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Push for Referendum on Commissioner Voting Fails

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Efforts by members of the St. Mary's County delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to take a bill that would fundamentally change the way voters here, and in several other counties, vote for county commissioners to a referendum failed.

Del. Matt Morgan offered an amendment during floor debate Feb. 26 in the House of Delegates that would have allowed St. Mary's voters to decide by popular ballot whether they wanted to continue to vote for all five county commissioner positions at large or only for the commissioners who live in one of four districts.

The county commissioner president would still be elected at large.

"My disagreement is with how this bill is being represented," Morgan said. "Everybody wants to drive this to... these counties are disenfranchising minority voters."

Morgan said claims, such as those made by the bill's sponsor, Del. Brian Crosby, that the county was in violation of the Voting Rights Act, were "crazy."

He pointed to St. Mary's County Board of Education member Mary Washington, who is black, and has served in that position for 24 years, as an example of a minority individual who can win elected office under the current law.

"Ten years ago, the county wanted to elect an African-American congressman — Charles Lollar," Morgan continued. "He beat [U.S. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer in our district by double digits.

"This isn't about skin color this is about local courtesy and what is going on here; there's not one single [piece of] evidence of racial discrimination, period."

Crosby, in a later interview with The County Times, said his statements about changing what he had called a Jim Crow era voting law were misrepresented by county commissioners who claimed Crosby had essentially called most of the county's voting population racist.

Crosby said people who live in a certain district should be solely responsible for choosing their own county representative.

"That's democracy," Crosby said. "People in Mechanicsville shouldn't have representatives picked by Lexington Park and vice versa."

Morgan said much of the issue raised by activists supporting the bill comes from the county's fourth election district and the local Democrat party, which has the greatest number of minority residents and



Delegate Matt Morgan voters in St. Mary's.

The have argued, including in recent testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee on Feb. 9, that the Lexington Park area has been neglected due to lack of firm representation.

But Morgan said the Democrats did not run a candidate in that district in either 2018 or 2014.

"They're saying 'Well we're disadvantaged,'" said Morgan. "You didn't even try.

"Are we just going to make the assumption that white people vote for white people and black people vote for black people?"

Morgan said taking the issue to Annapolis, where Democrats far outnumbered Republicans, to get the law passed was "not democracy, this is tyranny."

Del. C.T. Wilson of Charles County, an African American Democrat, said for decades black and minority voters had little to no voice in Charles County until a recently.

Demographic shifts there have made Charles a minority majority county and that is reflected in the membership of their commissioner board.

He argued against Morgan's referendum amendment.

"I can't say I trust the people because the people in Charles County 20 or 30 years ago would've said 'No, African American's don't get a voice or a district,'" Wilson said. "White Democrats and white Republicans would have said, 'No.'"

Morgan's referendum amendment failed by a 39 to 87 vote margin, but the bill has yet to pass through the Senate and there is no companion bill in that side of the legislature.

Both houses in the Maryland General Assembly must vote to approve the bill before it can become law.

The bill passed the House by a vote of 95-39.

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Southern Maryland Mass Vaccination Site Opening One Week Early

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan said this week that vaccines continue to flow to Maryland and with the addition of an initial shipment of one-dosage vaccines from Johnson and Johnson, mass vaccination sites are now able to double their vaccinations against COVID-19 each day.

The Regency Stadium mass vaccination site, Hogan announced at a March 2 press conference in Annapolis, was now able to open March 4, one week ahead of the previously announced March 11 opening.

The state will get 49,600 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine this week which will be distributed across the state to hospitals, pharmacies, health centers and county health departments, said the governor, but the state will not receive any more Johnson and Johnson vaccines until March 18.

"Whatever amount of vaccine we receive we are ready to immediately deploy and get in the arms of Marylanders," Hogan said.

The overall supply of vaccines to Maryland, and the nation, Hogan said, continues to be scarce; so much so that there

are still one million residents who are eligible to receive a vaccine but cannot get an appointment.

The Johnson and Johnson vaccine is being produced in Maryland, Hogan said, and a fourth vaccine is already engaged in third-stage clinical trials; that vaccine will also be made in Maryland.

Health metrics regarding COVID-19 have been improving statewide, Hogan said.

The positivity rate has declined in the past week to 3.5 percent and the new case rate has decreased as well to 13.1 per 100,000 residents.

In the past month the hospitalizations have dropped from more than 2,000 to fewer than 900, Hogan said, while the number of nursing homes with active outbreaks of the virus has fallen by 57 percent.

The state has so far vaccinated more than 1.36 million Maryland residents.

Hogan also announced that Dr. Robert Redfield, former head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and virologist who worked at the University of Maryland School of Medicine would now serve as his senior advisor on public health.

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Leonardtwn Commercial Burglaries Under Investigation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland State Police investigators are seeking information from the public on several burglaries to businesses in Leonardtown that occurred Feb. 27 between the hours of 1 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The burglaries occurred in the downtown area and police are asking anyone who lives or works in the areas of Washington Street, Fenwick Street, Lawrence Avenue and Duke Street with security cameras to contact the local barracks.

Town officials reported that Leonardtown Cleaners, Cheseldine Auto, Shepherd's Old Field, the adjacent Brudergarten, Wine and Design and a private residence were all broken into.

Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Linger said the break-ins appear to have been committed by one suspect, a male, who appears to be white, but investigators are still viewing surveillance footage to ascertain a viable description of the suspect.

Linger said the single suspect also



broke into the Town Florist and Botanic Café; it was a simple pattern of break-ins with the destruction of the door to gain entry and to the cash registers in each store to steal money.

Linger said the suspect probably lives close-by the stores that were victimized as he committed his crimes on foot.

Anyone with information on the crimes is asked to call the Leonardtown Barrack at 301-475-8955.

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Federal Judge Sentences Local Man for Bank Robbery

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A St. Mary's man received a 10-year sentence in federal prison last week for committing a bank robbery in Calvert County in May of 2019.

Donald Edward Rankin, 65, was sentenced Feb. 18 for the crime of using a handgun to rob the PNC Bank in Owings; Rankin was indicted for the crime in September of 2019 and pleaded guilty in November of 2020.

According to Rankin's plea agreement he must make restitution of the \$3,400 he stole in the Owings bank heist; just six days earlier Rankin had robbed a bank of a similar amount in Fairfax, Virginia.

In that heist, the plea agreement stated, Rankin dressed as a woman and demanded money while intimating he had a gun in a bag that he would use if the teller did not comply with his demand.

In the Owings bank robbery Rankin was dressed in normal male-oriented attire but wore a mask over his face and pointed what appeared to be a black handgun at the teller to demand money.

Initially, Rankin ordered the teller at the Owings PNC to retrieve money from the drawers behind the counter but when she failed to enter the combination to the safe – due to being frightened – she was locked out.

Angered, Rankin threatened to kill her, according to his plea agreement, and he went with the



Donald Edward Rankin

teller to her drawer where he stole approximately \$3,400.

"Rankin then told the clerk that if he heard police coming he would kill her," his plea agreement stated.

He then fled the scene using his white Chevrolet pickup truck.

A nearby witness told police who canvassed the area that they had seen a man later identified as Rankin in the parking lot next to the bank the day before the robbery; Rankin was soon after located in Prince George's County and arrested.

He told arresting officers he was travelling to Pennsylvania in an effort to elude police.

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Parents Want To Establish New Private High School

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Local parents want to use an established education program for a new, private, classically-oriented high school in the tradition of Catholic schools here in St. Mary's.

The Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's would begin with its first freshmen class this fall, said Gavin Arvizo, a former teacher at St. Peter's School in Charles County, with the possibility of opening in early 2022.

The later goal is to provide an education focusing on the classics of literature, history, art, drama, oratory, mathematics and philosophy within a Christ centered atmosphere, but at a price that was more affordable than many high school level private institutions.

As a teacher in the middle school grades, Arvizo saw children spend their entire student career in parochial school and wish to stay but had to go to public school because their parents could not afford to spend more for a private high school.

"The price point we're hoping for is roughly \$8,000 a year," Arvizo said of tuition. "How can we

serve the students who couldn't pay much more than what they were paying?

"That's the mission."

Chesterton Academies exist throughout the country, including one in Annapolis, named after the famous English author, philosopher, lay theologian and Catholic convert; the academies partner with a network which helps parent organizations setup and operate them.

The curriculum is provided by the Chesterton Academy network. "We're not flying blind," Arvizo said.

Angelina Prucha, a member of the parent group behind the effort

for a Chesterton Academy, said the group have already successfully partnered with the network and are now looking for a suitable site to start classes.

"We're centering around Leonardtown or Hollywood," Prucha told The County Times. "We want to be centrally located."

The academy would be fundamentally different from a public school or even a private parochial school in that it would be run on the house system, into which students are divided into groups that compete with each other in sports and academically.

The system was designed in England and is used prominently

in both public and private schools there, with students in all grade levels from freshmen to seniors part of the same house.

In this way, Prucha said older students help to teach and take care of younger students beyond simply being above them in school grades.

They learn to work together closely and build a greater sense of community, she said.

Students even work to clean the school each day, she said.

"They take ownership of it," said Prucha.

The parent group will hold an informational session on the Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's March 16 at St. John's School in Hollywood from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in person and on-line on Zoom.

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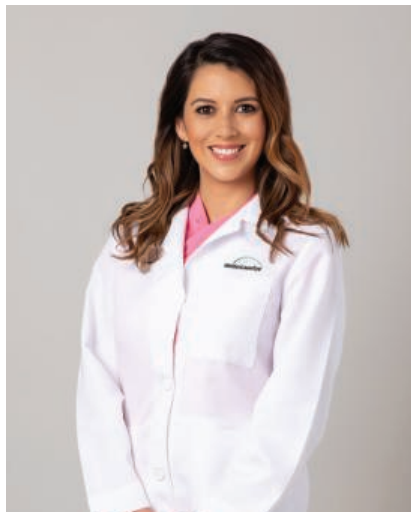
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Vice President Keynotes Hoyer Black History Celebration

Likened Civil Rights Progress to Relay Race

By Dick Myers
Editor

For 40 years Congressman Steny Hoyer has been holding an annual breakfast in February in honor of Black History Month. This year, like so many other events, it was held virtually, so everyone had to sip coffee in front of their computer screens. But it did draw more than 2,000 viewers, perhaps in large part because of the keynote speaker, Vice President Kamala Harris.

Harris praised Hoyer: "You are consistent in your continuing leadership, which has always been about fighting to make sure everybody's in the room."

And she acknowledged everyone attending for "fighting for equality, fighting for freedom and fighting for justice."

Black History Month, Harris said, honors the innovators, "Because they had the ability, in their moment in time, to see what can be, unburdened by what had been. They were the innovators and of course the barrier breakers. And of course, the history makers in the moment in which they lived, because at that moment, they weren't trying to think about how it would be in the future in terms of how they'd be talked about. They were clear-eyed about the present and what needed to be done at that moment to create that future for which they had a vision."

She said she was influenced over her life and career by many of those "thinkers

and activists and leaders. From childhood on they shaped who I am today, and they shaped how I lead."

Harris said, "We all know that they are here, and they are with us and they are watching us. And it is on their broad shoulders that we stand. So today, as we remember their stories, we also recognize that we are a part of a longer story and we will determine how our chapter gets written. In other words, I think of history in the context of a relay race with each generation running their course, and then passing the baton to the next. And so, the baton is now in our hands and what matters is how well we run our portion of the race."

