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## WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 3/18 61°   43°F  Rain	Fri 3/19 47°   29°F  AM Light Rain	Sat 3/20 49°   33°F  Sunny	Sun 3/21 57°   37°F  Sunny
Mon 3/22 60°   42°F  Sunny	Tue 3/23 64°   49°F  Partly Cloudy	Wed 3/24 65°   48°F  Partly Cloudy	Thu 3/25 66°   47°F  Partly Cloudy

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<i>As of March 17</i>	
<b>St. Mary's 6,151</b>	<b>117</b>

*Information provided by St. Mary's Health Department*

## Brewster: We Must Prepare For Next Health Crisis

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

As the county continues to contend with the COVID-19 pandemic, it needs to prepare for whatever new health emergency might arise, said Dr. Meena Brewster, county health officer.

The county has weathered the pandemic relatively well, she told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, but its initial response was hampered by a lack of staff, supplies and organization it had to fight to overcome early on.

This had to change to ensure the county could respond more efficiently and effectively to a new health crisis such as another rising infectious disease.

"We don't have the luxury of keeping our heads turned towards the past," Brewster said. "We have to improve our local readiness; we need lab capacity and we need to prepare and ramp up our PPE (personal protection equipment) capacity quicker than this time."

Brewster said three key areas need improvement, to include public health emergency planning, data analysis and information systems and especially disease investigation and control.

The county's number of new cases from a high of more than 400 around Christmas last year has dropped precipitously to just 74 new cases in the past week.

Brewster called this encouraging news but said the county needed to continue battling the pandemic and guard against any new surges in the virus; she said the health department was requesting additional staff to do just that.

She requested six new positions for the health department to include a public health emergency

coordinator, infectious disease specialist and four public health nurses.

The health department had relied on contract health workers during the pandemic, Brewster said, to take care of testing, vaccinations and contact tracing duties to great effect, but there was a great deal of turnover in those positions.

"The contract work force constantly comes and goes," Brewster said. "We need merited [full-time county employed] staff to better handle any rising infectious diseases or other public health threat."

The pressure of the pandemic on health workers at the county government level has been such that several have left due to "burn out," Brewster said.

Improving health metrics locally as well as continued rapid distribution of vaccines meant that the county was now able to move into Phase 2 of eligibility for more vaccinations.

This means that any county resident above the age of 65 or older, age 16 or older with a developmental or intellectual disability or between the ages of 16 or 64 with a current case of cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart conditions, recipients of organ transplants, those with sickle cell anemia, diabetes or obesity is eligible

Vaccine eligibility has also been expanded to transportation workers, critical public utility workers, food service workers, those in the news media and those in legal services in court courts.

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## Camp Fire Caused Myrtle Point Blaze

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

According to a preliminary report from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the brush fire at Myrtle Point the evening of March 10 was caused by a camping fire located on the beach.

Gregg Bortz, media relations chief for DNR, said the fire burned one acre of marsh land and seven-tenths-of-an-acre of forest.

The blaze brought multiple units

from St. Mary's County, including Bay District and Hollywood volunteer companies, as well as Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department to combat it.

Firefighters spent about 90 minutes extinguishing the flames.

DNR is asking anyone with information about the fire, including those who started it, to call Natural Resources Police at 410-260-8888.

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## Commissioners Shift Focus to Access TJ Bridge

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Progress remains at a virtual standstill on getting any new funding for the Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement that would provide a new span between St. Mary's and Calvert counties so local elected leaders here say they are shifting their focus slightly away from the bridge in favor of a project close to it to help provide traffic relief.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted unanimously to send their annual Maryland Department of Transportation Priority letter with a request to the state to fund a "break out project" at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 235 or closer to the St. Mary's side of the bridge at Patuxent Beach Road.

"Please consider that the intersection of MD 235/MD 4 be advanced ahead of the Thomas Johnson Bridge replacement, or potentially as a small project, extend the merge on MD-4 north beyond Patuxent Boulevard to the north end of South Patuxent Beach Road and close that end of South Patuxent Boulevard with a cul-de-sac to allow MD 235/MD 4 intersection to function more efficiently," the commissioners wrote to Secretary of Transportation Gregory Slater, requesting this as their

top priority. "We also request that the funding that was removed from the design of the bridge be returned into the Thomas Johnson bridge design or the MD 235/MD4 intersection design."

The commissioners' missive continued: "This would shift the congestion away from the MD 235/MD 4 intersection.

"It would involve widening the current bridge over Kingston Creek for a new travel lane and relocating the traffic light pole at Patuxent Boulevard. Perhaps a MD-T could be considered at the Patuxent Boulevard intersection to allow for continuous flow from MD 235/MD 4 intersection to the bridge as part of this project."

As their secondary priority, the commissioners named the improvements from Route 5 from the Great Mills Road intersection to the intersection of Piney Point Road, which would include four travel lanes for traffic, amenities for bicycles and a new bridge over the St. Mary's River near the intersection of Route 5 and Indian Bridge Road.

The commissioners also requested the two-year delay of the project - to begin in fiscal 2022 - be eliminated and the construction time table moved up.

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# Cameron Decries Bill Stripping Officer's Bill of Rights

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A bill that would repeal the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights (LEOBOR) and put a host of restrictions and requirements on police agencies in Maryland in general is ill conceived and confusing, said Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron and will likely have a chilling effect on future recruitment of officers.

HB 670 has passed the House of Delegates and now waits for debate in the Senate; it is a signature piece of legislation sponsored by the Speaker of the House of Delegates Adrienne Jones proposed in the wake of a year of protests and rioting nationwide over alleged police misconduct in such instances as the killing of Minneapolis man George Floyd during his apprehension by police.

"It [LEOBOR] has never been an impediment to me disciplining or dismissing a sheriff's deputy for misconduct in office, not once," Cameron told The County Times. "There's a misconception that LEOBOR grants additional rights to law enforcement officers; that's not the case."

Maryland was the first state to adopt a law that affirms due process for law officers during an investigation into their conduct, particularly regarding the use of force.

For example, police involved in a shooting have several days before being



compelled to answer any questions in a use of force investigation, but, Cameron said, they can still be compelled to do so, whereas a civilian could never be compelled to do so.

The bill, if passed as written, would virtually do away with no-knock warrants and only allow law officers to serve a search warrant between the hours of 8a.m. to 7p.m.

"It's absurd," Cameron said of the restriction. "Crime happens 24 hours a day and police should be allowed to pursue a search warrant at any hour, especially in the pursuit of evidence in a criminal case."

The bill also requires new training standards for police officers, de-certification of officers who have been found to have violated use of force rules and invokes a test for implicit bias in hiring of all prospective officers.

This type of training is designed to eliminate or reduce bias in officers in dealing with people of different races or cultures, but a 2018 report by the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights on Minnesota policing found that there is little evidence the training has lasting effects.

Some who support police reform believe implicit bias is responsible for the increased incidents of police investigating or arresting minorities or people of color unjustifiably.

"Currently, research indicates that implicit bias training can be extremely effective in the short-term, however the issue is that it does not have lasting effects," the report stated, noting however the seriousness of implicit bias in policing and the necessity of abating its effects.

The bill also requires an independent agency funded by the state to review police shootings and make the findings available to the public; another requirement establishes a citizens board that investigates complaints and allegations of misconduct against officers.

Cameron said this was unfair as other professionals, such as medical doctors, when facing disciplinary actions, are judged by their peers in the medical community.

