the intersection for safety reasons.

Parking for Spectators:

The parking lot adjacent to the Courthouse on Courthouse Drive is reserved for school buses and shuttles only. Parking for spectators and parade participants will not be available at the Courthouse. Spectators are asked to park at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, the St. Mary's County Governmental Center or the College of Southern Maryland and ride one of the complimentary, round-trip shuttles into Town. Free parking and shuttles will also be available at all three of these locations. At the Governmental Center, spectators are asked to park in the lots adjacent to the Carter State Office Building located at 23115 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. Wheelchair-accessible shuttles will be available at both locations. The return-shuttle stop for both sites is located across from The Olde Town Pub on the corner of Washington and Shadrick Streets. Spectators and participants using the shuttles may encounter delays due to crowding. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Handicapped Parking:

Spectators requiring handicapped parking may take Washington Street and (upon showing proof of a handicapped sticker or need) will be allowed to park in the public lot beside the Hair Company. Download the Handicap Parking Map.

Inclement Weather Plan:

In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be canceled, and the Memorial Ceremony will take place inside the Leonardtown Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street in Leonardtown. The cancellation decision will be made by 8 a.m. Nov. 11, 2021, and a cancellation notice will be posted on this page and Facebook (Facebook.com/TownofLeonardtown) pages as well as on the St. Mary's County Government website St-MarysMD.com.

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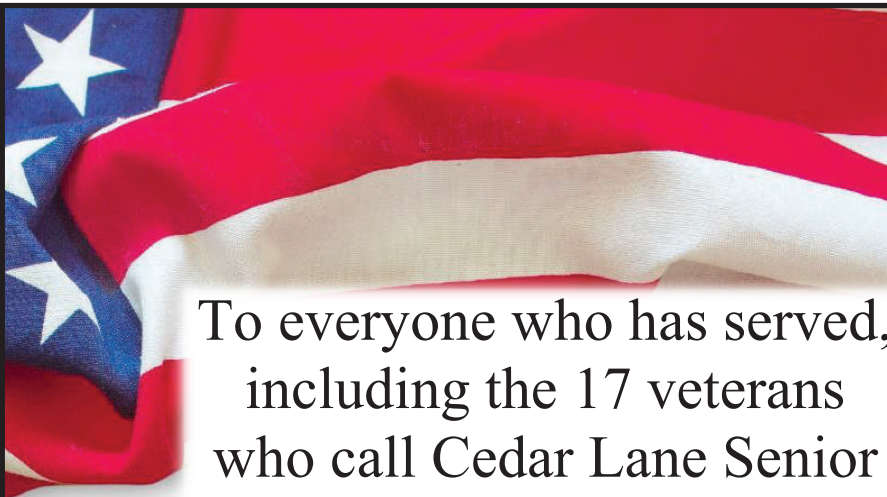
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SMECO Employees Donate to Food Bank



SMECO's employees raised \$45,637 for the Southern Maryland Food Bank by hosting a golf outing in September. Pictured at the vegetable garden that supports the food pantry are, from left, Sonja M. Cox, SMECO president and CEO; George Mattingly, operations manager of the Southern Maryland Food Bank; Natalie Cotton, SMECO's government affairs and community relations director; and Sherri Long, SMECO legal administrator.

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) employees held a fund-raising event and donated \$45,637 to the Southern Maryland Food Bank. "We selected the food bank as this year's fundraising recipient because they provide services to individuals and families who need support for everyday living, and the food bank is part of a network of organizations that serve the entire Southern Maryland community," said Natalie Cotton, SMECO's government affairs and community relations director.

"Our vendors and employees work together to make the annual charity golf outing a successful event. Our vendors provide very generous contributions that enable us to make a substantial donation that will help people in our community who need it most," said Sonja M. Cox, SMECO's president and CEO. "Helping Southern Maryland families who need assistance with putting food on the table is vital to providing adults and children with basic necessities."

"Having enough to eat cannot be taken for granted, as many in our community—from children to families to seniors—struggle with hunger. Catholic Charities' Southern Maryland Food Bank addresses food insecurity in the tri-county area with bulk food distributions to community organizations and food giveaways to people where they live. The breadth of our work would not be possible without supporters," said George Mattingly, operations manager of the Southern Maryland Food Bank. "We thank SMECO for its

generous donation, which will have a positive impact on hunger in Southern Maryland."

SMECO employees raised the money through the SMECO Annual Charity Golf Outing in September. The event is supported by SMECO vendors, the cooperative's board and executive team, and employees who volunteer. The cooperative selects different organizations each year to benefit from its fundraising events. Contributions, which may be tax deductible, can be made to the SMECO Charitable Foundation.

According to Cox, "Whenever our employees and vendors can work together to raise funds for a worthwhile cause, our enthusiasm creates community spirit and our community receives the benefit."