"So, let's seize this moment in which we live with the utmost clarity. And let's tell the truth about what we see, knowing that often to speak truth may make folks uncomfortable. To speak truth can often be very difficult because there's things people don't want to see or hear, but truth must be spoken if we are truly to progress as a country."

One of the truths she said is the disproportionate effect on black Americans from the COVID crisis. "This pandemic has been an accelerator," she opined.

She observed that just hours before the House had approved the \$1.9 trillion COVID rescue package. "Before President Biden (Joe) and I took office, we put forward this plan and it was designed and written and intended to do what we knew then,

and we now know must be done, which is rescue our nation from the devastation of COVID 19."

She later returned to that relay race analogy and what her mother told her: "You may be the first to do many things, but make sure you're not the last," and that has everything to do with this relay race, which of course has been running for dozens, if not hundreds of years. And my mother taught me what so many of our mothers and grandmothers and fathers and grandfathers have told us all, and that is that what matters is how well you run your portion of the race."

She urged everyone to be inspired by those who made history before them and to make their own history.

Hoyer in his introduction to Harris said, "Since we met last February, our country and the world has endured a deadly pandemic that has exposed deep-seated racial disparities in healthcare access and outcomes."

For the last several years the breakfast has been co-hosted by 4th District Congressman Anthony Brown.

He has sponsored a bill co-sponsored by Hoyer that is aimed at those disparities. Brown told the virtual attendees, "We have seen during this pandemic a disproportionate rate of infection, hospitalization and tragically deaths suffered in the black and brown communities as a result of CO-

VID-19. Now we know the high infection rate is because people of color tend to be in higher representation in essential workforce, but in terms of the hospitalizations and the deaths, a lot of that is attributed to the fact that we have underlying health conditions at a higher rate, like chronic diseases, diabetes and obesity, and other chronic illnesses. So, one of the ways that we get after reducing the disparities of COVID-19 and improve the long-term healthcare and health outcomes for black and brown communities, we have learned is to bring more primary care to those communities."

Hoyer reported that the life expectancy for African Americans fell nearly three years in the first half of 2020. "What a shocking statistic that is," he said.

Hoyer said he missed seeing everyone in person, although "we're in the same mindset as well of optimism and looking towards the future and building on the history that not only the African-American community has made, but that all of us have made together in this great country."

During the event long-time Calvert County community leader Malcolm Funn talked about some of the 40 speakers over the years; his son Kelby served as moderator.

As part of the entertainment, Rory Miles of St. Mary's County performed a saxophone solo.

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Passing Of Veteran Emergency Responders A Loss For St. Mary's



Roger Wayne Copsey



Timothy Allen Ridgell

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's County lost three well known members of local volunteer fire and rescue departments last month with the passing of Roger Wayne Copsey of Mechanicsville, Timothy Allen Ridgell of St. Ingoes and Robert Stevie Lawrence of Avenue.

All three died within days of each other in mid-February.

Copsey, 69, was a successful businessman as the owner and operator of Copsey's Seafood and Ice and joined the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department in 1968 and was an active member until his passing on Feb. 17.

Along with serving the community and running a family business, Copsey won the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championship in both 1982 and 1988.

He was also an avid outdoorsman who was a member of the Mechanicsville Optimist Club.

John Montgomery, president of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, served alongside Copsey in the department for decades and remembered his friend's positive attitude.

"All you had to do was pick up the phone and he'd be there to help you, that's just the way he was," Montgomery said. "He'd help the ladies in the kitchen or when you needed him to jump on the fire truck."

Ridgell was also a well known responder with the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department but was part of a farming family that branched out into delivering seafood for Copsey's Seafood and eventually in his own business transporting it to several states; he opened Chesapeake Trophy on Great Mills Road in 2002.



Robert Stevie Lawrence

A constant attendee at many well-known county events, Ridgell, 63, ran for county commissioner in 2018.

Lawrence, 67, served not only in both the 7th District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad but served as a firefighter and eventually station chief for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Fire Department for 35 years.

He was also an entrepreneur, owning and operating the Pull and Tug Enterprises towing service based in Avenue.

Barbara Lacey, a member of the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary said the fire and EMS services were Lawrence's life.

"He was a gentle, kind-hearted man," Lacey said. "He was very dedicated to the county and to helping others."

"He was always there when you needed him."

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Health Department Testing Wastewater for COVID-19 Variant

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is now sending local wastewater samples for genomic analysis to identify the local presence of COVID-19 virus variants. The samples are already collected for ongoing COVID-19 wastewater surveillance as part of a collaborative initiative launched in May 2020 by SMCHD, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission. This new step of genomic analysis will assist in detecting the presence of emerging variants of the COVID-19 virus in our community. Results of ongoing monitoring related to this effort will be posted when available at: www.smchd.org/covid-19-wastewater.

Wastewater samples are being collected from several private, public and municipal wastewater treatment plants throughout St. Mary's County. Viral particles are shed by individuals who have COVID-19 and can be detected in sewage. Testing sewage ("wastewater") allows public health officials to detect the virus in communities served by these sewer sys-

tems, and may be an early indicator of a future rise in local COVID-19 cases.

"Genomic analysis of wastewater for COVID-19 variants is another way for local public health to monitor for the emergence of these concerning variant viruses," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "This will complement the state health department's efforts to detect variant viruses from a sampling of the COVID nasal swab tests conducted in Maryland. Early identification and tracking of variant viruses circulating in our community will help us prepare our community members and health care resources for the challenges these variants may pose."

For more information about the St. Mary's County COVID-19 wastewater surveillance project, please visit www.smchd.org/covid-19-wastewater.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit www.smchd.org/coronavirus or call SMCHD at (301) 475-4330.

Workforce Board Releases Integrated Plan

Available for Public Comment

The Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board, a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD), has posted its updated WIOA Integrated plan for public comment through March 31, 2021. It can be accessed at <https://tccsmd.org/wioa-integrated-plan/>. Send comments to malaw528@aol.com.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014 and became effective July 1, 2015. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and is designed to help youth, job seekers and businesses. The Act requires each Local Workforce Development Area to develop and submit to the Governor a comprehensive four-year local plan, in partnership with the Chief Elected Officials.

The Southern Maryland Workforce Development Area, named JobSource by the Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board, is a three-county Local Workforce Development Area, including Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties and is part of the American Job Center national network.

The Southern Maryland Comprehensive Plan was completed in alignment

with the State Comprehensive Plan, the goals and vision of the Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board and in accordance with WIOA regulations. Through this plan, the Board will propose innovative methods of training and serving the job seekers and businesses in the Southern Maryland area. This plan will be overseen by the Director and utilized as a guide to evaluate the implementation and efficacy of specific strategies.

The Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board's strategic vision for preparing an educated and skilled workforce inclusive of youth and individuals with barriers to employment in order to support the local area economic growth and economic self-sufficiency is to guide the Southern Maryland workforce delivery system in developing a skilled workforce that meets the needs of businesses and strengthens the local economy. This plan demonstrates a strong partnership of funding streams, economic development leaders, chief elected officials, private business leaders, and community-based organizations that will work together to build a talent pipeline that meets the needs and expectations of business in the coming years.

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Drug Arrest-

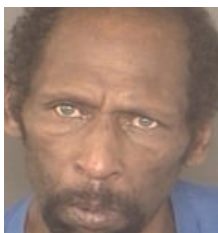
On February 10, 2021, DFC. M. Beyer responded to 46800 block of Flower Drive in Lexington Park, to assist in the execution of a search warrant. **Marcus Anthony Mills**, age 33 of Lexington Park, was found in possession of a quantity of suspected cocaine and packaging materials. Mills was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute and CDS: Possession-not Marijuana



Marcus Mills

Assault-

On February 18, 2021, Dep. Walker responded to the 45900 block of Indian Way in Great Mills, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Joseph Aloysius Broome**, age 57 of no fixed address, stabbed the victim



Joseph Broome

in the hand with a knife during an argument. Broome was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.

Violate Protective Order-

On February 18, 2021, Cpl. Tirkpak responded to the 21000 block of First Road in Lexington Park, for the reported citizen requesting police assistance. Upon arrival contact was made with **James Travis Moore**, age 32 of no fixed address. Moore is a respondent in an active court order preventing him from being on the victim's property. Moore was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



James Moore

Assault-

On February 18, 2021, Dep. Raley responded to the 21800 block of Three Notch Road in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Amos Samuel Milburn Jr.**, age 41 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face and kicking the victim in

the ribs several times. Visible injury was observed to the victim and Milburn was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

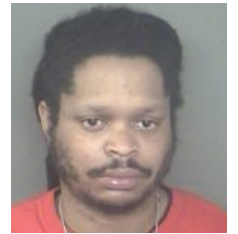


Amos Milburn

Home Invasion-

On February 21, 2021, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 21700 block of St. Lo Place in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. While on scene conducting the investigation **Daven Ambrose Williams**, age 34 of Lexington Park,

entered the victim's residence without the victim's consent. Further investigation determined Williams had arrived to the victim's residence prior to law enforcement, and had kicked the victim's door open to gain entry to the residence. Williams was arrested and charged with Home Invasion, Burglary 3rd and 4th Degree, Disorderly Conduct, and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Daven Williams

Editor's Note:

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

California Man Arrested for Sex Abuse

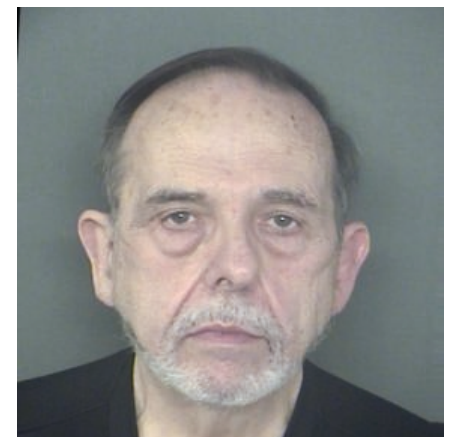
In February of 2021, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division received information from Child Protective Services (CPS), regarding a potential sexual assault involving a 13-year-old female and an adult music instructor.

Investigation determined the victim was receiving private music lessons at the Music Education Academy (MEA), located at 23127 Three Notch Road in California. The lessons were provided by Marty Eugene Airhart, age 66 of California. The victim advised detectives during the lessons Airhart had sexually assaulted her on several occasions between 2019 and 2020.

On March 1, 2021, the findings of the investigation were presented to the Grand Jury for St. Mary's County, and an arrest warrant was issued for Airhart. On March 2, 2021, Airhart was arrested and charged with the following:

- Sex Abuse of a Minor
- Rape Second Degree (5 counts)
- Third Degree Sex Offense (5 counts)


Airhart was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and remains incarcerated pending a bond review.



Marty Airhart

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is asked to contact Detective Melissa Green at (301) 475-4200 extension 71996 or by email at Melissa.Green@stmarysmd.com.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.




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CSM Receives Grant for Butterfly Project

Chesapeake Bay Trust Funds Effort

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) was awarded a \$4,998 Community Engagement Mini Grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to engage Southern Maryland communities in reestablishing Chesapeake watershed meadows so monarch butterflies can thrive. The project, Butterflies for a Better Bay, partners with the Humane Society to focus on fostering monarch butterflies, much the way other animals are fostered when being rescued.

“Humane societies are centers of community activity and volunteerism and we believe we can couple the popularity of animal rescue and the appeal of monarch butterflies to engage our community in ecosystem restoration,” said CSM Biology Professor Paul Billeter. Billeter and CSM Biology Professor Dr. Tracey Stuller serve on CSM’s Environmental Sustainability Committee and work to keep CSM Bee Campus USA. “Monarchs are one of the most recognizable butterflies, famous for their beauty and 2,000-mile seasonal migration. As the appeal of whales and dolphins inspires ocean conservation, we propose using the inherent appeal of monarch butterflies to encourage interest in preserving the Chesapeake Bay by encouraging watershed native plant restoration.”