Police, who have to make split-second decisions to use force, would be judged by people who do not, Cameron said.

Unknown, according to state analyses

of the bill, is the future cost of all these new requirements.

"This is such a big ask," Cameron said. "And the legislature is providing funding for nobody."

"They're even telling us how to do traffic stops now."

The bill would likely discourage potential recruits from joining agencies, Cameron said, and encourage others to leave the profession.

"The question is how many cops will we lose?" Cameron said. "It's not police reform, it's police revenge."

"It's the systematic dismantling of policing in Maryland at the expense of the public."

Jones, testifying for the bill in February, said the bill was the culmination of months of work by a special workgroup designed to take on the issue.

"I'm not someone who hates the police but over the years I've had my own experiences with law enforcement as have my brothers and my two sons and this calls into question... how we empower our police officers," Jones, who is black, said, calling the requirements in the bill "a balanced set of recommendations."

Law enforcement was a public asset, Jones said.

"They are paid for by all of us and should be accountable to all of us," said Jones.

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# Leonardtown Looking To A Bright 2021

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

During the annual State of the Town meeting on March 12, held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Leonardtown's elected and business leaders looked back on a difficult 2020 but were enthusiastic about 2021 being a great year for the town.

Aside from efforts to continue to implement a strategic plan for improving the downtown, working to improve the traffic pattern there and maintaining a strong local business alliance to assist each other through the pandemic, the town looked to demographic data leaders called good news.

Data from the Maryland Department of Planning showed that from 2010 to 2019 Leonardtown had the highest rate of population growth in Maryland of any municipality, by a significant margin of 28.9 percent.

The next highest rate of growth was Centreville with just a 16.2 percent increase in population.

This represents an influx of new customers who will patronize and support the town's economic growth in the future, leaders said.

Key to much of the redevelopment of the town centers on the wharf property and the move to reassert a long dormant project to develop the Tudor Hall Farm project, which would include a mix of residential and mixed-use property.

The property is over 400 acres in size and is owned in roughly equal measure by the town and a private developer and once completed would give the town waterfront land from the wharf property all the way out to the Port of Leonardtown Winery next to McIntosh Run.

Laschelle McKay, town administrator, said the town had used its rebranding campaign to successful effect this year.

It was part of the strategic plan. "I think we've done an excellent job of getting it out there and people are really starting to recognize it," McKay said of the "Leonardtown, A Most Exceptional Place," logo.

Another achievement was taking

the town square and making it more accessible by removing plantings and opening more space.

Increased seating around that town square was also part of the plan, as well as a swing set "to make it a more inviting place on a day to day basis not just for events," McKay said.

This area was used especially by everyday residents during the pandemic as a way to get out and enjoy the county when other venues were closed.

McKay noted that outdoor seating at restaurants, which the town helped to coordinate with the county's alcohol beverage board, was initially critical to the survival of restaurants who had their internal capacities limited.

"It's almost expected now," McKay said. "People are loving it; they're really enjoying it."

"It's something we really need to capitalize on. It's something recommended in the plan even pre-COVID."

The town is moving ahead with a plan to network alleys just off the town square which could be

used for social and event space also, McKay said.

The project is projected to cost about \$400,000 for which the town has applied for multiple grants and would include lighting and public artwork.

The town has also expanded its on-line options for visitors to plan out their trips there, including software to identify locations of destinations.

County officials said Leonardtown has taken an active role in advancing its own economic development goals as well as marketing itself to the greater Mid-Atlantic region.

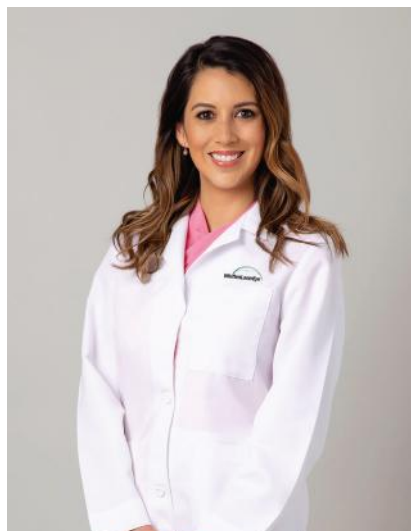
During the pandemic the number of people coming to visit Leonardtown from as far away as 60 to 250 miles grew significantly, according to county tourism estimates.

"It's really exciting to see a town that realizes you have to evolve," said Kellie Hinkle, economic development deputy director for the county.

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# Transportation Support Now Available for Vaccination Clinics

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD), St. Mary's County Government and the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT) Transit System (STS) have partnered to provide assistance for community members who need transportation to their appointment at the local SMCHD COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic.

To use this service, individuals must:

- Be in one of the groups currently eligible for local SMCHD vaccination clinics, listed at: [www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine).
- Have registered for a SMCHD vaccination clinic appointment and have a confirmed appointment time.
- Call the SMCHD COVID-19 Hotline at (301) 475-4330 to request vaccine transportation. Same day transportation appointments are unavailable, as at least 24-hour notice is required to

schedule pick-up through the St. Mary's Transit System (STS).

- STS will pick-up and transport the individual to their vaccination appointment - ADA accessible vehicles will be available as needed. This will be a shared ride service with other passengers and may involve additional time/stops.

- Face coverings are required on STS vehicles and at the vaccine site.

Eligible individuals are encouraged to review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment. New vaccination clinic registration links will be posted at [www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine) on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

# Commissioners Approve \$30 Million Bond Sale

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The latest unanimous resolution passed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to sell \$30 million in bonds will be used to fund a host of county construction projects.

Projects to take place this year include \$1.9 million for bridge and culvert replacement and repair, about \$5 million to help repair and refurbish roofs and heating and air conditioning systems at Park Hall and Hollywood elementary schools.

An almost equal amount - \$4.9 million - will be set aside for public school safety and security initiatives, county documents showed.

General obligation funds, received from the sale of the bonds to take place in May, will also be used to continue funding critical upgrades to the county's adult detention center in Leonardtown; \$10.4 million is scheduled to help continue that project to

completion.

It will include increased inmate space, particularly for the female inmate population, as well as improved and modernized security camera and door locks.

A little more than \$2 million will go to recreation facilities and improvements, county finance documents show; \$5.4 million has been set aside for constructing multipurpose turf fields.

Turf fields are in high demand because of their ability to provide play space for sports teams in inclement weather, including rain, whereas grass fields can become easily soaked and rendered unsuitable until they dried.

The remainder of the \$30 million raised, about \$140,000, will be used to cover the cost of the issuance of the bonds.

The county estimates that the average annual debt service on the bonds would be \$2.1 million to amortize the debt.