Cotton added, "We are especially grateful to our business partners who generously contribute by providing donations and participating in the event. Platinum Sponsors include Altec, AUI Power, AV3 Inc., Booth and Associates, Brandywine Power Facilities, CDW, Howard Industries, ICF International, Lawrence Abell & Associates, New River Electrical Corporation, Sargent & Lundy LLC, Scheibel Construction, SMC Infrastructure Solutions, Super Salvage, The Okonite Company, TRC Solutions, and Wesco/Anixter. Gold Sponsors include Hitachi/ABB, Meridian Imaging Solutions, and McNeese, Wallace & Nurick LLC. We rely on Golf Outing sponsors for their donations and appreciate their assistance."

Press Release from SMECO.

Calvert Library Staffer Tests Positive for COVID

A member of Calvert Library Southern Branch staff has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The staff member worked in the public space on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The staff member worked with the public following library COVID-protocol; had no close contact with customers, maintained 6 feet of social distance, washed/sanitized their hands regularly and wore a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while in the public space. Risk should be minimal to any library customers, but please follow Health Department guidance or your physician's recommendations if you visited the library during the affected time period.

Staff members who had close contact but are fully vaccinated are consistently wearing masks over their nose and mouth and closely monitoring their health for possible symptoms per Health Department guidance.

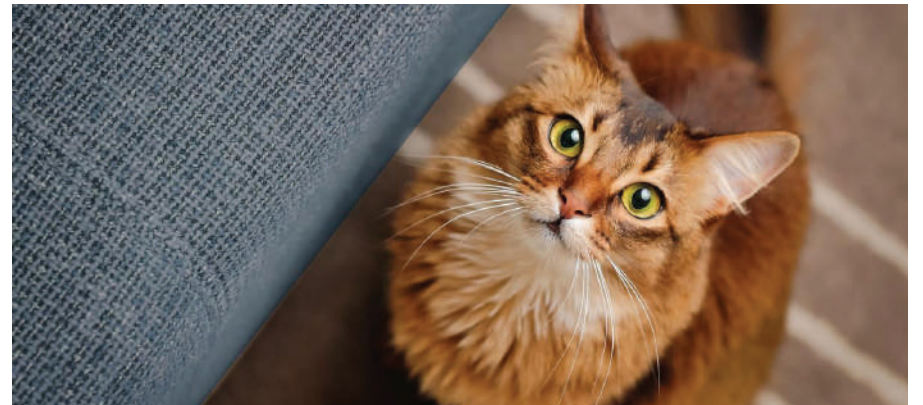


Please know that the safety of our staff and the public we serve is our top priority. We will continue to take the proper precautions and promote social distancing. The CDC continues to recommend that you wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public spaces, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, avoid touching your face and make sure to practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others. If you are feeling ill, please stay home.

We will continue to work together through this difficult time, and we will continue to keep you informed of any new information over the course of this pandemic.

Press Release from Calvert Library.

Animal Shelter Waives Cat, Guinea Pig Adoption Fees in November



The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is currently over capacity for cats and guinea pigs and is waiving adoption fees for both species through the end of November. Regular adoption procedures still apply.

"Finding loving homes for all of Calvert County's animals is our top priority" said Public Safety Director Jackie Vaughan. "Offering reduced fees will free up room in the shelter for animals in need and allow residents to find the perfect addition to their home — whether that be a dog, cat, rooster,

rabbit or any other animal of any age."

The Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter is an open admission animal shelter managed by the Animal Shelter Division of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety. The shelter is located at 5055 Hallowing Point Road in Prince Frederick. For more information about adopting from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter visit www.CalvertCountyAnimalShelter.com.

Press Release from Calvert County government.

Calvert Community Calendar

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

Thursday, November 11

Veteran's Day

10:30 a.m. ceremony on the courthouse green in Prince Frederick sponsored by the county's American Legion posts.

1 p.m. at the Veteran's Park in Chesapeake Beach sponsored by American Legion Post 206. Reception will follow at the post home. The public is welcome.

Transfer Thursdays

College of Southern Maryland
1 a.m., Zoom.

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 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. <https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/>

[transfer-services/transfer-fairs/index.html](#).

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum

10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme: Waterman - Where Are the Oysters?

Sunday, November 14

Concerts at Saint Nicholas

4:30-6:00p.m.

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church is located at 1450 Plum Point Road, Huntingtown, MD. (410) 257-5683.

The Concerts at Saint Nicholas is excited to present Eya performing The Jesse Tree, a program for the

season of Advent.

Ward Virts Concert Series

3-5 p.m. Zoom

Join CSM for an afternoon of Jazz with the David Detweiler Quartet, featuring David Detweiler, Leon Anderson, Jr., Rodney Jordan, and Bill Peterson. Tenor saxophonist, composer, educator, and Vandoren Artist Detweiler is an Assistant Professor of Jazz at Florida State University (FSU). He has released three albums as a leader, and his album Celebrating Bird, co-led with bassist Fumi Tomita, was recently released on the Outside in Music record label. Free. RSVP to access Zoom information. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/ward-verts-david-detweiler.html>.

Monday, November 15

Fossil Club ZOOM Meeting & Public Lecture

Calvert Marine Museum, 7 p.m.