The Butterflies for a Better Bay project’s goal is to expand CSM’s Bee Campus USA efforts beyond CSM campuses by partnering with the agricultural community, home gardeners, businesses and municipalities. Bee City USA® renewed the CSM’s Bee Campus USA certification following a rigorous application process last spring. The college is recognized



for collective efforts at its four campuses to conduct pollinator education and outreach, and sustain pollinator health and habitat with a least-toxic integrated pest management plan. Bee Campus USA affiliates are dedicated to reversing the decline of native plants and pollinators. According to Bee City USA®, native pollinators are responsible for one in three bites we eat and the reproduction of almost 90% of the world’s flowering plant species.

With spring nearing, now is the time to plant gardens that support Butterflies for a Better Bay. CSM and project partners are asking home/community gardeners and potential home/community gardeners to cultivate, expand awareness and take purposeful action directed at watershed restoration.

CSM’s partners in this project include the Humane Society of Charles County, the Double Z Cowboy Corral, and the Southern Maryland Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. These partnerships bring additional land for native plant cultivation, additional expertise in engaging underrepresented communities, and a high-traffic, community-focused center of operation.

If you are interested in learning more and partnering in this effort, contact Tracey Stuller tmstuller@csmd.edu or Paul Billeter at pabilleter@csmd.edu.

Press Release from CSM

Leonardtwn Highlights The North End Gallery Guest Invitational



Leonardtwn’s dynamic Arts & Entertainment scene is the focus of its latest virtual series, Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment. This unique series is presented in three parts – Feature Performances, Artist Spotlights, and Special Events and is funded in part by the St. Mary’s County Arts Council and produced by the Commissioners of Leonardtown & Winson Media.

Viewers will be treated to intimate Feature Performances from local musicians, dancers and performing artists; Artist Spotlights that feature an up-close look at local visual artists – see where they create, where they draw their inspiration, and view examples and demos of their work; and Special Events that include behind-the-scenes previews of the most popular events that take place in this vibrant Southern Maryland Town.

This new online series premiered on Valentine’s Day weekend with the first Feature Performance, an intimate concert with local Country Singer/Songwriter Phillip Michael Parsons that was pre-recorded at the Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown. The show can be viewed at: www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/LeonardtwnAE.

The 2021 North End Gallery (NEG) Guest Artists Invitational, a visual art show held annually at the gallery, is the focus of the latest episode of

the Special Events series and will air on Saturday, March 6th at 1 PM EST. at www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com/NorthEndGallery or at the Town of Leonardtown Facebook Page.

NEG’s Invitational features thirty-nine guest artists’ work introduced by Show Chair, Diana Manchak, a NEG Potter. A real Tour de Force of Southern Maryland artistry, this show features work in many mediums and forms: fiber work wall hangings; batik paintings; wood turned bowls; steel-welded, ceramic and wood sculptures; handcrafted gold and silver jewelry; mixed media 3-D fantasy creatures, silk paintings, cane woven basketry, landscapes, florals, animal, collage and abstract paintings and photography; pyrography and painted gourds. This year’s Guest Artist Invitational exhibit runs from February 4th – March 28th at NEG Thursdays through Sundays and by private appointment.

For more information about the Gallery and the live Invitational Show, visit www.NorthEndGallery.com or contact Bea Poulin at northendgalleryinfo@gmail.com. For more information about the Virtual Invitational Preview or other Leonardtown virtual programming, visit www.VisitLeonardtwnMD.com or contact brandy.blackstone@leonardtwnmd.gov.



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Childhood Trauma Grant Awarded

The St. Mary's County Equity Task Force in partnership with the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services was selected for grant funding through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in the county. The \$450,000 grant coordinated through the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will assist with community efforts to prevent and mitigate the harms of ACEs and related risks for substance misuse.

The "Comprehensive Community Approaches that Address Childhood Trauma to Prevent Substance Misuse" grant from NACCHO was awarded to only seven grantees nationwide. Funding will support several initiatives over two years, including training of health care providers to assess and respond to adverse childhood experiences in their patients; expanding school-based social-emotional supports for students; and new programs by the involved partners for identifying childhood trauma and connecting children to multidisciplinary community support.

"Adverse childhood experiences, such as household dysfunction, violence and parental substance use may cause trauma and toxic stress in children," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "The impact of these experiences on children may in turn increase their risk for violence, injury, behavioral health conditions and poor long-term

health."

"The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office continues to support its partners and our efforts in the St. Mary's County Equity Task Force as we all work to provide better foundations for our young people in the community," said St. Mary's County Sheriff Tim Cameron.

"Students learn best when their social and emotional needs are met. Now, more than ever, our students need support - and this is especially true for our students who have been affected by trauma. This grant will provide critical support for our students that will benefit their mental and academic health," said Dr. Scott Smith, Superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools.

Alexis Zoss, LCSW-C, Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services described many of the families with whom her Department interacts as having layers of stress with financial, health, legal and relationship issues - which can contribute to abuse and neglect. Zoss says these multifaceted problems require coordinated, multi-disciplinary interventions to best help families and children stabilize and address the trauma in their lives.

To learn more about ACEs, please visit the SMCHD website at www.smchd.org/aces

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New Portal Available for COVID-19 Test Registration & Results

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has transitioned lab services for COVID-19 testing to Mako Medical, allowing for more consistent turnaround times for COVID-19 test results and decreased patient wait times at the SMCHD COVID-19 testing sites.

Patients now have the opportunity to:

- Complete patient forms (pre-register) for COVID-19 testing online prior to arrival at the testing site

- Register for the portal on-site with help from the SMCHD testing site staff

- Access COVID-19 test results online (average 4 day availability)

- Sign up for text notifications when test results are ready

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:

Locations:

SMCHD Main Office in Leonardtown:

Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in Lexington Park:

Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- No appointment or Doctor's order needed for testing

- Free of charge (no out-of-pocket cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.).

- Drive-thru (walk up available for vehicles over 6'10" or residents on foot)

- Available for those who live in St. Mary's County

Please note: patients who were tested prior to February 3, 2021 will still access their COVID-19 test results through the SMCHD patient portal. The SMCHD patient portal will continue to be used for other patient services offered through the SMCHD Health Clinic. These online portals are not connected to COVID-19 vaccination registration or records.

More information on local COVID-19 testing is available at: www.smchd.org/covid-19-testing

For local COVID-19 updates, information and data, please visit www.smchd.org/coronavirus or call the St. Mary's County Health Department at (301) 475-4330.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Health Department

Broomes Island Native Serves Aboard Navy Warship



Petty Officer 2nd Class Bret Halterman

A native of Broomes Island is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard USS Donald Cook, a guided-missile destroyer, forward-deployed to Rota, Spain. Donald Cook is currently on her 11th patrol of the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of responsibility in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa, operating in the East Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Bret Halterman, a 2017 Calvert High School graduate, joined the Navy four years ago.

"Working day-to-day on board USS Donald Cook has taught me so much," said Halterman. "After three years on board, I've learned everything from firefighting, to running a trash room and to maintaining and supervising multiple fully operational networks. At the end of the day, it's just good to know I'm doing something that benefits not just me, but my family and friends back home."

Today, Halterman serves aboard a ship with more than 300 other sailors, who make up the ship's crew. Their jobs are highly specialized and range from handling weaponry to maintaining the engines along with a multitude of other assignments that keep the ship mission-ready at all times.

USS Donald Cook is named after U.S. Marine Corps Col. Donald Cook, who posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his selfless acts as a Prisoner of War during the Vietnam War. Cook shared food and medicine with his fellow prisoners, despite his own deteriorating health. USS Donald Cook remembers his legacy by flying a POW flag at all times.

According to Navy officials, guided-missile destroyers are capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare. Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required warfighting expertise and operational flexibility to execute any tasking at sea.

Donald Cook is one of four destroyers based in Rota, Spain, assigned to Commander, Task Force 65 in support

of NATO's Integrated Air Missile Defense architecture. These Forward-Deployed Naval Forces-Europe ships have the flexibility to operate throughout the waters of Europe and Africa, from the Cape of Good Hope to the Arctic Circle, demonstrating their mastery of the maritime domain.

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

According to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday, four priorities will focus efforts on sailors, readiness, capabilities and capacity.

"For 245 years, in both calm and rough waters, our Navy has stood the watch to protect the homeland, preserve freedom of the seas, and defend our way of life," said Gilday. "The decisions and investments we make this decade will set the maritime balance of power for the rest of this century. We can accept nothing less than success."

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Halterman, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"I joined the Navy to move out of my hometown, to see other cultures and other countries, and to make a difference with my life," added Halterman. "Even after five deployments and visiting 18 countries, I still feel like there's so much more about other countries that I don't know and that I can't wait to learn. That's what I think it means to serve in the Navy – to learn from others and teach what you've learned."

By Rick Burke, Navy Office of Community Outreach



California Gets New Business Investment



Thomas McKay

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A year ago, businesses across the state and here in St. Mary's County were shut down and forced to operate virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some shut their doors permanently, others, such as restaurants and bars struggled to stay open by providing carryout services.

Many people lost their jobs, but St. Mary's was still poised above all other jurisdictions in Maryland with the best of bad jobless numbers and some businesses were moving ahead with their plans to expand under some of the most trying economic conditions in recent memory.

Shortly before the pandemic struck fully here in March of 2020, the McKay's Family Markets was planning on expanding their family owned grocery business in the recently-vacated Shoppers Food Warehouse in what is now the Patuxent Crossing Shopping Center on MacArthur Boulevard.

The pandemic brought a halt to much of the work to refurbish the store, delaying its opening until today, March 4.

Customers in the nearby Great Mills community had to travel much farther north or into downtown Lexington Park for their food shopping needs after shopping at a store so close for years.

"The industry changed in ways we never anticipated," said Thomas F. McKay, president and CEO of McKay's Family Markets. "It's been very, very difficult."

The pandemic meant that contractors working in the building had to take greater precautions, extending the timeline for completion by many months.

Ensuring materials could be brought in to achieve the major in-



Cherry Price

terior renovation was also no easy task, McKay said.

"We anticipated we'd open last fall," McKay said. "We were having lots of difficulty getting materials.

"Everything is on a different schedule now; but we're here now."

The opening of the new McKay's store means new jobs as well; the store has 15 experienced management-level employees but has resulted in the hiring of 85 new staff members.

The locally operated chain has stores in Leonardtown and Charlotte Hall as well as in Waldorf; in recent years the family business had closed stores in California and Lexington Park but is regaining some market share by opening the new MacArthur Boulevard store.

The store will operate in a much different fashion than the prior Shoppers Food Warehouse.

"It's a different go-to-market strategy," McKay said. "Shoppers' focus was more on dry goods, on items you can get in the center of the store.

"Our focus will be on the perimeter of the store, the prepared foods."

McKay said fresh food, such as deli meats and cheeses, soups, salads, prepared chef-inspired meals and a much greater emphasis on fresh produce will define the look and feel of the new store.

Locally raised and grown meats and produce are the focus of the store's initial offerings when customers walk into the store; they will be met with a larger bakery as well, McKay said.

He promised that another local favorite will also be prominent in the new store.

"We have the best and largest seafood market in the area," McKay said. "We're going to have

much better-quality perishable products."

The McKays were not the only business looking to expand in economically troubled times.

Lexington Park Ford, acquired by Tom Kody of Kody Holdings, forged ahead with building a new dealership on Three Notch Road, close by the new McKay's store.