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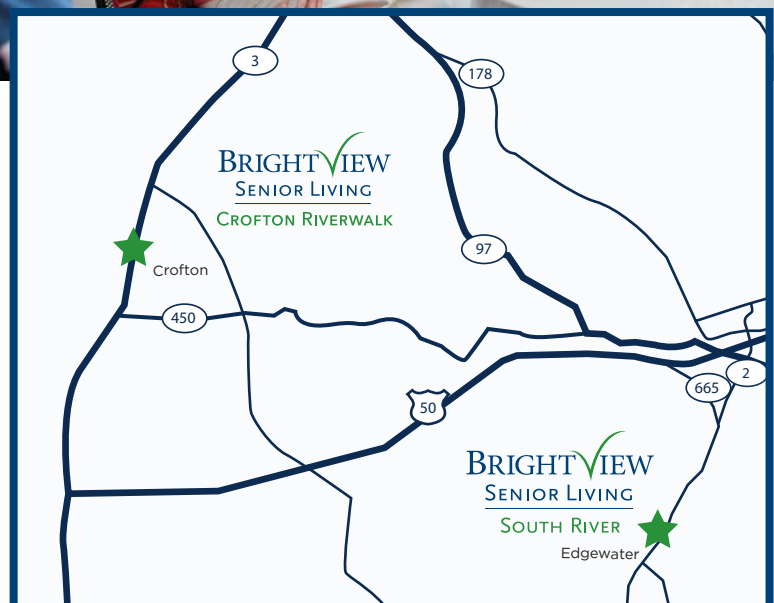
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# ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

**Drug Arrest-** On February 25, 2021, Cpl. Ray responded to the 45400 block of Miramar Way in California, regarding a wanted individual. Contact was made with **Amber Nicole Clark**, age 32 of Hughesville, who was with the wanted individual. Clark was observed discarding a folded dollar bill, which was discovered to contain suspected cocaine. Search incident to arrest found Clark was also in possession of suspected buprenorphine. Clark was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Amber Clark

**Drug Arrest-** On February 28, 2021, Dep. Salas responded to the 21800 block of North Shangri-La Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance involving a knife. Contact was made with **Amber Rosetta Joy**, age 28 of no fixed address. A pocket knife was recovered from Joy, and also found on Joy was a syringe and suspected K2. Joy was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Amber Joy

**Drug Arrest-** On February 28, 2021, Dep. Wimberly conducted a

traffic stop in the 21100 block of Lexwood Court in Lexington Park. Contact was made with the operator **John Kendall Edison Jr.**, age 29 of Lexington Park. The odor of marijuana was detected and a vehicle search was conducted. Located in the vehicle was approximately 33 grams of suspected marijuana. Edison refused to comply with any orders given on scene and resisted arrest by refusing to place his hands behind his back. Edison was charged with CDS: Possession-Marijuana plus 10 grams, Obstructing and Hindering, Fail to Obey Reasonable/Lawful Order, and Resist/Interfere with Arrest.



John Edison

**Assault-** On March 3, 2021, Cpl. Beishline responded to the 21900 block of Rosewood Terrace in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Carl Joseph Resnick**, age 49 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face, causing visible injury. Resnick was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Carl Resnick

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# Fuller Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

When Masae Grace Fuller, a native of Tokyo, Japan, moved to St. Mary's County in 1981 with her husband, Rich, it was at the behest of the U.S. Navy.

Rich, now 76, was a sailor and following orders to a duty station at Patuxent River Naval Air Station; Grace got busy volunteering in the community.

Whether in her own neighborhood school, at St. Mary's City, in local soup kitchens at historical farms or being an entrepreneur in agribusiness, Grace has kept busy and has not stopped.

Her continued service to her community has earned her the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lifetime Achievement Award from the St. Mary's County Commission for Women at this year's virtual celebration of Women's History Month.

Raised in the biggest, bustling metropolis in Japan Grace experienced some shock when she came to rural St. Mary's County to support her Navy family but she quickly became involved in the education of her two sons, enrolled at Town Creek Elementary School, by becoming a classroom volunteer.

It was the beginning of continual service to her new-found home that has continued to this day.

"I'm a city girl," Grace, 78, told The County Times. "When we came here from Japan, after we drove through Waldorf all I saw was pine trees and lots of unknown plants."

She remembered just one stop sign on her trip, which was at the base main gate.

But she was determined to know what it meant to be an American and that went for her sons, too.

"I wanted my boys to grow up to be solid Americans," Grace said, noting she became a volunteer at Town Creek elementary to immerse herself in the new culture.

"Otherwise I couldn't teach my boys about being Americans," Grace said. "I had to learn with my boys."

"I did everything [she could volunteer for.]"

Working at the school gave her the opportunity to learn new ways of networking with neighbors and new friends, which meant more chances to volunteer in her community doing things she loved.

She also volunteered as a docent at Historic St. Mary's City shortly after arriving here, not content to simply learn about the United States; it showed she was content to make St. Mary's her new home.

"I had to learn about St. Mary's County history, too," Grace said.

Grace comes from something of a prominent family in Japan; her father was an engineer and a business owner, and her mother was doctor



of pharmacology.

They had a great influence on her desire to work with and help others.

"I wanted to volunteer all the time," Grace said. "My mother was like that."

Grace went on to her own career as an accountant for an international airline, Swiss International Airlines.

Though she loves America, she jealously retains her Japanese heritage and has from the time she immigrated here.

For nine years she volunteered with the Maryland and Kanagawa Prefecture Sister State program, which acted as a teacher and student exchange program.

She helped to select teachers from Maryland to visit Kanagawa Prefecture.

Prefectures in Japan are the rough equivalent of states in the United States.

She made sure her two sons were intimately familiar with their Japanese heritage as well; she still makes trips, sometimes twice a year, to visit her native land.

"She wanted to make sure they didn't lose that part of their heritage," said Rich.

Rich and Grace are often seen together in the community, acting as a husband and wife team in their many volunteer and business endeavors.

Rich sees himself as "the logistics guy" of the team, supporting his ever-outgoing wife as she identifies new projects.

"I think almost he would divorce me," Grace joked about all the activities she has gotten herself, and by extension, her husband in over

the years. "But he's a nice guy."

Another of her volunteer projects, working as a cook at the St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, soon found her working to get donations of food from anywhere she could find them, grocery stores, local restaurants and farmers.

This led to an informal network of soup kitchens and food pantries, she said, which also aided homeless shelters.

She and others would work throughout the week gathering the donations and dispersing them to whichever organization needed it.

She did this for seven years.

This branched out to another of Grace's passions, Summerseat Farm in Mechanicsville and the many animals that call it home.

Whatever food did not get used by the donation network or at the soup kitchen was used to feed the many farm denizens there, from bison and goats to horses, guinea fowl and barn cats.

"I love the animals there and the peaceful surroundings," Grace said.

One of her joys is hand feeding the animals there in their pens; many of the animals there are drop-offs or rescues from other farms or homes who could no longer take care of them.

Grace loves to be surrounded by them as she feeds horses, donkeys and goats all at once.

As she leaves their side with Rich, animals often bray at her trying to stop her from leaving.

Both she and her husband are co-owners of the Port of Leonardtown Winery, growing their own grapes to be used in some of the winemak-

ing there and they are always keen to find ways of improving the operations there.

As entrepreneurs, they have prospered with winemaking, but they want to ensure that others in the county can prosper as well.

Just a few years ago, in 2019, they established a scholarship foundation at the College of Southern Maryland to help pay tuition for those seeking training in the trades.

Their first year they had one recipient but that grew eight-fold in 2020, Grace said.

"College isn't for everyone, but we need to get everybody a job," Grace said. "That's why we started to train people in the trades."

"This scholarship is just for people in St. Mary's County."

All she asks of those who benefit from the scholarship is that they take a small portion of their pay and put it back into the fund.

"I'm happy for someone to use our money to get a job," Grace said. "They can pay some back, 10 years later or 20 years later, I don't care."

Grace credits her success in her volunteer efforts to all those people with whom she has connected over the years.

"I share with the community and the community has always supported me," Grace said.