The Fossil Club Meeting will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Dr. Emily Willoughby from the University of Minnesota will speak on the art of dinosaur-bird evolution. Emily is a behavior genetics post-doctoral researcher and scientific illustrator, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. The meeting and lecture will be virtually presented via Zoom and there is no charge to participate. Find the link to attend on Facebook or by visiting <http://www.calvertmarine-museum.com/209/Fossil-Club>.

Wednesday, November 17

A Mind-Body Approach to Relaxation Workshop.

2:30 – 4 p.m. Zoom

Join CSM director of Adult and Community Education Judi Ferrara and take a moment to de-stress. Experience the power of being in a relaxed state and learn techniques that can help you deal with everyday stressors and positively impact your mind and body, leading to greater awareness and focus. RSVP to receive Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/a-mind-body-approach-to-relaxation.html>.

Virtual Open House

CSM, 6 p.m. Zoom

Hear from students, professors and leadership and see what makes CSM

the right choice for reaching your goals. Learn about support services, keeping college affordable, credit degree and certificate programs, and transfer opportunities. Register to receive Zoom information. Free.

Thursday, November 18

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum

10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

For preschoolers ages 3 – 5, with an adult. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 25-40 minutes. Sign up at the Admissions Desk when you arrive. This month's theme: Waterman - Where Are the Oysters?

Upcoming

Light up the Town and Christmas Market

Please join the Mayor and Town Council for Town of Chesapeake Beach's annual "Light up the Town" illumination ceremony, November 28th starting at 4:00 pm at Town Hall.

To add to the festivities, the Town is offering an outdoor Christmas Market of local vendors providing an easy start to your holiday shopping. Visit with Santa, hear Christmas carols and live music, while enjoying sweet treats from our local bakeries. Start your decorating and leave with a Christmas Tree in support of the North Beach Fire Department. Enjoy gathering with your neighbors as we Light Up the Town for all to see.

Turkey Shoot

Sunday, November 21 starting at noon, hosted by Shady Side Community Center, 1431 Snug Harbor Rd.

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Benny Morgan Recital Series

CSM, Julie Detweiler

Nov. 20, 3 – 5 p.m. Zoom.

Known for performing "with flair," clarinetist and educator Dr. Julie Detweiler is an adjunct instructor at Florida State University and regularly performs with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. She is also a founding member of Ensemble Apricity, a Tallahassee-based oboe-clarinet duo. Detweiler is a Vandoren Artist-Clinician. RSVP to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/benny-morgan-julie-detweiler.html>.

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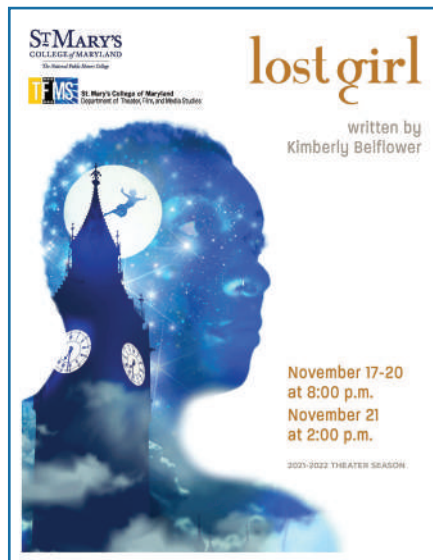
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St. Mary's College Presents 'Lost Girl'

St. Mary's College of Maryland's Theater, Film and Media Studies Department presents "Lost Girl" by Kimberly Belflower, November 17-20 at 8 p.m. and November 21 at 2 p.m. in the Bruce Davis Theater, Montgomery Hall Fine Arts Center, on the College's campus.

It has been years since Wendy returned from Neverland. Peter Pan didn't follow through on his promises, and she is stuck in the nursery with her thoughts, trying to make sense of it all. As she grapples with loss and the pressure to move on, Wendy comes to some difficult but powerful realizations. Kimberly Belflower's poetic and inventive contemporary re-imagining of what happened to Wendy Darling (and many other young women) is a moving meditation on memory, grief, and the power of stories to harm and to heal.

Ticket prices are \$4 for SMCM students, faculty, staff, and senior citizens and Arts Alliance members; \$6 general admission. To make reservations, contact the Theater Box Office by email to boxoffice@smcm.edu or by phone to 240-895-4243. Tickets must be picked up no later than 7:45 p.m. the evening of the performance you plan to attend; otherwise, unclaimed tickets will



be released by Box Office staff. Audience numbers will be limited so seats can be properly distanced.

Campus visitors must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and be able to present proof of vaccination upon request by College officials. If campus visitors are not vaccinated or cannot show proof of vaccination, they must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival to campus. Face coverings must be worn indoors at all times.

Press Release from SMCM.

Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade Cancelled

Due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, and the large number of participants and parade watchers under 12 years of age, and out of an abundance of caution for our young people who may not be vaccinated, the Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade, held each year on the first Saturday in December along Bay Avenue in North Beach will not be held this year.