For decades the dealership had been locally owned by the Aldridge family, now the dealership on Great Mills Road lies vacant.

Jason Moore, general manager at Lexington Park Ford, said corporate leadership had yet to decide the future of the older property.

"We're not sure what we're going to do with that compound," Moore said.

The decision to build the new dealership came from a desire to expand the business's operations, Moore said.

"We were literally bursting at the seams," Moore said of the old location. "We had maxed out our growth potential."

Instead of losing business during the pandemic, Lexington Park's workload did not let up, according to Moore.

"We've been really busy, we haven't slowed down at all," Moore said.

The staff at Lexington Park Ford have had to adapt to the pandemic as other businesses have, by going to virtual platforms; they've been successful, Moore said.

"We've been doing off-site deliveries, taking cars to customers at their homes," Moore said. "Online sales are up."

Moore said about half of their local customers simply go on-line and purchase a vehicle now; this has helped ensure their level of sales have not fallen.

About 60 percent of all custom-



David McKay

ers who do come in to shop for a vehicle don't even take a test drive before purchasing one.

"It's all a la carte now," Moore said of adapting to on-line sales. "It's just the way business is now."

A building under construction next to the new Lexington Park location will house the former Winegardner general Motors dealership that once had a home in Leonardtown.

Chris Kaselemis, director of the county's Department of Economic Development, said the opening of the businesses within the same week signaled a resurgence of commercial interest in the more southerly portion of Three Notch Road.

Over the past decade, much of the new business development has concentrated much farther north on Route 235, making revitalization efforts nearer to and in downtown Lexington Park more difficult.

"Both show investment and we're super happy about that," Kaselemis said. "We think it's going to be good for the shopping center there.

"McKay's really focuses on local products; they really take the time to figure out what they're going to do locally."

The dual openings showed that businesses were still interested in seeing the oldest urban area of St. Mary's be successful.

"It's a true investment that shows their commitment to St. Mary's County," Kaselemis said.

The older property on Great Mills Road was in the county's opportunity zone.

"That is a prime piece of property there," Kaselemis said. "There are tax breaks for people who want to invest in that area."

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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good

news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

The fact that aligners are removeable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your desired outcome in a fraction

of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION *News*

Three “Blackjacks” Receive Test Wing Awards

By Paul Lagasse
Naval Test Wing Atlantic Communications

Naval Test Wing Atlantic (NTWL) recognized the accomplishments of three Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 personnel during an awards ceremony at NAS Patuxent River Feb. 12.

Col. Richard E. Marigliano, commander of NTWL, presided over the ceremony at which Maj. Joshua Foxtan received NTWL’s Test Pilot of the Year award, Lt. Brandon Merchant received the Maintenance Officer of the Year award, and Chief Aviation Electrician’s Mate (Aviation Warfare) Sergio Reyes received the Maintenance Chief Petty Officer of the Year award.

The annual ceremony recognizes the Wing’s highest performing military and civilian personnel across its four test and evaluation squadrons and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS). In accordance with the Navy’s strict health protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic, this year NTWL is convening a series of smaller ceremonies at the awardees’ own squadrons rather than holding a single wing-wide event. HX-21 live-streamed the brief ceremony on its public Facebook page.

As a developmental test pilot for the CH-53K King Stallion, Maj. Foxtan served as the project officer for the aircraft’s first shipboard detachment to USS Wasp (LHD 1). He successfully directed an intensive series of tests that were designed to establish the helicopter’s performance envelope for day and night launches and recoveries at a wide range of wind speeds, among many other test points. Over the course of the 14-day detachment, Foxtan’s team accomplished 364 landings, of which 74 were conducted using night vision devices.

Lt. Merchant was cited for his high quality maintenance oversight and contributions to the improvement of maintenance processes, both of which resulted in high levels of contract adherence over the preceding year. His citation praised his superior leadership skills and uniquely energetic devotion to the squadron’s mission. His innovative leadership style was cited as a bedrock of HX-21’s success during the past year.

As HX-21’s Aviation Program Team Leading Chief Petty Officer, Chief Reyes led his Sailors in the successful completion of an aviation maintenance inspection that earned zero discrepancies, a squadron first. His efforts were instrumental in the completion of 21,884 mishap-free maintenance hours and 3,114 ground and flight test hours.

Retired Rear Adm. Donald Boecker, former commander of the then-Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River and later vice commander of Naval Air Systems Command, presented Foxtan with the Tommy Tomlinson Award, including an engraved watch

and a copy of Captain Daniel W. “Tommy” Tomlinson’s autobiography, “The Sky’s the Limit.” As guest of honor, Boecker represented the Early and Pioneer Naval Aviators Association — better known as the Golden Eagles — which has sponsored the Tomlinson Award since 1969.

On behalf of retired Lt. Cmdr. Harry Errington, a career maintainer and founder of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Col. Marigliano presented Lt. Merchant and Chief Aviation Electrician’s Mate Reyes with engraved watches and inscribed copies of USNTPS graduate Vice Adm. Bill Lawrence’s autobiography “Tennessee Patriot.” Since 2002, the Errington Award has recognized maintenance officers and maintenance chief petty officers who have exemplified leadership and professionalism through initiatives to improve or develop procedures and personnel.

Col. Marigliano also awarded each of the three recipients with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for their accomplishments.

Nicknamed the “Blackjacks,” HX-21 provides developmental flight test and evaluation of rotary-wing and tilt-rotor aircraft and their associated airborne systems in support of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps training, combat, and combat support missions. The squadron can trace its roots at NAS Patuxent River back to 1949, when the then-Naval Air Test Center first established a rotary-wing test division. Today, HX-21 teams are engaged in testing six families of aircraft, including the CH-53K King Stallion, the MV-22 and CMV-22 Osprey, and the Presidential helicopter fleet.

Naval Test Wing Atlantic, a component of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) serves as fleet advocate supporting test and evaluation of the Navy’s principal aviation systems ranging from unmanned to rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft.

NAWCAD advances capability and operational readiness for naval aviation and our warfighters. The warfare center is where naval aviation takes flight through research, development, test, evaluation, and sustainment of both fielded and not-yet fielded naval platforms and technologies that ensure America’s Sailors and Marines always go into conflict with significant advantage. With sites in Patuxent River, Maryland, Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Orlando, Florida, the command is the Navy’s largest warfare center with a diverse force of military, civilians, and contractors building the Navy of today, the Navy of tomorrow, and the Navy after next.

For more information about NAWCAD, please go to www.navair.navy.mil/nawcad/ or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MyNAWCAD/>.



Lt. Brandon Merchant, right with NTWL’s 2020 Maintenance Officer of the Year.



Maj. Joshua Foxtan, right, NTWL’s 2020 Test Pilot of the Year.



Chief Aviation Electrician’s Mate Sergio Reyes, NTWL 2020 Maintenance Chief Petty Officer of the Year.



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St. Mary's College Launches Study-Abroad Program

St. Mary's College of Maryland has partnered with Verto Education, to offer a study-abroad program that combines the classroom experience with expeditions, hands-on projects, and service-learning for first-year students.

Prospective first-year students to St. Mary's College who participate in this "gap year without the gap" would begin their studies overseas, earn academic credits, and graduate on time without having to complete another admission process.

"This program is the perfect fit for St. Mary's College and our prospective first-year students," said David Hautanen Jr., vice president for enrollment management. "Our students are global citizens ready to challenge themselves and the world. In fact, pre-pandemic, more than 40 percent of our students studied abroad as

part of our signature Honors College Promise. By participating in this program, first-year students will get a head start on this important educational experience."

Verto's goal is to "revolutionize higher education and make international experiences a core part of the college experience." Verto offers campus semesters in Milan, Italy; Madrid, Spain; and London, England; field semesters in Costa Rica, South Pacific and Hawaiian Islands; and also, a year-long program that offers credit-bearing coursework while engaging in rich cultural immersion experiences.

Students who are interesting in spending their first semester or year abroad should apply directly to Verto Education and select St. Mary's College of Maryland as the partner college for admission.

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

Meal Distribution Schedule Changes

St. Mary's County Public Schools Department of Food and Nutrition Services announce changes in the schedule for curbside meal distribution. Meals are available for students ages 18 years and younger. Meals can be picked up from any school site even if your student attends a different school. Curbside meals are distributed on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Meal bags include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack, plus milk and/or water for each student.

As we enter Phase 3 of the Return to School Hybrid Instruc-

tion for students, more support is needed in our kitchens to prepare meals for students who are on site. Beginning the week of March 1, curbside meal distribution will continue Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays; however, the time is changed to 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

More information can also be found on the SMCPS home page and on Twitter@SMCPS_Food. If you have any questions regarding the schedule change, please send them to www.foodservice@smcps.org.

Press Release from SMCPS.

Homeschool Week Planned for Museum

The Calvert Marine Museum (CMM) is a wonderful classroom away from home for homeschool families. This year, in lieu of its annual Homeschool Day event, CMM is extending programs to last an entire week! During the week of March 15 - 19, students can discover paleontology, marine biology, and maritime history in a unique and educational way. Participants can choose one of the self-guided tour kits and a scavenger hunt to begin their museum adventure:

HERstory: Celebrating Southern Maryland Women Kit

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution through this fun, hands-on exploration of the Calvert Marine Museum HERStory exhibit. This exciting new program shines a light on some of the pioneering women from Maryland's history. Participants will identify fossils like paleontologist Dr. Susan Kidwell, tie knots like boat captain Edie Taylor, and get up close with sting rays like Dr. Eugenie Clark.

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Field Guide Kit

Explore the Calvert Marine Museum exhibits that introduce the Chesapeake Bay as an estuarine habitat and watershed. Learn the importance of water

clarity for the health of plants and animals in the bay and experience hands-on science by measuring and recording water clarity, discovering a wide variety of animal adaptations, and reflecting upon the impact that humans have on the bay.

Scavenger Hunt

The whole family can join in the fun discovering many of the hidden pictures in the museum murals and using poems as clues for our unique scavenger hunts. Your adventure might include counting the toes of a dinosaur, telling time on a unique clock, determining the color of the jellyfish, or figuring out what shape are the windows on the school boat, the James Aubrey.

Programs are designed for students in grades K-5, but all ages can discover something new. All activities are included with museum admission. Pre-registration is not required, but highly recommended, for Homeschool Day. Following the guidance of the CDC and State of Maryland, all guests ages five and older must wear a mask during their visit. The museum continues to operate at a limited capacity with a timed entry system. Visit calvertmarinemuseum.com for more information or to make your reservation.

Press Release from Calvert Marine Museum.



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Letters to the Editor

Divide and Conquer! Who is the Real Moll Dyer?

To the Editor:

I would like to share my thoughts on a bill submitted by Delegate Brian Crosby (D) to change the way we elect county commissioners. Presently, we elect all our commissioners at large. This means that regardless of what district you live in, you cast a vote for a candidate in each of the four commissioner districts and for county commissioner president. Delegate Crosby's bill, HB 655, if passed, will change this, as it will have voters only cast a vote for the commissioner candidate in their district, and a vote for commissioner president which would remain an at-large race. Delegate Crosby's argument is that District Four does not have a county commissioner that is representative of the people living in Lexington Park and the surrounding area. Delegate Crosby spoke about this during an online recorded chat entitled Sunday in the Park hosted by local NAACP President BJ Hall. During that broadcast, Delegate Crosby said, "There is no reason we should have to compete for the district." When I watched this I thought, did he really just say that?