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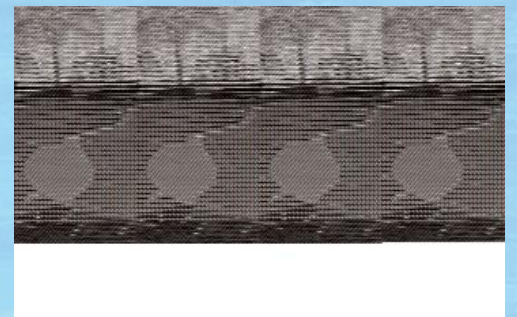
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# Reducing Risk of Disease in Your Garden



No garden is immune to disease. Even the most attentive, experienced gardeners have had to confront disease in their gardens, which can lead to significant damage and potentially kill plants.

Various bacterial, fungal and viral diseases can affect gardens, and the University of Maryland Extension notes that fungicides, which are chemicals that destroy fungus, are only rarely recommended to combat disease. In fact, a proactive approach rooted in prevention is often the most effective way to reduce risk for disease in gardens.

#### • CHOOSE THE RIGHT VARIETIES OF PLANT.

The UME notes that choosing disease-resistant varieties is an effective way to prevent disease in gardens. Gardeners who have confronted disease in their gardens in the past should do their best to identify which diseases were present and then choose plants that are considered resistant to those diseases. A local garden center professional can help gardeners who are uncertain about what to plant.

#### • PLANT IN THE RIGHT SPOTS.

The choice of where to plant is significant. Avoid wet areas with insufficient drainage. The home renovation experts at HGTV note that wet soil can decrease plants' chances for survival because of excess water and a lack of oxygen. If the only spots available

for planting tend to be especially wet, consider planting in raised beds or having a French drain installed. Learn how much light plants need prior to planting them. Some can thrive in shady areas, while others require ample sunlight each day.

#### • PLANT AT THE RIGHT TIME.

Planting too early when the soil is not yet warm enough can make plants vulnerable to disease by weakening their ability to fight. Use a soil thermometer to determine soil temperature and only plant when the conditions for planting are ideal.

#### • HARVEST ON TIME.

When planting vegetables, it's imperative that the vegetables are harvested on time. The University of Georgia Extension notes that fully mature vegetables left on the plant attract disease and are vulnerable to insect infestations.

#### • CONTROL INSECT INFESTATIONS.

Certain insects can spread disease, so it's important that gardeners learn to recognize which insects pose a threat to their plants. Speak with a local gardening center about invasive insects and how to address infestations without harming the plant.

As the planting season approaches, gardeners can take various steps to make their plants and vegetables less vulnerable to disease.



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# Lawn Watering and Fertilizing Techniques

A lush, green lawn is a sight to behold. Many variables are involved in growing and maintaining grass, and water and fertilizer are among the most important components.

Knowing how much water and fertilizer to apply and when to apply it can make a big difference in the appearance and health of a lawn. That's because a well-fed and watered lawn will develop a better root system, which makes the lawn less vulnerable to stressors like drought, mowing, foot traffic, and heat, according to the Scotts® company.

## FERTILIZE

There is no magic formula governing when to fertilize a lawn. The type of grass and how well-established a lawn is must be considered. Experts suggest having the soil tested to determine its pH levels and if any nutrients are lacking. A fertilizing schedule can then be developed after testing.

Keep in mind that overfeeding a lawn will not make it grow any better and actually can damage the turf. Several small applications of fertilizer during the lawn's most active growing period may be helpful, advises the home improvement resource

Tools Around the House. An annual application (late spring for warm-season grass or fall for cool-season grass) may be all that's needed.

Certain fertilizers need to be applied and watered in. Others may be combined with weed-control products and must be set on top of damp grass. Read packaging to determine the right application.

## WATER

The right watering schedule and techniques can help a lawn thrive. Scotts® says adjusting for climate and nature can help grass to grow strongly. A lawn that has a grayish cast or appears dull green is telling an owner that it needs water. Another test is to step on the lawn. If footprints disappear quickly, the grass blades have enough moisture to spring back.

Water the lawn in the morning before 10 a.m. when it's cooler and the winds tend to be calm so that the water can soak in. For those who must water at night, do so in early evening so that the water can dry before nightfall and will not contribute to disease.

Scotts® says to water an estab-



lished lawn until the top six to eight inches of soil is wet. Most lawns need one to 1.5 inches of water per week from rain or a hose to soak the soil that deeply.

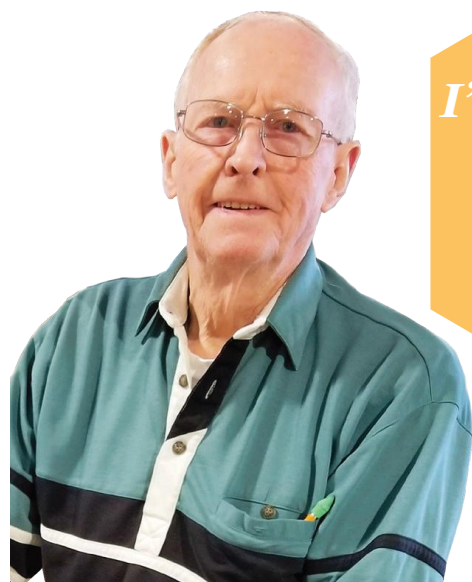
Newly established lawns may

require more water to keep the soil moist but not soggy.

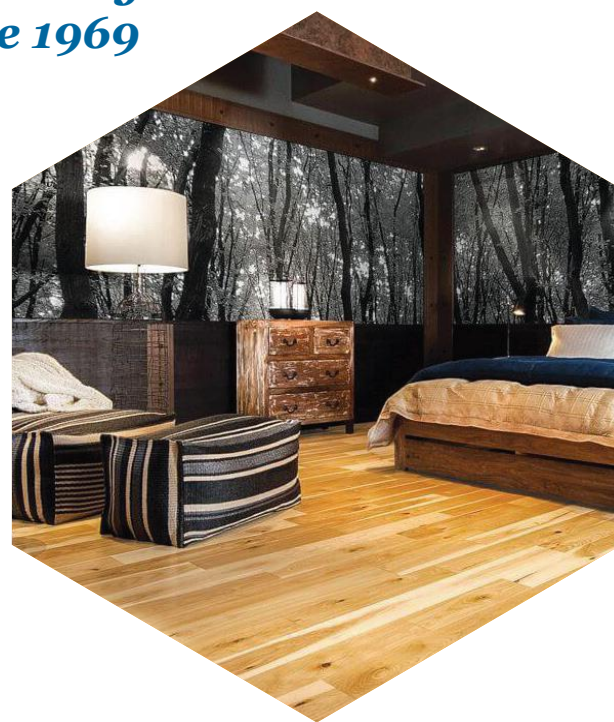
Visit a lawn care center for more information on watering the type of lawn for your area or visit [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com) for additional tips.

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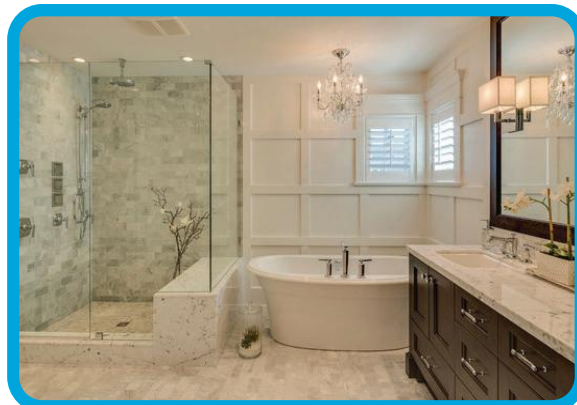
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# Exterior Lighting Can Add Ambiance to a Property



The value of the right lighting in a home is undeniable. Lighting can instantly transform a room and create the ambiance homeowners are looking to establish. Though it might be mostly seen as a way to create mood inside a home, lighting also can do much for lawns and gardens.