The parade, the arrival of Santa and Christmas on the Beach are always the beginning of the holiday season in North Beach and we regret that again this year we must cancel the Parade. But, 2022 promises to be the biggest and best parade ever.

Please look for additional information about the 2022 parade in mid-September 2022.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



The Rules

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

It was a beautiful, crisp fall morning. Leaves tumbled through the yard while the dog searched for his perfect spot to, well, you know. The sun, now noticeably lower on the horizon, cast long shadows through colorful foliage. The air was cool enough to serve as natural caffeine; nevertheless, a warm cup of tea was waiting near a computer as man and his best friend went inside.

ESPN's home page, the first destination on the morning trip down the information superhighway, offered several "uplifting" headlines. "Odell Beckham Jr. and Browns negotiating release." Marriage: a 50/50 proposition in life, 50/50 in sports too, I guess. Next. "FBS schools spend over \$533M in dead money." That's a lot of checks written by big-time schools to fired coaches. Could \$533M have been used to control tuition costs or expand academic programs? Next. "Ruggs facing two more felony counts, gun charge." Horrific and disgraceful. Next. "MLS hires firm to review misconduct claims." Disturbing. And all this was flanked by the lead story: "Allegations of racism and misogyny within the Phoenix Suns: Inside Robert Sarver's 17-year tenure as owner."

Alright, then. I'm done (laptop slaps shut). See you tomorrow, sports.

The next morning the pattern repeats. Sunny. Beautiful. Crisp. Dog picking strategic spot for relief. Warm tea. Laptop. And...the headlines aren't much better. Many are updates on the same disasters with one notable addition: "Rodgers says he didn't lie, details vax decision."

So this guy Rodgers: Prickly fella, eh? He gets torqued at Green Bay's front office, makes a mess of the offseason while angling for an exit, guest hosts "Jeopardy!", plays celebrity golf with Tom Brady, is the smartest dude in the room (just ask him) and...continues to play at an MVP level.

Mostly lost in Rodgers's pre-season soap opera was his comment about being "immunized" against COVID-19, which to the untrained or distracted ear could have been taken to be mean he was vaccinated. He wasn't and still isn't. The quip was another sly move by the often too-cool-for-school Rodgers. Perhaps a future in politics awaits the great ce-

rebral Cheesehead?

Rodgers' vaccine status came to a head last week after he contracted COVID-19 – damn that uncooperative virus - and missed the Packers' loss Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs. Rodgers choosing not to be vaccinated isn't an issue. But the NFL has clear protocols for vaccinated and unvaccinated players, and Rodgers either broke or was allowed to break (or both) some of those protocols, to include holding press conferences without wearing a mask. Rodgers then played an unbecoming victim card, pointing fingers at a "woke mob" and media that is out to get him. The Packers, hamstrung by Rodgers' fluid future with the team, have offered little more than shrug. Meanwhile, the NFL, in typical hypocritical and profit-serving fashion, has blamed the team for not enforcing the rules even though the league had to know Rodgers wasn't vaccinated and was silent about his unmasked press conferences.

Rules are rules - for most people, most of the time. But life too often reminds that power, race, gender, or economic means can manipulate outcomes in favor of the privileged. Hirings and promotions, the payment of taxes, government initiatives or project approvals, college admissions and political "truths" can all be massaged – via a sufficient donation, the promise of economic boon, personal or political gain, prejudice or simply a slick accountant - to operate on the fringes or outside of written code or basic ethical tenets. Said more succinctly, while rules may read the same for everyone, the situation and moral character of those involved can, and too frequently do, result in dubious interpretations, application and enforcement.

In this case, the NFL, the Packers and Rodgers comprise a three-ring circus – each one deserving of the other. It would be naïve to expect any better from the NFL or the Packers, the former being little more than a mercenary for profit and the latter compromised by its desperation to accommodate its franchise quarterback. But Rodgers? To act so brazenly entitled to special treatment? His intelligence and football acumen is unquestioned. Apparently, though, his most notable trait is arrogance.

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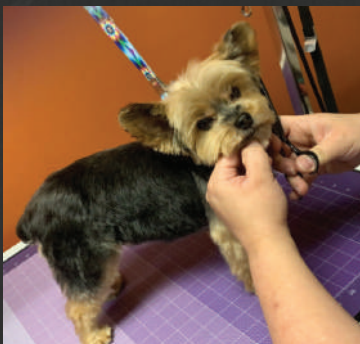


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In Remembrance

The Calvert 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 dickmyers@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

Larry Lee Hardisty



Larry Lee Hardisty, 31, of Owings, MD passed away November 5, 2021. He was born January 30, 1990 in Clinton, MD. Larry was raised in Calvert

County and attended Northern High School.