Do not be fooled by the local Democratic argument that the system is set up to suppress their vote, and ensure county Democrats are underrepresented. The history of Maryland politics tells a much different story. The Democrats have had a death grip on the Maryland House of Delegates and the Senate for over 100 years. The last Republican to hold the senate president seat was John Wirt Randall in 1898. The last Republican house speaker was Herbert R. Wooden in 1918. Republican lawmakers have not held the majority in over 100 years. You see, we live under laws today that Republicans have had extraordinarily little influence over. The Democrats have been in control for over a century; we live under their laws and their rules. They

have gerrymandered the state to ensure they maintain control. Any election laws that our local Democrats are calling foul are their own creation.

The present method of electing county commissioners is not unique to St. Mary's County. The county commissioner form of government is the same for all counties in Maryland that adopted it. If the system is not fair now, it was not fair twenty years ago when the county Democratic Party had a majority of the registered voters. They were happy with the voting format then and as far back as I can recall they never had a concern that Republicans were being marginalized. The voter registration balance changed in 2012 and finally the shoe is on the other foot. So now there is a call to action, to move the goal post. Democrats want to change the rules so the races could be more competitive if HB 655 passes.

If HB 655 passes, it will allow our county commissioner districts to be gerrymandered when the census triggers our county redistricting commission. The redistricting commission can reshape the districts, changing the balance of Democrats and Republicans in each, and then making the district easy to win for a political party. With HB 655 the target is for Democrats to win Commissioner District Four and pick up maybe another district, while not doing anything to improve the quality of their candidates. While Governor Hogan is trying to eliminate Maryland gerrymandering, we have a political movement here attempting to take it to a new level. It is a simple plan: divide and conquer! We cannot allow this to happen, and we must stand against HB 655 to maintain the integrity of our elections and ensure the voices of all our voters are heard across our county.

Tom Haynie
Lexington Park

To the Editor:

In light of the resurgence of interest in Moll Dyer, and the recent relocation of "the rock" by the Historical Society, I'd like to share my thoughts about her. Over the years, interviews with families local to the area since Moll Dyer's era, have painted an unpleasant tale. Each family had their own version of Moll's life, with minimal variations. As there is a dearth of historical records, it is toward these legends we must focus our efforts. True, we have a road named after her, and likewise a small stream. There's the aforementioned rock purported to be where she breathed her last. One colonial letter described her "countenance" in an unfavorable manner. Still, we're mostly left with legends-- oral tradition-- once the only historical record, and as it's said, "where there's smoke, there's fire." Apt for Moll's tale.

According to the Archives of Maryland, "every surviving court record of the period (colonial) was destroyed in the fire of March 8, 1831." To add to the speculative nature of the search, online ancestry sites list five pages of Dyers on passenger lists arriving in the United States during the period, a minimum of six Mary or Margaret Dyers (assuming you dismiss the three listed on one ship as an error). It also states that "lists were not kept for every ship" and many others have been lost. (The endearment "Moll" was most commonly used as a nickname for Mary, but also for any "M" feminine name including Margaret, Martha, Martina, Melinda, etc.).

Despite some small deviations to the legend, the majority of local families' oral traditions state she was an herbal healer and hermit. Most state her origin as Ireland, and that she arrived on a

passenger ship from England. She preferred the company of Native Americans to her European neighbors and dressed in a manner of lost affluence (threadbare clothes originally made from the finest materials). She froze to death on the coldest night of 1697 after a citizen's mob burned her small cabin to the ground only to be discovered by a young lad searching for a lost cow.

Moll's well-known tragedy speaks to its own truth and perhaps that's enough. My answer to the question is real, even if intangible. Moll Dyer is everyone who's faced injustice or been mocked for being different; those scorned for their beliefs or tormented for living a life true to themselves. She is anyone condemned at the court of public opinion and castigated for their lack of popularity or political correctness. She's the embodiment of Sarah Goode of Salem fame, Anne Frank, John the Baptist, Joan of Arc, Anne Boleyn, Rosa Parks and...the list goes on and on! Moll could be the patron saint of them all.

I believe Moll Dyer would be proud of her legacy, and that she'd feel some measure of peace and exoneration from the tales being told about her today. She was once used as a cautionary tale-- a warning to little children to behave, but no longer. Now we remember Moll whenever we're bullied, accused without cause or feeling friendless. Perhaps she gives us a twinge of conscience when we are the ones doing the bullying? It warms my heart to think so-- that some good is our final inheritance from the tragedy of Moll Dyer.

David W. Thompson
Author of "Sister Witch, The Life of Moll Dyer"

Men's Lacrosse Wins Season Opener

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's lacrosse team (1-0) traveled to Virginia Wesleyan University to take on the Marlins (0-1) in their 2021 season opener on Monday (Mar. 1) evening. The Seahawks trounced the Marlins and ran away with a 19-2 victory.

St. Mary's College - 19, Virginia Wesleyan - 2

How It Happened

- The Seahawks found the back of the net in under two minutes when Abe Hubbard recorded an unassisted score. From there, the Seahawks would never relinquish the lead. Virginia Wesleyan responded at the 10:12 mark with a goal of their own to tie the game, 1-1. Next, St. Mary's College took control of the game with four-straight scores to end the opening stanza. Dominic Venanzi, Jack Brocato, Cameron Linger, and Hubbard scored during the run to extend the Seahawk lead to 5-1.

- St. Mary's College rode their first quarter momentum into the second with a six-goal run. On the other end of the field, the Seahawk defense clamped down on the Marlins and held them scoreless for the entire second frame. Venanzi (2), Hubbard, Ben Claffee, Jeremiah Clemmer, and Luke McWright beat the opposing goalkeeper for scores in the quarter.

- Jude Brown opened up the scoring in the third quarter with a goal at the 12:42 mark. The Marlins followed up the Seahawk goal with their final score of the game to bring the score to 12-2 in favor of the Seahawks. Two goals from Jack Gillogly and another from Hubbard wrapped up the third stanza with St. Mary's College holding a 15-2 advantage.

- The Seahawk defense once again shut out the Marlins in a quarter by holding Virginia Wesleyan score-



less in the fourth. St. Mary's College took advantage of their extra man opportunities in the final frame with three man-up goals. Hubbard, Clemmer, and Brett Weiner fired shots into the back of the cage during the man-up opportunities. In addition, Cal Wilcox tallied a goal while both squads were at even strength.

Inside the Box Score

- Hubbard and Venanzi recorded hat tricks in the contest. Hubbard led the Seahawks offensively with five goals and two assists. Clemmer followed with two goals and three assists, while Venanzi notched three goals and one assist.

- Brocato hustled for a team-high four ground balls, while Antonio Mastromanolis, Mitch Boudreau, and Ethan Little tallied three ground balls each. Defensively, Little led the Seahawks with two caused turnovers. DJ Walker, Kyrle Preis, and Ben Robertson all shared time in goal this evening. Walker led the Seahawks with six saves, while Pries collected four and Robertson recorded one. Walker earned the win in cage.

- As a team, the Seahawks finished three-of-seven on extra man opportunities and held the Marlins scoreless on their two extra man opportunities.

Up Next for the Seahawks

- Mar. 7 at Lynchburg | 1 PM | Shellenberger Field

Press Release from SMCM.

A View From The BLEACHERS



Presence

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

A cruel twist altered the plan.

This was to be a 700-word bleed on Alex Smith's decision to effectively sever his tenuous Washington Football Team tenure via a no-holds-barred interview with "GQ". Smith, fresh off one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, surprisingly and uncharacteristically, aired some dirty laundry.

Some of Smith's words: "When I decided to come back, I definitely threw a wrench in the team's plans. They...didn't want me to be a part of it, didn't want me to be on the team...didn't want to give me a chance." Why Alex? Why?

Fact: This writer has been critical of the WFT and its many missteps over the years. Organizational apologist I am not. But Smith came off the top rope and used a foreign object here.

More facts: Smith's contract dictated that he remain on Washington's roster after his horrific November 2018 injury. In NFL math, keeping him (his salary cap hit) was "cheaper" than cutting him (dead cap hit). So there was no emotion. His contract wed him to the team and, in a way, enabled his comeback – an opportunity he wasn't owed, but one he earned and that circumstances and the team permitted.

It was just business – and the NFL is a heartless one. In every walk of life, employees come, employees go and organization's move on – and sometimes it's messy. Unfortunately, Smith's pride overwhelmed prudence and it authored an unfortunate final chapter to his otherwise inspiring Washington career.

With 700 words condensed to 260, time to shift topics...

The jarring news trickled in last Tuesday afternoon. Tiger Woods had been an accident; initial reports were ominous. He would survive, it seemed, but he suffered severe injuries to his lower extremities. The terms used – comminuted open fractures, rods, screws and pins – stirred memories of Smith's injury, the documentary "Project 11" and a long recovery. That this happened to Woods, arguably golf's GOAT (peak Tiger was unquestionably the greatest golf ever played) and among the planet's most socially significant athletes, was surreal. Processing it was difficult; the ache in my heart

was palpable. It was another unnecessary reminder of life's fragility.

Tiger and I grew up together – not literally, chronologically. Similar dates of birth aside, we share little in common beyond fatherhood and achy backs. Dude was winning majors when I was trying to figure out mortgages and personal finances. I'm thinking Woods has had as many mortgages as I've had eagles – zippy. Still, he's my g-g-generation...

Generation X, while comparatively small, is a blessed lot of sports fans. We have seen Wayne Gretzky, Michael Jordan, Serena Williams and Tom Brady – all widely regarded as the GOATs in their respective sports. Woods is on the list too and, absent personal transgressions and debilitating injuries, he would have almost certainly ended all debate about golf's greatest.

From prodigy, to legend, through injuries and personal failures, I have always rooted for Woods. The shared generation and my selfish want for greatness buoyed the support, but Woods's primary appeal was the irritation he caused. The elephant in the room: Woods, a man of color, dominated a white world. He was often coy about race and reticent to champion social change (he is more Jordan than LeBron James), but his dominance of the sport made many uncomfortable – people who needed to feel uncomfortable.

Fuzzy Zoeller's racist remarks following Woods's 1997 win at The Masters are a searing memory. Asked to comment, Zoeller called Woods a "little boy" and quipped this regarding the following year's Champions Dinner, "...tell him not to serve fried chicken next year. Got it? Or collard greens or whatever the hell they serve." The not-so-secret, secret: One man's words were prevalent thoughts and whispers in country clubs across America.

Nearly a quarter century since Woods's first win at The Masters. Much has changed. Much remains the same. My days of rooting for Woods on the golf course are likely over now. Which hardly matters – he's alive and his kids have their dad. As for the good irritation he still causes, that will continue too, if not in victory, then through his giant presence.

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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Thursday, March 4

CSM Dual Enrollment Virtual Parent Information Night

6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Register to receive Zoom information and password: <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/admissions/dual-enrollment-parent-night-StMarys>.

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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

Tobacco Cessation Program

The Tobacco Cessation Program is free and that takes place over the course of 8 weeks (weekly 1 hour sessions). Participants learn behavioral modifications, stress management, and other techniques to help

them quit using tobacco products. Next Series: Thursdays, February 4, 2021 – April 15, 2021 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Learn more or register at: www.smchd.org/tobacco

Diabetes Prevention Program

The Diabetes Prevention Program helps participants establish and stick with positive lifestyle changes, such as healthy eating habits, physical activity and positive stress management, which can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This free program includes 16 weekly sessions, followed by monthly sessions for ongoing support from a lifestyle coach. Register at www.smchd.org/dpp.

Friday, March 5

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Shabbat evening services are being held online due to COVID19. Beth Israel Synagogue will hold online services EVERY FRIDAY at 7 PM. Check our website cal-

endar (bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html) for event details.