Backyards have come a long way over the last several decades. Once reserved as play areas for children and stumping grounds for the family dog, backyards have become oases for homeowners and their families. Outdoor living areas are wildly popular, and no such area is complete without exterior lighting. In fact, a recent report from the National Association of Home Builders found that 85 percent of home buyers want exterior lighting, making it the second most desired outdoor feature (patios topped that list).

Exterior lighting can have a dramatic effect on landscaping, and estimates from the online financial resource Kiplinger.com suggest such lighting is inexpensive, with installation averaging roughly \$67 per fixture.

When installing exterior lighting around their landscapes, homeowners can keep various tips in mind to create a relaxing, awe-inspiring mood on their properties at night.

#### • CONSIDER UPLIGHTS.

Uplights are installed in the ground and direct light up at a tree, focusing on its trunk or canopy. This creates a dramatic effect that makes it possible to enjoy majestic trees at night just like

you might when spending time in the yard during the day.

#### • FOCUS ON TREES.

Many homeowners already have exterior lighting lining their walkways and patios, but focusing on trees can create an entirely different look. Though it's possible to install exterior tree lighting on your own, landscaping professionals with lighting experience know which fixtures will pair most effectively with the trees around your property and how to arrange them for maximum effect.

#### • OPT FOR WARM LIGHT.

Warm white light creates an inviting feel around the property. The exterior lighting experts at Utah Lights acknowledge that choice of lighting is up to homeowners but also note that, in situations with lower levels of ambient light, such as in exterior lights around a property, people typically prefer warmer light. That's because warm light tends to be easier on the eyes and directs attention to the features of the landscape, which is many homeowners' goal when installing exterior lighting in their yards.

#### • UTILIZE A TIMER.

Modern exterior lighting timers make it easier than ever to control the lights outside a home. Many such timers even adjust for the changing seasons and the shifting hours of daylight. That means homeowners shouldn't have to tinker with the timer once it's set.

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# How to Add shade to a Deck or Patio



Homeowners eagerly await the arrival of the warm weather so they can cast off the remnants of cabin fever and bask in the sunshine. However, as summer nears its dog days, the same sun homeowners once coveted can contribute to uncomfortable conditions in outdoor entertaining spaces.

In the heat of summer concrete sitting in the sun almost all day reached a temperature of 134.7 F, while the same concrete in the shade clocked in at just under 80 F. When air temperatures are around 90 F, unshaded concrete and asphalt can be 125 F and 140 F, respectively. While wood decking may not be as hot as asphalt and concrete, it still can get steamy underfoot.

Homeowners who want to be able to enjoy their outdoor spaces in an array of temperatures can think about investing in shade solutions. Sun-blocking ideas like awnings, shade trees and large umbrellas can help people enjoy their yards all day long.

• **CANOPY:** A patio canopy is typically a freestanding unit that can be installed over a patio or a deck. Some people prefer to bolt it down so it will not be knocked over in windy conditions. The fabric on the canopy can be removed during the offseason, helping to improve its longevity.

• **AWNING:** Awnings may be stationary or retractable. Many are installed directly onto a home and can cast shade on specific areas

of outdoor entertaining spaces.

• **SHADE SAIL:** Similar to an awning but a bit less structurally rigid, shade sails are large pieces of triangular fabric installed over areas of a patio, pool or landscape, according to The Family Handyman. Shade sails are light and airy and can be customized.

• **TREES:** A natural way to increase shade in a yard is to plant more shade trees. If sun glare is an issue all year long, and it's not just the heat of the sun that is troublesome, think about planting evergreen trees. Deciduous cousins will drop their leaves in fall and only be effective during the warm weather.

• **PATIO UMBRELLAS:** Many umbrellas start at around \$25. Umbrellas can be paired with patio tables, while stationary cantilever umbrellas sit out of the way on their own heavy-duty stands. A cantilever umbrella tends to provide more shade than patio table umbrellas.

• **CURTAINS:** Homeowners can block sunlight outdoors the way they do inside, offers MSN. Hang curtains from the sides of canopies or between posts on a deck to provide shade and cozy spaces.

Shade is in high demand when the sun is hot. Options abound for making outdoor areas more comfortable.

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# Stay Safe When Working in the Yard This Spring and Summer

A day spent working in the yard is an ideal way to pass the time on spring and summer afternoons. A pristine landscape can add value to a property and instill pride in homeowners who put a lot of thought and effort into their lawns and gardens.

A sun-soaked day can make it easy to overlook potential threats when working in a lawn or garden. But safety precautions are of the utmost necessity when working in the yard, where the risk for serious injury is considerable. For example, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons reports that, in 2016, more than 90,000 patients, including nearly 5,000 children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower-related injuries. Lawn- and garden-related injuries can be prevented without going to great lengths.

## • KNOW YOUR TERRAIN BEFORE MOWING.

Knowing the terrain in your own yard can reduce the risk for accident or injury. This can be especially important when mowing the lawn with a riding mower. Adhere to manufacturers'

recommendations regarding inclines to reduce tip-over accidents that can pin riders beneath the mower. Study hilly areas of the yard prior to mowing so you know which areas are safe to mow with a riding mower and which areas are best mowed with a walk-behind mower. For greater control when using a walk-behind mower on an incline, mow parallel to the slope.

## • APPLY AND REAPPLY SUNSCREEN.

Sunburns may not require trips to the emergency room, but they can still be serious. In fact, the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that sunburn is a leading cause in the majority of cases of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer. The SCF recommends applying sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside to allow the sunscreen to bond to your skin. Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, and more often if you're sweating excessively. The SCF recommends broad spectrum sunscreens, which protect the skin from both UVA and UVB rays. Though a product with a sun

protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 is acceptable when walking the dog or driving to work, the SCF advises using a product with an SPF of 30 or higher when engaging in extended outdoor activities like gardening or mowing.

## • EMPLOY THE BUDDY SYSTEM.

Use the buddy system when pruning tall trees or performing any tasks that require a ladder. The Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania reports that more than 164,000 people are injured each year falling off a ladder. Ask a significant other or neighbor to hold the ladder in place while you climb up to reduce your risk of falling. If cutting large branches, cut them piecemeal to reduce the risk of being injured by heavy falling branches.

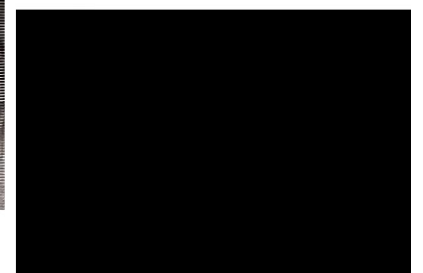
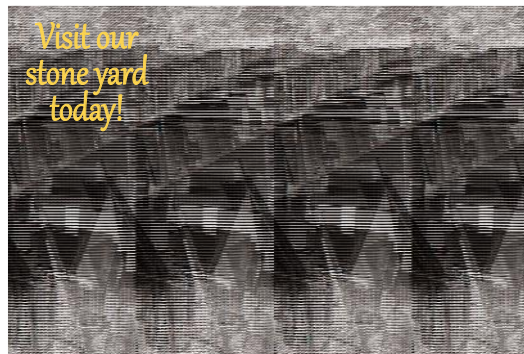
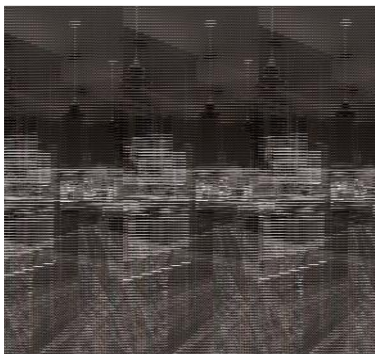
## • INSPECT THE PROPERTY FOR INSECT HIVES.