Surviving are his mother Denise Hill of Owings, father Larry Lee Mooney and his wife Sarah of Geneva, IN, adoptive father Charles Hardisty of North Beach; Grandmother Deborah Mumaw of Chesapeake Beach, Grandfather Terence Hill of Owings; Sisters Delany Hardisty, McKenzie Mooney and Taylor Morris-Bates, Brothers John Windsor, Jake Windsor and Tayler Mooney. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles, nieces and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by Grandmother Linda Lee Hill, Grandfathers John Mumaw and Charles Hardisty, Sr. and Sister Caitlin Mooney.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Robert Tucker "Bip" Bowen, Sr.



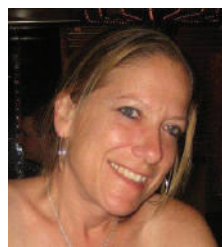
Robert Tucker "Bip" Bowen, Sr., 80, of Dunkirk passed away November 3, 2021. He was born April 22, 1941 in Fairhaven to Rayner Isador and Mollie Leona (Tucker) Bowen. Bip was raised in Tracy's Landing and attended Tracey's Elementary and Southern Junior and Senior High Schools in Lothian. He was employed as a mechanic with the Prince George's

County School Board and retired after 30 years of service. He was an active member of the Marlboro Moose Lodge and a former member of the Deale Volunteer Fire Department, Deale Elks Lodge and Three Rivers Sportsman Club. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bip was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Stacie J. Herche. He is survived by son Robert T. Bowen, Jr. and wife Maria of Dunkirk, granddaughter Kiersten Bowen and great-grandchildren Kaiden and Remi of Chesapeake Beach. Also surviving are siblings Lee Bowen and wife Earleen, Russell Bowen and wife Sharon, all of Lothian, Page Bowen of Edgewater, Martha Sawyers and husband Mickey of Deale, Mary Greenwell and husband Ray of Davidsonville, Ann Bowen, Jo Little, both of Edgewater and Sadie Griner and husband Robert of Tracy's Landing.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Debra Ann Rum



Debra Ann Rum, 53, of Chesapeake Beach passed away November 3, 2021 at her home. She was born January 13, 1968 in Cheverly to Richard

Michael, Sr. and Barbara Ann (Saunders) Workman. Debra was raised in Prince George's County and graduated from Bladensburg High School. She met Ronnie Rum when she was 13 years old and they were married on February 1, 1999. They lived in Edmonston before moving to Calvert County. Debra was employed as a service adviser for Twin Beach Auto where she loved working and was very dedicated to her job. Debra had a love for animals and enjoyed relax-

ing by the pool with a drink in her hand. She also loved to embarrass her kids, something her and her best friend Carol thoroughly enjoyed.

Debra is survived by her loving husband Ronnie of Chesapeake Beach, children Nicole Clark and her husband Lorenzo Sr. of Upper Marlboro, Kristy Garner and her husband John of Chesapeake Beach, and Lisa Rum and her husband Matthew St. Marie of Lusby, grandchildren Lorenzo, Jr., Mary, Nydia, Nicole, Jacob, Nathan, Natalie, and Alaina, siblings Steve Andrews of Centreville, VA, Donna Loy of Huntingtown, Susan Cole Quinn of Lusby, John Workman of LaPlata, Helen Groves of St. Leonard, and Roland Workman of West Virginia, best friend Carol Jones, mother-in-law Ramona Rum, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandchildren Daniel and Gabriel and father-in-law Awni Rum.

Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

John Richard Gay



John Richard Gay, 77, of Owings MD, passed away November 3 at his home. He was born in Washington DC to Thomas and Dorothy Gay. He graduated from

Archbishop Carroll High School in 1962. He met his wife, Nancy, in 1963 and they were married in 1965. They lived in Prince Georges County until 1976 when they moved to Calvert County. John was employed at the US Senate Disbursing Office for 12 years. Then Nancy and John opened their own business, TC Mailing in 1985. Together they ran a successful business for 30 years. They sold the business in 2015 and retired. John enjoyed fishing, watching football and Trader's crab soup. His favorite Holidays were Thanksgiving and Christmas when he spent time with his extended family.

John was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Dorothy. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, his daughter Mary Gay and her husband Roger McGee of Alpharetta, GA, son Mark Gay and his wife Wanda of Owings, and son Steven Gay and his wife Joanne of Huntingtown. He is survived by 5 grandchildren Barrak Gay, Caitlyn Gay, John T. Gay, Anthony Gay and Hannah Kesner. He is also survived by his brother Tom and wife Helen in West Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 206781 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/> or the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements by Rausch Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann (Jones) Myers

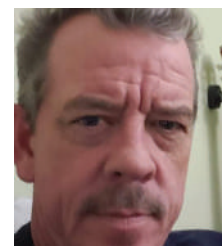


Patricia Ann (Jones) Myers Born June 12, 1940, Died October 31, 2021. Pat was born in Washington, DC, and grew up as one of five kids in Upper

Marlboro, Md. She briefly worked for the Federal government where she met the love of her life, Milton. After a whirlwind romance, Pat and Milt Myers settled in Calvert County. Milt continued to work in Washington, while Pat stayed home and raised four children. Together, the family raised tobacco and some livestock on a small farm in Huntingtown as all four kids went through college and started careers. Pat loved gardening, crabbing, her pets, and her kids. Most of all, Pat loved Milt. Their marriage of 60 years had many chapters. She is survived by a loving husband, a brother, two sisters, four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. We all miss her.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Port Republic.