Saturday, March 6

Annual Spring Dinner

Hollywood VFD; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Carry out only, \$26 per person. Pick up in the Social Hall. Menu: Fried Oysters, Stuffed Ham, Chicken Salad, Parsley Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll. Stuffed Ham by the pound \$13.00/lb. Bake Sale: ATM on site. Any questions contact Elaine Quade 301-373-2695

Myrtle Point Park Workday

Myrtle Point Park; 9 a.m. - noon

Join PTLT and Friends to help remove invasive vines and plants to help restore the woodland. Bring clippers, hand saw, or your favorite tool. Wear appropriate clothing including work gloves, hat, and protective eyewear. It's a great way to get some Vit. D and fresh air, socially distanced activity, and do something good for our community. Questions? Call Frank at 301-862-3421. Bottled water and snacks provided (Thanks to Good Earth Natural Foods Company)

Tuesday, March 9

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, March 10

Wayback Wednesdays

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

DAV Assistance Program

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

Veterans - do you have a service-connected disability? Did you receive an injury while on active duty and are now filing for disability through the Veterans Admin-

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COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Assistance for Adults 65+

The Department of Aging & Human Services is working with the St. Mary's County Health Department to offer assistance for adults ages 65+ in scheduling their COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, contact us at 301-475-4200, ext. 1049.

Are you in another eligible category and under the age of 65? The St. Mary's County Library is here to help! Contact them at 240-523-3340.

Videos from Aging & Human Services

The Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce our brand new Virtual Senior Activity Center and YouTube page! Go to <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/virtual-senior-center/> or www.youtube.com, keyword SMC Aging & Human Services, to see what we have for you! There are more videos coming soon!

Brain.e.ology via Zoom

Kathy Creswell, Program Specialist at Garvey Senior Activity Center, will facilitate Brain.e.ology on Tuesdays, March 9-April 20 at 1:30 p.m. Losing memory or cognitive ability is a tremendous fear but there is growing evidence that cognitive ability can be maintained or even improved to the end of life!

Brain-e-ology is designed to:

- dispel the limiting myths of memory loss and aging
- give participants a better understanding of how their brain works
- give participants the tools to incorporate brain fitness activities into their daily lives
- create open minds

More than 90% of participants report that they feel like they have more control over future memory loss after taking this program! There is no fee for this program. Class size is limited so register early. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080. Class supplies will be distributed curbside at

the Garvey Senior Activity Center on March 4.

Drums Alive Virtual Class

Golden Beats stimulates people whether they are young or old, healthy or ill. When we drum and dance, we are having FUN! This in return releases endorphins and diminishes negative feelings. The rhythmical patterns of the drum increase synchronization of brain wave activity which in turn provides feelings of euphoria and improved mental awareness and self-acceptance. Golden Beats® is specially designed for the senior population. Join Kathy Creswell, Program Specialist at Garvey Senior Activity Center, for a six-week virtual class via Zoom. If you

haven't taken this class in person before, we recommend that you let the instructor know. Class will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, March 10 – April 14. The supplies required for the class will be available to students on loan for the 6 weeks with a refundable deposit of \$45, which covers lost or damaged items if not returned. Students will be given a list of items and where they can be purchased should they want to do so. Please call 301-475-4200, ext.1062, with questions or to sign up for the class. There is a class size limit, so sign up early!

Independent Project Club News

Next Project Reveal Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 1-3 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center

Work on a project at home between now and March 9. Bring it to the Curbside Reveal Event on March 10. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to learn more about it. Here are the new assignments:

- Sewing Club- Something with Scraps- Use at least 3 different fabric patterns- can be anything at all, large or small.
- Garden Club- Three Herbs in a

Pot- Make a potted herb garden. Can use one large pot as long as plants are compatible OR can use three different pots.

Scattergories- it's back with a new day and time!

Fridays March 12, 26; April 9, 23, 1 p.m. via Zoom

Candice and Shellie will again be hosting Scattergories two times a month but on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 p.m. This game requires paper, pencil and computer or smart phone to connect with us on ZOOM. The rules are easy, but the categories can be challenging. If you like thinking up things that start with a specific letter while competing against a timer and other players, then this is for you! To get in on the game, e-mail Candice.Nelson@stmarysmd.com. She will e-mail you the link on the morning of play. Players will be admitted starting at 12:50 p.m. so that the game can begin on time.

Sign Up for the next Live Stream Craft

The March Loffler craft will be Spring Branches. All you need for this project are a few small barren branch ends or twigs that have fallen off a tree in your yard, a sheet of tissue wrapping paper (white, pink or yellow) and some green painters tape. In just moments you will turn those twigs into stunning life-like budding branches. The fun takes place on Friday, March 19 at 10 a.m. Let's do this together on Zoom! E-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to register.

Cooking Demonstration via Zoom! - Sherry's Go-To Recipes for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Eating healthy is easier than you think! If you want to improve your eating habits and overall health without renouncing tasty meals, you can learn new cooking tips and recipes from Sherry to use in your own home.

This online cooking demonstration held on Wednesday, March 24 from 4-5 p.m. focuses on meal planning and preparation of the most nutrient-dense foods. Sherry will show you how to save time in the kitchen yet eat truly healthy and nutritious meals. It's a great class for those who want to find joy in making healthy meals.

In this class, we will make:

- Homemade Baked Granola for breakfast
- Lunch: The BEST Salad with your choice of homemade salad dressing: Apple Cider Vinaigrette or Peanut Butter Vinaigrette
- For Dinner: Easy Chicken Picatta served over cauliflower pasta
- Q & A

Sherry's years of experience teaching cooking classes are endless, and her background includes the following:

- Hosted "Healthy Living " segments that included cooking demos on PBS television for 7 years
- Written over 150 books including 50 cookbooks
- Authored 2 healthy cookbooks
- Attended Culinary School at the University of Montana

Funding for this program is provided by the Maryland Department of Aging Senior Center Operating Funds Grant. To register for the class, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080 and leave your name, phone number and email address.

Loffler Book Club

Read the book The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Discuss with us via Zoom on Friday, April 2 at 10 a.m. This book tells the charming story of the island of Guernsey (A British island that is located closer to France than England) during the German Occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to learn more.

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In Remembrance

Elizabeth Robena McKay

Keatley



Elizabeth Robena McKay Keatley (96) died on the farm where she was born in Valley Lee, MD on February 27, 2021.

Born on January 9, 1925, Robena was the daughter of the late Joseph Roland McKay and Mary Beatrice Goldsborough McKay. She was the wife of Paul William Jenkins Keatley whom she married on May 22, 1948 at Holy Face Church in Great Mills, MD. He preceded her in death on August 1, 1991. Two sons, Millard Filmore Keatley (Jo), and Harvey Francis Keatley and two brothers, Roland Reese McKay and Benjamin Gilbert McKay also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Keatley is survived by her daughters, Lisa Keatley Brasher (partner Ward Peck) of Jacksonville, FL and Paula Keatley Keeton (Pres) of Valley Lee, MD; grandchildren: William Price (Kirsten), of Aurora, CO, Caitlin Keeton of Boston, MA, Rachel Keeton (Tom Bokkers) of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, Alex Brasher of Chi-

cago, IL, Justin Brasher of Pasadena, TX, William Keeton (Josephine) of Valley Lee, MD, David Keatley (Nicole) of North East, MD, and Jessica Keatley of Elkton, MD; great-grandchildren: Trevor Price (Tianna), Joey Price, Odette Bokkers, Marin Keeton, Jack Keatley, Tess Keatley, and Catherine Keatley; as well as great-great-grandchildren: Kiara Price-Poole and Alanah Price-Poole. Robena was also happy to include Lisa's "extra" children: Cindy Peck O'Connor (John) and Page Peck Anderson (Marvin), as well as grandchildren Alex, Brett, Katharine, Stefan, and Susanne; and great-grandchildren Ryan, Will, Rosalie, Kellan and Rylee. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Mollie Rea McKay and beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

Robena attended St. Mary's Academy and obtained an RN degree from Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Mrs. Keatley moved with her family from Wilmington, DE to Rockville, MD, and then to Ft. Myers Beach, FL, where she lived for 24 years. After retiring, she and her husband moved back to Valley Lee, MD where she has resided until her death. Robena Keatley was well loved by all who knew her. She was an avid gardener and volunteer. She enjoyed traveling and had visited all 50 states and many foreign

countries.

Visitation and prayers will be held at St. George Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD on Thursday, March 4th from 10:00am-10:30am with a Rosary being prayed at 10:30 am.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private family Mass and Burial will begin at 11:00am.

The family requests that you remember Robena in your prayers. They hope to have a public Memorial Mass for her at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. George Catholic Church or Second District Volunteer Fire Department in Valley Lee, MD. Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.

Junior Milton Berry



Junior Milton Berry, 74 of Great Mills, MD was suddenly called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at his home in Great Mills.

He was born on April 24, 1946 in Compton, MD to the late Benjamin Berry and Annie Mae Berry of Hollywood, MD. Junior was educated in the St. Mary's County Public School System. He was employed with Walmart Corporation traveling the world as a cement finisher for many years.

Junior knew that life was about being happy, and found great joy in watching the Dallas Cowboys football team play. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and working on vehicles.

Junior leaves to cherish memories, his loving wife of 32 years Cynthia Berry of Great Mills, MD, Larry Hebb of Nevada, Joseph Hebb of Great Mills, MD, Katherine Robinson of Piney Point, MD, Reggie Berry of Great Mills, MD and James Berry (Victoria) of Great Mills, MD and his 13 grandchildren.

Junior also leaves to cherish his loving siblings, George Stewart (Mary), Barbara Butler (Michael), Henrietta Stewart, Carrie Berry, and two Goddaughters Tracy Hebb Dorsey and Juanita Berry.

Junior was preceded in death by his father Benjamin Berry, his sister Mary Berry, and his brother James Berry.

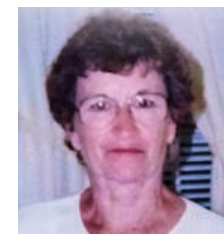
The family will receive friends for Junior's Life Celebration on Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m., officiated by Reverend Henry E. Briscoe. Interment will be held at Charles Memorial Gardens at

a later date.

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

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Genevieve Hannah Hill



Genevieve Hannah Hill, 90, of Loveville, MD passed away on February 21, 2021 at Solomons Nursing Center in Solomons, MD.

She was born on September 7, 1930 in Newburg, MD to the late Quincy Andrew Swann and Ruth Margaret Welch Swann.

On December 26, 1966, Jenny married her loving husband, George Earl Hill at the Naval Base, Indian Head, MD. Together they celebrated over 55 dedicated and wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for many years as a bookbinder for Automated Graphics until her retirement in 2008. She had beautiful flower gardens, which she kept manicured. She was a delicious cook, which many specialties including her scrumptious macaroni and cheese, potato salad and pork roasts. She and her husband were beautiful dancers and won several dance competitions in their day. She had an affinity for the water and enjoyed vacations to Myrtle Beach. She and her husband bought a campsite in Fredericksburg, MD in the Wilderness where they made many wonderful memories. She enjoyed visiting her family and spending time with them. She was a loving and devoted, wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend to many. She was proud to say that they had five generations when her only great-great granddaughter was born.