The OIP notes that the most common insect stings in spring come from bees, wasps and hornets. Homeowners who are not careful can inadvertently come across hives when doing



spring cleanup, making them vulnerable to bites and stings. That can be very dangerous for anyone, and especially so for people with a history of allergic reactions to insect bites or stings. Inspect areas where you'll be working to make sure insects haven't put down roots in your property. If you discover any hives and are hesitant to remove them on your own, contact a local landscaping firm.

Lawn and garden accidents and injuries can be serious. Thankfully, accidents and injuries are easily prevented when homeowners take a few simple safety precautions while tending to their lawns and gardens.



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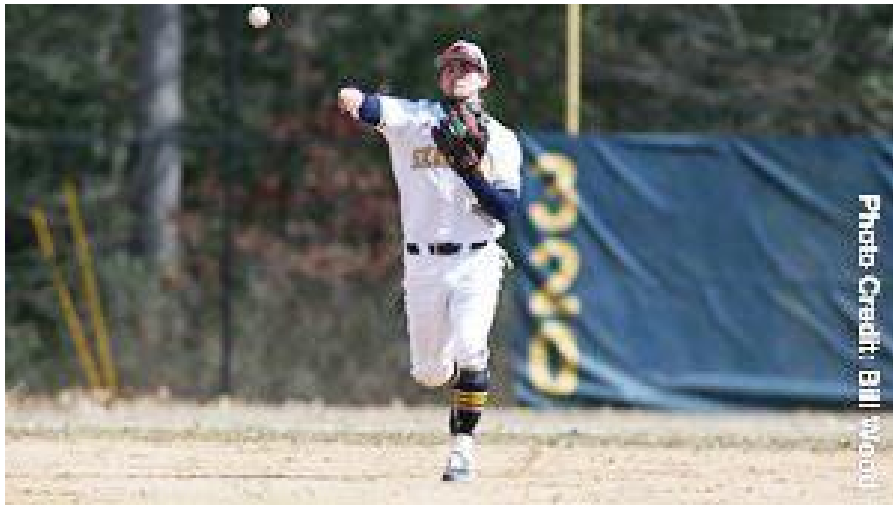


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The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (1-3) hosted the Marymount University Saints (2-2) on Saturday (Mar. 13) in non-conference action. The Seahawks won a thrilling 8-7 game with a game-winning RBI walk-off from Brian Sanders. The Seahawks dropped game two by a final score of 3-1.

## How It Happened (Game One)

The Seahawks opened up the scoring in the first inning with a RBI double from Jake Wood. Next, Joey Bryner put the ball in play to plate Wood, extending the Seahawk lead to 2-0. With Brady Waters on base, Sam James stepped up to the plate and singled to bring B. Waters home.

In the third inning, St. Mary's College tacked on two more runs with a RBI double from Sam Smith and a RBI single from B. Waters to take a 5-0 lead. Next, the Saints stormed back with six runs through the fourth and fifth innings to capture the lead, 6-5.

B. Waters recorded his second RBI in the game when he flew out to center field to bring home Derrick Booker and evened the game up at six. The Saints added another run in the top of the ninth to reclaim the advantage. However, the Seahawks got the bats going in the bottom half of the inning and tied the game up at seven when Dillon Waters scored on a wild pitch. With runners in scoring position, Brian Sanders came up with a clutch single to plate Max Elliott for the walk-off victory.

Inside the Box Score (Game One)

Connor Coursey and B. Waters paced the Seahawks from the plate with three hits each. B. Waters also led St. Mary's College with two RBI.

Mark Smith started the game on the mound and pitched two innings. Jake Wills, Will Spanoghe, Nick Testoni, and Jake Sandridge pitched in relief. Testoni tallied two strikeouts and allowed zero earned runs. Sandridge racked up three strikeouts and earned the victory.

## How It Happened (Game Two)

Runs were hard to come by in game two of the series, especially for the Seahawks who could only manage to push one across the plate. Marymount's starting pitcher threw five complete innings and allowed just one earned run to earn the victory.

The Saints scored two runs in the top of the first and added another run in the third inning to jump out to a 3-0 lead. In the fifth inning, St. Mary's College notched their lone run of the contest with a RBI single from James.

## Inside the Box Score

Booker, Wood, D. Waters, Smith, and James recorded one hit each. Wood also drew the lone walk for the Seahawks.

D. Waters pitched all seven innings for the Seahawks and didn't allow a single earned run. In addition, D. Waters tallied six strikeouts in his appearance.

## Up Next for the Seahawks

Mar. 20 at Southern Virginia | 12 PM (DH)

Press Release from SMCM.

## A View From The BLEACHERS



# Gary Williams &...

By Ronald N. Guy Jr  
Contributing Writer

An antiquated tube television illuminated a dreary motel room somewhere between the desolate Mojave Desert and civilization. A devastated pizza box sat on the table, a few crumbs being only leftovers from a savage consumption. Two chairs were positioned in front of the television and a cooler of beer was carefully placed within an arm's-length of both. This was the efficient work of two professional sports fans.

Over the next two hours, the chairs were barely used beyond the edge of the seats, the beers were emptied, consumed almost unconsciously, and guttural screams no doubt permeated the thin walls. Despite the modest accommodations, the images that flashed across the screen - a live feed from Boston beamed nearly 3,000 to this remote location just on the outskirts of nowhere-land - made April 4, 2006 an electric night.

The occupants of the room were... are... lifelong residents of Maryland and ardent supporters of the Terrapins. Why they were so far from home and in a location begging for a horror film set is irrelevant; their hearts were in Boston where the Maryland women's basketball team was busy winning the program's first national championship.

Maryland's ascent to college basketball's pinnacle completed a rapid four-year rebuild of a program that had fallen far after its heyday in the 1980s and early 1990s. The architect of Maryland's resurgence was head coach Brenda Frese, who had arrived in College Park in 2002 fresh off being named Coach of the Year for her work at Minnesota.

The 15 years since the 2006 championship have generated an amazing resume - 13 NCAA tournament appearances, two additional trips to the Final Four, nine conference or conference tournament championships and a regular spot ranked in the top 10. This season, Frese won her 500th game at Maryland, breaking long-time coach Chris Weller's record, led a team with five new starters to a conference championship and took home the Big 10 Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year awards.

And yet, despite winning a national championship, dominating

conference play, cutting down nets on the regular and being the foundation of one of the best programs in college basketball, Frese remains underrated - nationally and maybe even among Maryland faithful. Of course, her timing couldn't have been worse to claim the spotlight. Frese was hired just after legendary Maryland coach Gary Williams won a national championship himself, and her coaching peer group includes the likes of Tara VanDerveer, C. Vivian Stringer, Muffet McGraw, Pat Summitt and Geno Auriemma - all six are in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. But this fact seems to be finally getting its due: Frese is on a Hall of Fame trajectory herself.