Thomas Allan Stakem



Thomas Allan Stakem, 54, of North Beach, MD, passed away suddenly on October 31, 2021, at home.

Thomas was born May 5, 1967 in Washington, DC. He was the son of Joan Stakem and the late John Patrick Stakem, Sr., he grew up in Suitland, MD, and attended Suitland High School.

Tom was an avid skateboarder from an early age, and one of his current passions was playing his guitar and making music; he was also proud of his extensive album collection. He attended art school and created beautiful stained-glass windows for family and friends. Tom's Irish heritage shone through in his gift of gab; he was quick to make a joke, and he helped bring friends and family together. In his spare time, Thomas loved to watch old westerns, play chess, and spend time at his best friend Rick's house watching football and NASCAR.

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Denise Minnick, on September 9th, 1995, and they moved to North Beach from Clinton in 1995. Thomas and Denise were high-school sweethearts and knew each other for almost 40 years.

Thomas worked as a courier for over 10 years in the Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland area before starting his career in the car wash industry. He worked in sales as well as a car wash technician for WashTech for 14 years. For the past 10 years, Thomas was self-employed as a consultant and a car wash technician in the car wash industry, primarily for Billy's Car Wash in Bladensburg, MD, and Billy's Auto Laundry in Fort Washington, MD.

He is survived by his wife, Denise, his mother, Joan, and siblings: John Patrick (Suzie), Christopher (Marianne), Mary (Steve), Kathy (Troy), Tim (Cari), and Stephen, and mother-in-law Marjorie, sisters-in-law Diane, Debra, and brothers-in-law Glenn, Mike, and Barry, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John Patrick Stakem, Sr.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home-Owings.

Theresa Jean (Gardiner) Hayden



Theresa Jean (Gardiner) Hayden was born to Donald Gardiner and Joan (Armacost) Gardiner on December 15, 1961 in Hamilton, Ohio.

Shortly after she was born, Theresa's family relocated to the DC area, where she spent the remainder of her life. After her mother passed away when she was five, Theresa's father married Sheila and her family grew from three brothers and two sisters to six brothers and three sisters. Theresa graduated from Largo High School in 1979 and received her cosmetology license shortly thereafter. Over the years she befriended dozens of colleagues and charmed countless customers while working as a hairdresser.

On August 24, 1982, Theresa married Melvin (Mel) Hayden. They had two sons, Christopher (Chris), born in 1983, and Jeffrey (Jeff), born in 1987. In 2019, Theresa's greatest wish came true when she welcomed her grandchild, Carter James Hayden, into the world. Theresa's family was always her first love, but she was also an avid dog lover, ultimately bringing about a dozen furry family members into the Hayden household over the years.

In 2009, after already having lost

one sister to cancer and while supporting another who was battling cancer, Theresa herself was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought like hell and beat the cancer, but she was never able to fully overcome the effects of the treatment. On October 30, 2021, Theresa passed away unexpectedly at home in Owings, MD. She will be greatly missed.

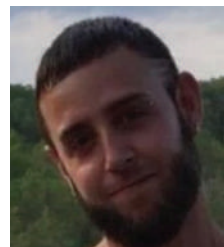
Theresa is survived by her husband Mel; her sons Chris (wife Terumi) and Jeff (wife Cassie); her grandchild Carter; her brothers Steve, Chris, Mike, Paul, Graham, and Bryan; her sister Donna Lynn; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father Donald; her mother Joan; her stepmother Sheila; and her sisters Donna and Dottie.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to do so are encouraged to make a donation to the ASPCA in Theresa's name.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 13, 2021, 1-2 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home-Owings, 8325 Mt. Harmony Lane, Owings, MD 20736. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929; Link: <https://secure.asPCA.org>

Charles David "Charlie" Burch, Jr.



Charles David "Charlie" Burch, Jr., 31, of Lusby, MD passed away on October 29, 2021. Born June 13, 1990 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the

son of Candy (Botelho) Burch and the late Charles D. Burch, Sr.

Charlie graduated from Patuxent High School in 2008. He was an Electrician with IBEW Local Union 26 from 2018 until 2020. He enjoyed his family, gatherings, Honda Civics, artwork and spending time with his son.

Charlie is survived by his mother, Candy S. Burch of Lusby, MD; his son, Charles D. Burch, III of Crownsville, MD; his siblings, Haydon Burch, Lindsey Burch, Chariti Burch and Jagr Croson all of Lusby, MD; and friend, Stacey Edwards.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. with a Life Celebration Service following at 1 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment will be private.

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

HELPING YOUR ELDERLY PARENTS

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Lynda J. Striegel

As painful as it is to think that your parents may one day be unable to drive, climb stairs, feed themselves or change their own clothes, the time to face these issues is right now when your parents are relatively healthy and, most importantly, able to understand what they are signing. You and your siblings need to have "the talk" with your parents while there is still time to protect them.