In addition to her beloved husband, Jenny is also survived by her children: Barbara Jean Miller (Arthur) of Brandywine, MD, Alice Victoria Sams of Lexington Park, MD, Brenda Lee Synder of Redding, PA, and Janet Lynn Clark of Waldorf, MD; her siblings: Irene Ruth Pilkerton of Waldorf, MD, Hazel Mary Olive of Warsaw, VA, Walter Allen Swann (Sissy) of Issue, MD, Thomas Milton Swann of Cobb Island, MD; 13 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her daughter, Joyce Wathen and her siblings, Eleanor Grizni, Delree M. Gamble and Vernon Swann.

All services will be private.

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

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Grady Aary Ramey



Grady Aary Ramey, 82, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away with family at his side at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD on February

14, 2021. He was born on August 27, 1938 to the late Bert and Carrie Ramey in Walhalla, South Carolina. Grady was one (1) of four (4) children.

Grady was a firm believer in education and made great strides in educating himself through adult education classes. He worked diligently making great progress. Growing up very poor and having very little, he was passionate about helping others in need, giving clothes, coats, bicycles, cash, whatever was needed. Grady was a quiet man with a huge heart.

On December 27, 1956, Grady married Patricia (Keller) Ramey and together they shared 64 years of marriage. Grady worked hard from a very young age to support his family as a lumber sawyer, working for various lumber companies throughout the area. He was proud of his work and had a strong work ethic. He retired in 2000 and was thrilled to spend more time with his five (5) grandchildren and his three (3) great-grandchildren.

Grady loved being outside in the great outdoors. He could often be found fishing, in his garden, tending to his yard, or tinkering with some project around the house. He found joy in staying busy and being with his family. Grady will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Grady is survived by his wife Patricia (Keller) Ramey of Mechanicsville, MD; his daughters Loretta A. (Ramey) Graves of Mechanicsville, MD; and Barbara L. (Ramey) Shawyer (Kenny) of Huntingtown, MD; his daughters-in-law Carol Ramey Ludka and Franjie Hammett; his grandchildren Melanie Graves, Jeremy Graves (Krystal) and Shawn Ramey (Chelsea), Ashley Shawyer and Cali Shawyer; great-grandchildren Shawn Ramey, Carter Graves, and Isabella Ramey, along with many other extended family members.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents, Bert Ramey and Carrie (Chappel) Ramey; his sons G. Carl Ramey and Steven D. Ramey; his brothers Roy Ramey, DeWitt Ramey, and his sister Ella Mae (Ramey) Nicholson.

An Open House for friends to visit with the family will be held at Grady's home in Mechanicsville on Saturday, March 6, 2021, from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Please remember the COVID-19 protocols during your visit.

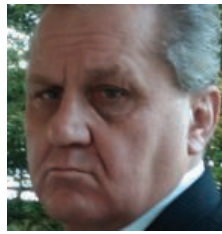
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to The Literacy Council

of St. Mary's – <https://literacysmc.org>. You may give electronically through their website, or by sending a check to The Literacy Council of St. Mary's, c/o Lexington Park Library, 21677 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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

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Lorren Dale Leadmon



Lorren Dale Leadmon, Sr., 70, of Hollywood, MD passed away peacefully on Friday, February 12, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's

Hospital, Leonardtown, MD after a brief illness. He was born on October 4, 1950 in Front Royal, VA, to the late Mars D. Leadmon and Minnie M. Leadmon.

In 1971, Lorren was hired by the M.P.D.C. He worked there for thirty-four and a half (34 ½) years, retiring in 2004 as a Homicide Detective Grade 1. He went on to work for A.T.F. until 2016.

Lorren married his best friend and the love of his life, Terry, on a beautiful spring day, May 4, 1985. Together they spent over thirty-eight (38) wonderful years of marriage. Their love was inspirational and their devotion to each other enviable. Lorren loved his bride above all and doted upon her. She was his perfect match in every way.

An avid outdoorsman, Lorren enjoyed cruising cross country on his motorcycle with Terry on her own bike. It was not uncommon for them to call their kids from another state. He was a fan of ice fishing, the cold never bothered him and the challenge was relaxing. A wonderful father, he adored his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He could be found laughing with the kids and telling stories that will live on for generations.

Whether you knew him as Lorren, Dad, Grandpaw, brother or friend you know how much he cared for you. A man's legacy is only as strong as the memories left behind, in Lorren's book of life he will be remembered as a strong, kind, loving man of strong Christian principles.

Lorren is survived by his loving wife, Terry Lee Leadmon who he always called his "Darling Bride"; children, Lorren Dale Leadmon, Jr. and Kiela Christine Proctor; seven (7) grandchildren; three (3) great-grandchildren and siblings, Jeffrey E. Leadmon, Patricia S. Snyder and Gina Stoutenburg. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Mark Leadmon.

The family will receive friends for Lorren's Life Celebration on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. all at Grace Chapel Ministries, 39245 Chaptico Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. Interment will be held privately.

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

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Sarah Crecelius



Sarah Crecelius, 92, of Great Mills, Md passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at her home. She was surrounded by her husband

Alden (Chris) and family. Sarah was born in Passaic, NJ to the late Rocco and Racheal Scucci. Sarah has been married to her loving husband Alden F Crecelius for 66 years.

Upon completing High School Sarah pursued a career in nursing. She worked for a family practice in New Jersey and continued that path at the hospital on NAS Patuxent River Naval Base on the OBGYN unit. Upon retirement she donated countless hours to a variety of organizations, mostly doing volunteer work at her church Immaculate Heart of Mary where she started up their food pantry. She was also lucky enough to work on the set for the movie "Picnic" starring Kim Novale and William Holden.

The most important thing to Sarah was being around her family. She greatly enjoyed when the whole family would gather for the holidays, spending time together...her family knew when you came to her house you would be greeted with a warm smile and wonderful food, especially her authentic Italian dishes and desserts like her chocolate pie and German chocolate cake. She loved to make a tablecloth or a blanket for different family members for different occasions, such as a birth or a holiday theme.

Sarah was a regularly active person to the very end. She enjoyed planning various trips with friends, especially cruises. She loved going on these trips and seeing and enjoying what the world had to offer. She enjoyed her 80th birthday trip with the family to Nashville, TN. Her most favorite cruise was for her 90th birthday with her family. She was the rock of her family and supported everyone in so many ways.

She is survived by her husband of 66 Years, Alden F Crecelius of Great Mills, MD; Her children: Dennis Crecelius and wife Dottie Meinhardt Crecelius of Baden, MD; Paulette Hill and husband Steve Hlafka of Eldersburg, MD; Wayne Crecelius and wife

Wendy Crecelius of Lewisberry, Pa. Eight (8) grandchildren, Christopher Crecelius and fiancé Michelle Daly, Ryan Crecelius and wife Lindsey Crecelius, Daniel Crecelius, Lauren Hill, Courtney Hill, Austin Crecelius, Amanda Crecelius and Peyton Crecelius and eight (8) great grandchildren. Two (2) sisters: Mildred Giusti of Clifton NJ, Angie Lonni, Fort Meyers, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sarah Crecelius name to: Shriners Hospitals for Children 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church; 22375 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park, MD 20653 Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Foundation; 415 Crossways Park D, Woodbury, NY 11797 and Hospice of St. Mary's; 44724 Hospice Ln, Callaway, MD 20620

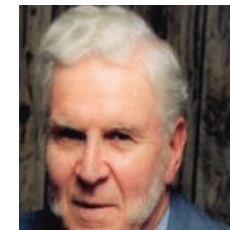
Services will be livestreamed on the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church website.

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

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James "Jimmy" Leonard

Alvey



James "Jimmy" Leonard Alvey, 88, of Mechanicsville, MD, died on February 20, 2021 at Doctors Community Hospital in Lan-

ham, MD.

Jimmy was born July 12, 1932 to the late Leonard Bartholomew and Mary Gertrude (Tippett) Alvey. He was the oldest of eleven (11) children.

Jimmy attended Margaret Brent High School. He worked at Norman Turkey Farm and Burch Oil for 34 years until his retirement in 1994. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, crafting, playing with his dogs and working in his yard.

Jimmy married Ruth Rosella Alvey (Thorne) on November 28, 1974 in Leonardtown, MD. Together they spent almost thirty-four (34) years of marriage before Ruth's passing September 11, 2013.

Jimmy is now in the hands of God and reunited with wife, Ruth. Together, they are smiling down from heaven and living in the hearts and memories of their many friends and family. Nothing made him prouder than being a father to all six (6) children, and being a grandfather to all fourteen (14) grandchildren. He will be missed by many but his legacy will continue to shine through the many generations to come.

Jimmy is survived by his sons; Rog-

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

Many people purchase life insurance to provide cash to their loved ones when they die. They pay premiums for years on these policies and fully expect that their beneficiaries will receive the payouts on these policies promptly. Press reports have highlighted insurance companies for delaying or not paying death benefits to beneficiaries. After all, the longer the insurance company takes to pay out death benefits, the more money they make from investing the cash.

How can this happen? Easily. If you have designated a beneficiary for your life insurance policy and have not told that beneficiary they will receive a death benefit payout when you die, insurance companies take the position that they are under no obligation to go looking for your beneficiary. The beneficiary must contact the insurance company with a copy of your death certificate to obtain the payout. So, not telling a beneficiary that they are a beneficiary and that, to obtain a payout, they must take action to advise the insurance company of your death, defeats the purpose of having life insurance. What should you do to protect your beneficiaries?

Step 1: GET a copy of your beneficiary designation from your life insurance company. While you are doing that, take a look at whom you have designated as a beneficiary and make sure it's what you want. It is easy to change a beneficiary. Every insurance company will send you a change of beneficiary form but you have to ask for it.

Step 2: TELL your beneficiary that they are the designated beneficiary for your life insurance policy. Give them the name of the life insurance company, their address, and a copy of the beneficiary designation.

Step 3: ADVISE the Beneficiary that, upon your death, they must send a written request to the insurance company for the death benefit, including a copy of your death certificate, along with a copy of the beneficiary designation and proof (through a picture ID) that they are the beneficiary you have named. Send this by certified mail, return receipt requested so you have proof you have advised the company.

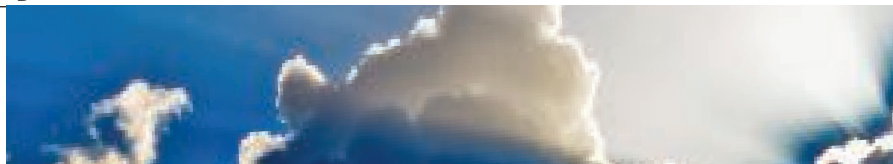
Step 4: If the insurance company does not respond promptly to

the beneficiary's written request for death benefits, seek the advice of an attorney. In the vast majority of cases, there is no excuse for unreasonable delays in paying death benefits.

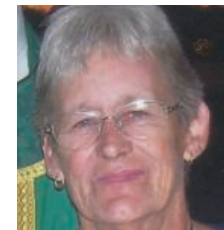
It gets worse. In a whole life insurance policy, the customer builds up a cash value to the policy. This is like a savings account. Consumers can borrow money from their policies and beneficiaries get the death payouts and built up savings in a policy when the insured person dies. Here is the problem. The insurance company can deduct the cost of the premiums for these whole life policies from the savings account in the policy. When someone dies, if the insurance company is not notified (or claims they are not notified), the insurance company can use all the savings in the policy to continue to pay premiums even though the insured has died. The entire value of the policy can be depleted to zero if the insurance company is not formally notified of the insured's death. Again, the only way to avoid this is to advise the insurance company in writing (by certified mail, return receipt requested) that the insured has died and death benefits are claimed by a beneficiary.