A positive of COVID, and hopefully a lasting one, is greater sensitivity to moments, experiences and special people. Life, travel, sports, players, coaches...everything is so fragile. So call this a pause to appreciate a special coach in peak form - a Frese, freeze, if you will. Now nearly 20 years into her Maryland tenure, the hope of this "girl dad" is that Frese is just getting started and continues to be a symbol of strength and determination.

A decade after that 2006 National Championship and long-distance celebration, I spent a day at Xfinity Center on Maryland's campus for a youth basketball and cheerleading event, and a women's basketball game. Walking through the concourse, I paused to properly absorb the national championship trophy. An involuntary smile appeared on my face. I thought of that night, Kristi Toliver's big shot and a hotel room I hope to never visit again.

After the youth events had ended, I was seated in the arena, with a direct line-of-sight to the championship banner, as the women's team took the floor, trailed by Frese, for pre-game warmups. Watching the drills my eyes wandered onto the script "Gary Williams" that adorns the court. It made me ponder the tradition of naming courts after legendary coaches. What if a school has another one? Is an ampersand and the other name just added?

Maryland may not be, if it isn't already, in the enviable position of having to answer that question.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

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# RETIREMENT PLANNING TIPS

*Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel*

We have written about the need to create a retirement plan. The starting point for you is to create an income statement and a balance sheet. That way, you can see where you are in order to plan for the future.

Now, we want to take that income statement and balance sheet and project what it will look like in retirement. To begin, let's look at some of your retirement resources.

Everyone gets a social security statement. When was the last time you checked the accuracy of that statement? Is the income reported on your statement correct? Once you have verified the accuracy of the statement, you can see what the retirement benefit will be at various retirement ages. Take that income into account in your projected retirement income statement.

Pull out your 401(k) statements or, if you have more than one, everything you have. The majority of working people have their retirement savings in 401(k) plans through their employers. Your employers give you investment choices. Make sure your current investment choices are those that meet your present circumstances and your retirement goals. What do I mean by that? Well, we have previously discussed the critical importance to all investors of the concept of "asset allocation." Basically, that means spreading out your investment risk across various types of investments—cash equivalent investments like money market mutual funds, equities that move with the market like mutual funds, corporate bonds that will pay you interest, etc. Your investment portfolio should look like a pie with many slices representing different types of investments. The theory behind this allocation of assets is simple—if one investment goes down, another may go up.

What do your investments look like in your 401(k)? If you are a young person, you can afford to take more risk with your investments because you have time to work and replace losses. But, if you are older and are getting ready for retirement, you do not want to take more risk. You want your investments to be more secure since you will not have the time to replace any losses. That's why evaluating your investments in your 401(k) is so important when

you are getting ready to retire.

Once you have retired and left your employment, what do you do with your 401(k)? At that point, your 401(k) can be "rolled over" into another tax exempt vehicle like an IRA. And, you can obtain different investment options when you roll over. If employers have provided restricted investment options to you, your best course is to choose a roll over.

Of course, personal savings need to be taken into account in creating your retirement income statement. But, have you included inheritances in your numbers? The boomer generation will benefit from the largest inter-generational transfer of wealth in history—if you are anticipating an inheritance, list it.

Real estate is another retirement resource. Although the market value of real property has declined in recent years, you can anticipate some increase in property values over the coming few years. If you have more than one property, you may consider selling or renting that property. You also should look at the value of your current home. Refinancing to a 15 year as opposed to a 30 year mortgage may give you a paid off property at retirement. It is time to start looking at those options.

What about your small business assets? Did you know 90% of small business owners have absolutely no transition plans in place? Basically, that means when the business owners dies, the business dies. If that business has made income for you, how about figuring out how you and your family can continue to make income from the business after you retire and when you die?

Finally, don't discount the value of working after retirement. Even if you plan on working for lesser income, the income you do receive from continuing to work may be able to provide you with a much better retirement. The internet is filled with more information on retirement. Do your research and take steps to secure your retirement future.

Join me for a free seminar discussing this and other topics on the third Wednesday of every month at 11 am at our offices, 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your space. Looking forward to seeing you.

# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## COFFEY AND CORNED BEEF

Yes, I am wearing the green today; with a middle name of Coffey, it is mandatory. A cousin, of which there are hundreds, posted in our Coffey Cousins Facebook page a photo of Blackrock Castle in County Cork, where the family is first traced with the name of O'Cobhthaigh meaning "The descendant of the victor". Of course, the family was in Ireland for hundreds of years before that. Many changes in surnames followed, including O'Coffey, Coffey, Coffee, Cowhig, Conway, and others. In one of our family books, my cousin and author, Jaqueline Coffey Daffron states, "Ancient genealogical tables trace our ancestry back to Cobhthaig, grandson of Olliol Flann Beag, King of Muster, 240 A.D." Well, I am still waiting to get my Princess of Munster tiara with vast wealth and untold riches. I'm 3 months shy of 60 now and nothing has happened yet, but then I think, look how long Prince Charles has been waiting to be king.

And in keeping with Irish tradition, I have already started my slow cook of corned beef with all the spices. After a few hours I will add my cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and a touch of onion. I can already taste a dab of horseradish on the corned beef later, which makes me remember all the wonderful St. Patrick's Day dinners we have held at our Christ Church, Chaptico parish hall over the years. We always had so much corned beef with the trimmings and Irish deserts, all presided over by Lynne and Betsy, and earlier by LaRue, with all of us helping wherever needed. Greg, Eldon, and the Bushmill Band always had lively music for us. The end of the evening would end up with Herbie and others singing "Danny Boy" and all sorts of dancing from Irish Step Dancing/clogging to impromptu Irish Conga lines usually led by me. That was most likely due to the Guinness and Black and Tans flowing at the bar area. I can't wait for next year, so we can have our St. Patrick's Day dinner again.

I am thankful that this past Sunday was a monumental day in our church. We were once again allowed to have an in person, and socially distant and masked, service inside our freshly repaired and repainted church. Heritage colors were chosen for the columns and the old wooden flooring. In this regard, the pandemic proved to be a beneficial time for the months long renovations when we couldn't be inside anyway. It was so nice to see and chat with everyone. And to actually



Blackrock Castle – just outside Cork City.

receive the communion wafer in my hands nearly made me cry.

The only thing to mar our first day back at church was that my husband and I both found that we didn't fit into many of our church clothes that we fit into a year ago. While I was in the bathroom putting on my make-up, I heard my husband groaning and saying, "Oh no" from the bedroom. I asked what's the matter and he told me he couldn't quite get into his dress pants and was trying on another pair. Then as he came to the bathroom door he said, "You know what that means...?" while looking at me and gazing with one eyebrow raised at my tummy and rear. I looked right back at him, raked my eyes over his middle with my evil Irish Gypsy eye, and said, "Right back at ya buddy". And I always know what his "you know what that means" means – he is going to have us start dieting again. UGH! Then I went to get dressed myself and found I couldn't fit into any of my dress pants or shirts for that matter, and just wore my nice, stretchy jeans and flared top. Perfect! God doesn't care if I am a stuffed sausage.