Clearly, "the talk" will extend far beyond the legal documents that your parents need to put into place. However, no matter what else you discuss, your parents need the protection that the following legal documents will give them:

1. Power of Attorney. This document gives power to a person each of your parents designates to make decisions for them if they are unable to do so. Your parents need to understand that they are NOT giving up their power to make decisions for themselves. All they are doing is appointing someone to make those decisions if and only if they cannot do so.

In most cases of married couples, the spouses appoint each other as the power of attorney and, if the other cannot serve, appoint a child or other loved one. Each one of your parents needs their own power of attorney.

The form of Power of Attorney that I prefer covers medical care, financial care and guardianship. On the medical side, keep in mind that the HIPPA law gives people privacy for their medical records, but has a flaw. If one of your parents were to have a stroke and be unable to verbally consent to the other obtaining his or her medical records, they could not get them. The only way to correct this is to give the power of attorney the right to get the medical records no matter what shape your parent is in.

Guardianship is also a critical point. You would think that your father or mother would have the right to sign the paperwork to institutionalize the other if they had to. They do not have that power. Either parent would have to go to court to be declared the guardian of the other before they could sign the paperwork. That court process takes time and costs legal fees. Instead, the power of attorney form should make it clear that the person appointed as power of attorney is also the guardian.

Some attorneys will use an Advance Directive and a separate Financial Power of Attorney. Same

result, more forms. No matter—the critical issue is whether your elderly parent has the capacity to sign the forms.

In order to sign a Power of Attorney, your parents must be able to understand what they are signing. If your elderly parent has dementia in its later stages and cannot understand what they are doing, they cannot sign legal documents, including the power of attorney. I can't tell you how many times I get calls from children of an elderly parent with dementia seeking a power of attorney to help their parent. Unfortunately, if the parent has dementia and cannot understand what they are signing, I cannot help them.

Everyone needs the protection that a Power of Attorney offers. Make sure your parents put that protection in place now when they can.

2. Will or Trust. Your parents need to obtain a Will or a Revocable Living Trust to ensure that their assets will be distributed to their loved ones the way they want it done. A Will is only applicable after the person dies. With a Will or without one, if the person dies with assets in their sole name, those assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones. The revocable living trust avoids the probate process and works while you are still alive. It is especially effective if one of your parents is incapacitated. If that happens, the other parent ordinarily becomes the sole trustee of the family trust and uses the assets of the trust to take care of the incapacitated Trustee. If both your parents are incapacitated, they will have appointed a successor trustee under the family trust who can manage the assets in the trust on their behalf.

3. Living Will. Your parents should make their own end of life decisions, specifically whether they want life-saving procedures, in a Living Will. Forms for living wills are found in doctor's offices, at hospitals and online.

No matter how you approach these topics with your parents, they need to be discussed. Family harmony is the critical issue—don't let messes happen. Encourage your parents to take control and protect themselves and the family.

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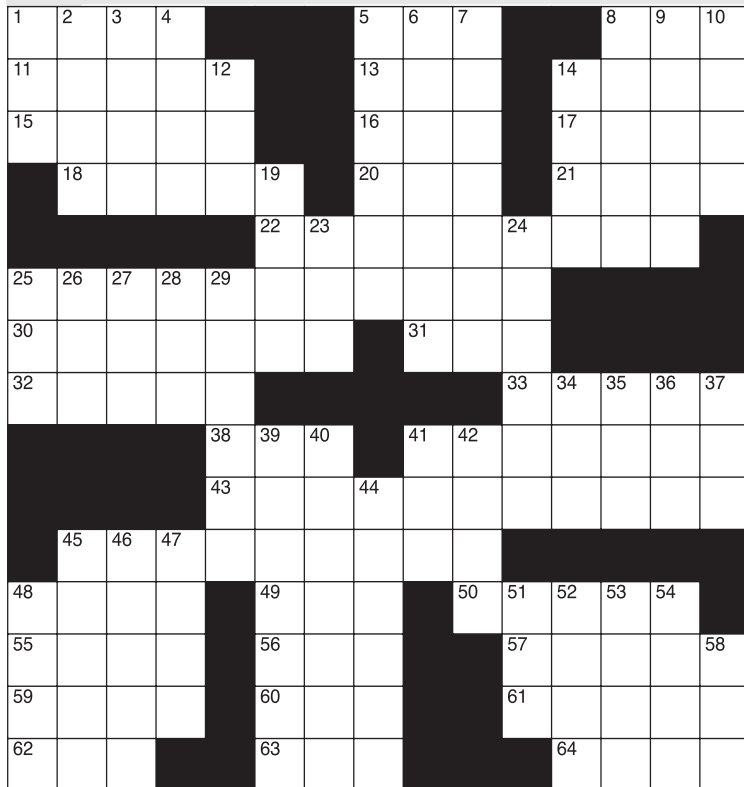
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)
- 8. Single-strand break
- 11. Combinations of countries
- 13. Cutting tool
- 14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine
- 15. Actress Lathan
- 16. Chatter incessantly
- 17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Woman (French)
- 21. Abnormal rattling sound
- 22. Able to change
- 25. Future butterfly
- 30. Used in cooking and medicine
- 31. A street for nightmares
- 32. French modernist painter
- 33. Dishonors
- 38. Integrated data processing
- 41. Frameworks
- 43. Apply new materials
- 45. Where merch is displayed
- 48. American figure skater Lipinski
- 49. Cycles per second