Beneficiary designations are important and change over time. Keep your beneficiary designations up to date. So many people forget the names of those they have designated as beneficiaries—from parents, now deceased, to spouses. Once you have updated the names of your beneficiaries, tell your beneficiaries that they have been named by you to receive death benefits and tell them what they need to do to collect those benefits. Finally, put all your beneficiary forms with instructions for your beneficiaries in a safe place with your will, trust and other important documents. Don't have a will, trust, power of attorney or living will? Get these critical documents to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Join me for a discussion about estate planning on the third Wednesday of each month at 11am at our office 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your seat or call to set up an appointment for a free consultation. Looking forward to meeting you.



Joan Gallehr Winslow



"I had a great life. Had eight great children, a great husband... I don't think anyone could have had a better life."
Joan Winslow

er D. Alvey of Cameron, NC, Robert A. Alvey of Bristol, NH; his stepson, Ronald R. Wood, Sr. of Hudson, FL and his step-daughter, Janet M. (Wood) Gardner of Mechanicsville, MD; sister, Linda Summers of La Plata, MD; and brothers, Lee Alvey of Afton, TN, Larry Alvey of Mechanicsville, MD and Wayne Alvey of Hollywood, MD.

Jimmy is preceded in death by both of his parents, Leonard Bartholomew Alvey and Mary Gertrude (Tippett) Alvey; wife; Ruth Rosella Alvey; son, James Francis Alvey; step-son, William R. Wood, sisters, Hazel Summers, Irene Strickland, Bessie Proffitt, Helen Stoneman, and brothers, Johnny Alvey and Bobby Alvey.

All services at this time are private. Interment will be held at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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

Becky Lynn Gould



Becky Lynn Gould (Obney), 39, of Scotland, MD passed away on February 20, 2021 at her home.

She was born on December 29, 1981 to the late Jeffrey Ross

Obney Sr. and Judy Ann Courtney in Bradenton, Florida. Becky graduated from Great Mills High School in 1999. After pursuing an education in paralegal studies, she went on to work for Attorney Bryan Dugan for several years. On October 8, 2011 she married Ryan Gould at Greenwell State Park in Hollywood, Maryland. Her husband passed away after 8 years of marriage in May 2020. She has three beautiful children with whom she enjoyed doing crafts, visiting the beach and just spending time together.

She is survived by her children, Lily Anna Lonkert, Adalynn Cecilia Gould, Patrick Thomas Gould; her mother, Judy Ann Courtney; her siblings; Elizabeth Smailes (CJ), Blaire Obney, Brooke Obney, and Jeffrey Obney Jr.; her niece and nephews, Maverick Smailes, Ellie Mae Smailes, and Mason Davis. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her father, Jeffrey Ross Obney Sr.

At this time, all services will be private.

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

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The incredible life of Joan Gallehr Winslow concluded on January 26, 2021. Although her roots were in New York, she created a full life and home in Mechanicsville, Maryland. She effortlessly juggled many roles throughout her life, including wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, writer, journalist, artist, performer, musician, and teacher.

She lived an unconventional life. After being told she had to marry a Catholic and couldn't have children, she married a wonderful Methodist man and had 8 healthy children. She made her home filled with love and painted it top to bottom in snowmen, butterflies, and penguins, even adding a yellow brick road in the yard. Everyone knew the door was always open to anyone who needed a place to stay, an ear to listen, or just a hug.

She made a name for herself and her family throughout Southern Maryland. There were a variety of music shows she performed at, including the Port Tobacco Theater, the Mechanicsville Fire Department, jousting tournaments, and various high schools. She wrote articles for the Tide, Beacon, and Enterprise. At Mother Catherine Spaulding School, she taught music, art, and shared a religious library. Most notably, she would tour around with her husband and children as the Winslow Family Band.

She also lived a life abounding in faith. She went to church every Saturday and Sunday, and for decades she played the organ for mass. Our Lady of the Wayside, St. Joseph's in Morganza, and St. John's in Hollywood were three of her favorite churches.

It is most fitting that this angel's last words were the Lord's Prayer "Our Father..."

Her life was filled with the love of a husband of 63 years, George Winslow; 8 children, Ginger Hammer, Patricia Moreland, Bill Winslow, Phillip Winslow, Kathy Winslow, Anita "Peanut" Winslow, Robert Winslow, and David Winslow; 3 siblings, Richard Gallehr, Barbara Slank, and Donald Gallehr; 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, many extended and in-law family member, and countless people she welcomed into the family.

The family will be having a private service. Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home. Please visit the funeral home website to leave messages and condolences.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV20-000268

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC
11426 YORK ROAD, 1ST FLOOR
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

THE ESTATE OF CHARLES K CUSIC

SERVE: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
27160 BARTON ST
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

THE ESTATE OF MARY C CUSIC

SERVE: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
27160 BARTON ST
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

CHARLES K CUSIC, JR, REMAINDERMAN

SERVE: 24926 SOTTERLY RD
HOLLYWOOD, MD 20636

AND

JAMES K CUSIC REMAINDERMAN

SERVE: 1068 CATTLE DRIVE
LUSBY, MD 20657

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the propely situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

27160 BARTON ST
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 27160 BARTON ST. described as follows: Property Tax ID 06-021115 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the property.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET,
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

LOT 32 & P/O 31; BLK A; SEC 2 PLAT 21/244; SAINT MARY'S BEACH and assessed to CHARLES K CUSIC and MARY C CUSIC, also known 27160 BARTON ST, Tax Account No. 06-021115 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired. It is thereupon, this 21st day of January, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 21st day of March 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 21st day of March 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

Legal Notices

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Ordinance No. 206, Leonardtown Comprehensive Plan- future growth area section revision.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 pm on March 15, 2021 to the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Commission, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has been abandoned 17 years on the property of: Steven and Grace Leopold at 14265 Riverside Drive, Scotland, MD 20687.

The vessel is described as a 12-foot Montgomery Ward & Co. Sea King Aluminum boat, Model 6050226 from the 1970's.

Application for title will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article if this vessel is not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.

IN THE MATTER OF MELANIE RENEE MARABLE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO MELANIE RENEE CARSON

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-20-110
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from MELANIE RENEE MARABLE to MELANIE RENEE CARSON. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I am divorced and prefer my maiden name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 04/11/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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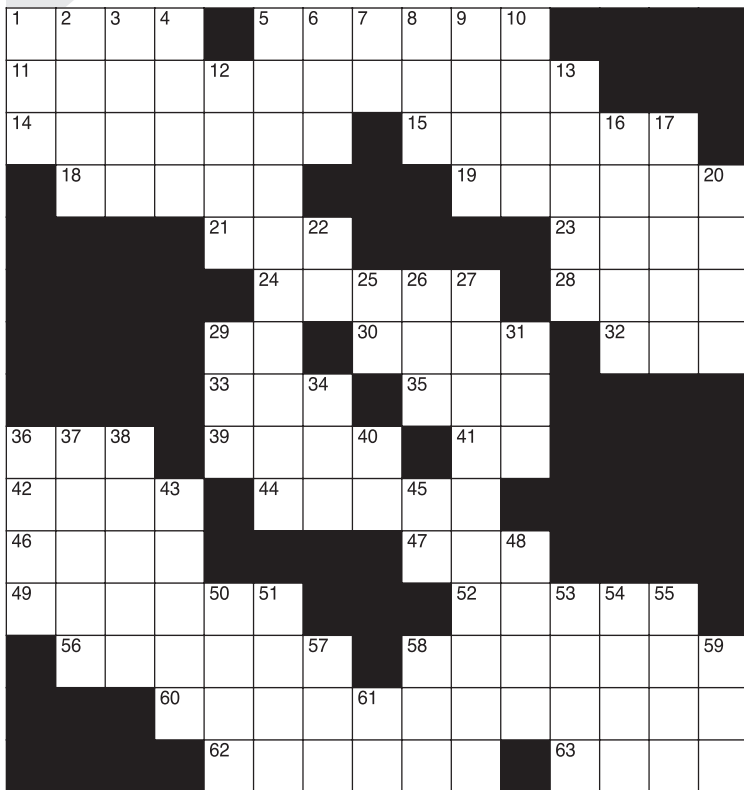
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GAMES & PUZZLES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One of Noah's sons
- 5. Openings
- 11. Rising from the dead
- 14. Expressions for humorous effect
- 15. North American country
- 18. Flowed over
- 19. Tags
- 21. Long-lasting light bulb
- 23. Off-Broadway theater award
- 24. Khoikhoi peoples
- 28. Beloved movie pig
- 29. South Dakota
- 30. Tai language
- 32. Get free of
- 33. Afflict
- 35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
- 36. Commercials
- 39. Digits
- 41. Expression of sympathy
- 42. Bleats
- 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 46. Vegetable
- 47. Turf
- 49. Disorganized in

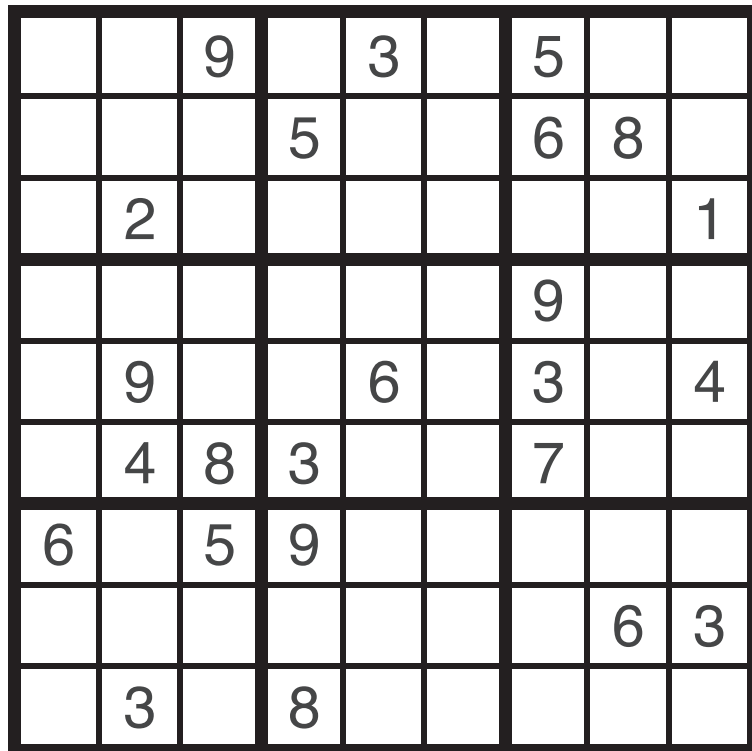
character

- 52. Takes
- 56. Rules over
- 58. More fervid
- 60. Sweet drink
- 62. Cry loudly
- 63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A title of respect in India
- 2. His and ___
- 3. Employee stock ownership plan
- 4. A type of bond (abbr.)
- 5. Acting as if you are
- 6. Affirmative
- 7. Not caps
- 8. Type of medication
- 9. Monetary unit
- 10. Private school in New York
- 12. Small stream
- 13. A person of wealth
- 16. Exclude
- 17. Someone who vouches for you
- 20. Vegetable part
- 22. Gov't lawyer
- 25. Term to address a woman
- 26. Swiss river

- 27. About senator
- 29. ___ Paulo, city
- 31. Native American tribe
- 34. "Titanic" actor
- 36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
- 37. Capital of Senegal
- 38. Slang for military leader
- 40. Football's big game
- 43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
- 45. Equally
- 48. Forest animal
- 50. Heavy stoves
- 51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- 53. Song
- 54. Type of pickle
- 55. Offer in return for money
- 57. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Burns wood (abbr.)
- 59. Beloved singer Charles
- 61. Three-toed sloth



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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