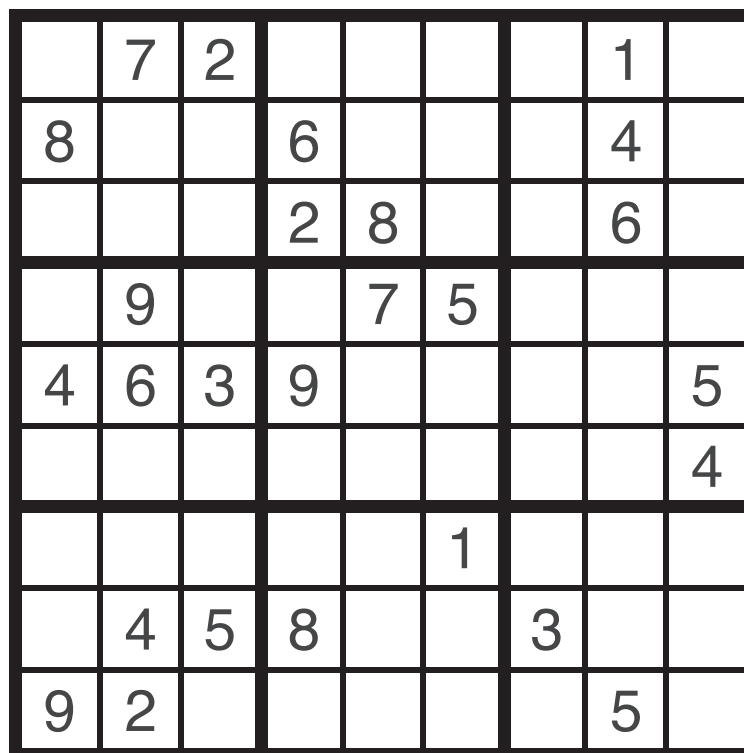
50. Oohed and ___

- 55. Dark olive black
- 56. Peyton's little brother
- 57. Plant in the bean family
- 59. A wife: ___ covert
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arranges balls on the pool table
- 62. Title of Italian monk
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Dan Rather's old network
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. ___ fide (Latin)
- 4. Sign of healing
- 5. Warm-blooded vertebrate
- 6. Model
- 7. Of or relating to plants
- 8. Plant of the heath family
- 9. Where to weigh something
- 10. Internal structure
- 12. ___ Paulo, city
- 14. South Slavic person
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Have already done
- 24. As much as one can

- hold
- 25. Auburn legend Newton
- 26. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 27. Beloved dog Rin Tin Tin
- 28. Midway between east and southeast
- 29. Call it a career
- 34. Former CIA
- 35. American time
- 36. Confederate general
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Travel downward
- 40. Made red-blue
- 41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
- 42. Capital of Italy
- 44. Small bunches of flowers
- 45. Calvary sword
- 46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
- 47. A well-defined track or path
- 48. Cereal used to make flour
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. Engrave
- 54. Famed men's basketball program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast



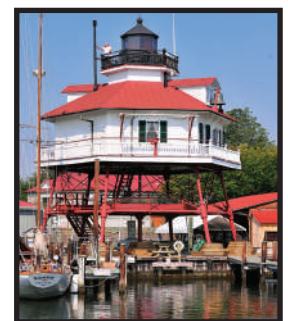
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Implant Retained Dentures are a Life-Altering Improvement Over Removeable Dentures

By: Jeff Tomcsik

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

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natural root, it allows for functionality like a real tooth. In fact chewing function with an implant retained, permanent denture maintains about 80% of original function over the removable's functionality of about 20%. It also creates bone stability, which means the jawbone will not atrophy (loss of bone) over time as with a traditional prosthesis or lack of teeth all together. This will help you keep a more youthful and healthy appearance for the rest of your life.

The fixed option also allows you to care for and clean the prosthetic teeth while in the mouth like you would with your original teeth. No more removing your denture and soaking it or brushing it outside of the mouth. It will not fall out during active events or while you eat. In fact, it won't fall out ever! This creates peace of mind as it avoids embarrassing situations. Only you and your dental team will ever know your teeth are not your originals.

Implant retained dentures are also quite economical over the life of the denture as well. If you've been suffering with on-going dental problems, finding yourself in the dental chair year after year getting fillings, root canals and crowns, just to lead to bridges and eventually dentures, you could spend tens of thousands of dollars over time.

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