I don't think he realizes how hard it will be for me to start dieting. I had my first in-person visit with my rheumatologist in Baltimore on Monday and three and a half hours and 9 vials of blood later, was given an Orenicia injector to start Tuesday, and prescribed a high dose Prednisone taper, oh boy. If you have been on Prednisone then you know that no food is safe from you, I never feel full – yeah, great time to start dieting. I was excited to finally get the all-clear to go back on biologics after a year and a half. Orenicia worked for me several years ago until reaching its plateau after 3 years. I think 2021 may end up being a good year after all. Hope it is for you too. Beannacht (Irish blessings) to you.

To each new day's adventure,  
Shelby

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



# Legal Notices

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.

## COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. at the Town office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on Ordinance No. 207 - Sale of Surplus Real Property and Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Purpose. An ordinance for the purpose of: 1) approving the conveyance of certain real property owned by The Commissioners of Leonardtown, shown on Tax Map 133, Grid 10, Parcel 228 as a portion of Parcels A, B and C, all within the corporate limits of the Town of Leonardtown, Maryland, consisting in the aggregate of 39.645 acres of land, more or less, to Tudor Hall Funding, LLC, such property having previously been declared by the Council of the Town of Leonardtown to be surplus and no longer necessary for any present or anticipated public purpose or use; 2) approving the acquisition of certain real property shown on Tax Map 133, Grid 10, Parcel 228 as Outparcels A, E, G, J and K, all within the corporate limits of the Town of Leonardtown, Maryland, consisting in the aggregate of 39.645 acres of land, more or less, from Tudor Hall Funding, LLC and Parcel K - Tudor Hall Farm, LLC for the public purpose and use of outdoor public recreation area and open space; and 3) authorizing the Mayor and the Town Administrator to execute all documents and take any and all action necessary and incidental to effectuate the foregoing conveyance and acquisition; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary; and generally relating to the conveyance and acquisition of real property in the Town of Leonardtown.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on April 12, 2021 to: leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtown-md.gov or mail to The Commissioners of Leonardtown, 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

## IN THE MATTER OF JAMES WILLIAM BARBER FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO JAMES WILLIAM DICKENS

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-130  
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name of a minor from JAMES WILLIAM BARBER to JAMES WILLIAM DICKENS. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Since birth I've been identified as James William Dickens not James William Barber.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 04/26/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 propety 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 propety.

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

**If you would like to place a  
LEGAL NOTICE contact**

*AlDaileyCountytimes@gmail.com*

# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, March 18

### 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](http://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](http://www.smchd.org/tobacco)

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## Friday, March 19

### 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 calendar ([bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html](http://bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html)) for event details.

## Tuesday, March 23

### 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@csomd.com](mailto:admin@csomd.com).

## Wednesday, March 24

### 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

### DAV Assistance Program

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

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

### Kavitha Cardoza at St. Mary's College

*Online; 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

St. Mary's College of Maryland's Center for the Study of Democracy presents award-winning journalist Kavitha Cardoza for her virtual talk titled, "Undocumented Children in Public Schools: Trauma and the Compounded Loss of Language, Culture and Social Status on Life Outcomes," on March 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Register for the event at: <http://bit.ly/kavithacardoza>. Cardoza will discuss the plight of hundreds of thousands of children that have entered the U.S., mostly from Central America, since 2013. She notes that much attention has focused on their time in detention centers, with little known about their lives after they are released and go to live with family members across the country.

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### Maryland Day at St. Clement's Island Museum

*St. Clement's Island Museum; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Celebrate the founding of Maryland at the state's birthplace at St. Clement's Island Museum with FREE admission to the museum ALL day (10AM - 5PM) and FREE water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island State Park. In light of the continuing pandemic, the ceremony will be virtual this year. Tune into the St. Clement's Island Museum's Facebook page at 12PM on March 25, 2021 to view our special Maryland Day video produced just for 2021. This event commemorates the first landing of the colonists on St. Clement's Island – a significant part of the island's, St. Mary's County's and the State of Maryland's story.

## Ongoing

**Scratch-Off Fundraiser Raffle**  
PRIZE; \$250 Scratch-Offs & \$100

Cash; \$5.00 Per Ticket – (MUST BE 18 TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS); Purchase in Person: \*At SDVFD & RS, Valley Lee - Wednesday (630pm - 830pm); \*At Dyson's Lumber, Great Mills - Saturdays (8am-2pm); or \*At WEIS, Callaway – Sundays (9am-1pm); For more information contact: Robin Dove (240)577-0270, Drawing: Tuesday, May 18, 2021@ SDVFD RS Auxiliary Meeting; Winner need not be present to win!

### COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:

Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Leonardtown Office:

Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown

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

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:

Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free

No doctor's order needed

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

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible – Uninsured community members are welcome.

### Pax River Quilters Guild Welcomes you...

Visit our Website [www.paxriverquiltguild.com](http://www.paxriverquiltguild.com) or email [prqgsomd@gmail.com](mailto:prqgsomd@gmail.com) for an application to join.

Meetings are currently being held online on zoom during covid restrictions.

If you become a member you can join in on Online Quilto Game nights, and

Online Sit and Sews, also Guest Speakers. Meetings are normally held at

the good Samaritan Lutheran Church, 20850 Langley Road, Lexington Park, MD, when We are back to a regular in person meeting. Our group meets the second

Monday of each month 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Call Cindy for more info 301-769-1151.

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

# In Remembrance

## Robert Allen Millar



Robert Allen Millar of Hopewell, Va. passed away at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond, VA on March 1, 2021 at the age of 49. Robbie was born July 8, 1971 at Cafritz Hospital in Washington D.C. He was the son of Linda Millar and the late Russell Millar of Hollywood, MD.

He was married to Pamela Anne Morgan on March 4, 2005 in Leonardtown, MD. In addition to his wife and mother he is survived by his daughter, Samantha Tippet (Ryan) of Hollywood, MD his son, Collin Millar, of Hopewell, VA stepson, David Thompson (Alicia) of Chaptico, MD and his grandchildren, Jaxon Goddard, Carsyn Tippet and Ryder Thompson. He is also survived by his sister, Cara Bean (Scottie) and beloved niece and nephews Erin, Kevin and Lindon Bean, of Hollywood, MD, Mother-In-Law Estelle Morgan, of Mechanicsville, MD, Sister-In-Laws Robin Lusby (Blaine) of Lusby, MD, Bonnie Espina (Mark) of Potomac Heights, MD and Marica Ridgell of Compton, MD and nieces and nephews Steven Lusby (Jessica), Sammy Lusby (Allison), Amanda Espina (Cullen), Andrea Carroll, Allison Estes (Neil), Ryan Espina, Tiffany Beall (Rob), Billy Ridgell (Brittney) and Allen Ridgell and also life-long friend Willie Ridgell (Aggie) and also life-long friend Willie Ridgell (Aggie). He leaves numerous aunts, uncles and cousins from his extended family. Recently he had become acquainted with his family members of the Barrett family and was looking forward to getting to know all of them.

He graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1989 and was a long-time member of Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Hollywood Optimist Club, the Jefferson Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Hopewell Moose Lodge. He loved donating his time to cooking fried chicken, crabs and oysters for various functions at these organizations.

Robbie loved to go deer hunting and fishing. He and his family loved to vacation in Myrtle Beach, SC and he and Collin took many head boat fishing trips from there and the Virginia Beach area.

Robbie was quiet by nature but loved to encourage his children in sports and activities. He was happiest when watching Collin, Samantha and David play softball, baseball, soccer and football.

With the arrival of his grandchildren, he was extremely happy and loved to buy little gifts for them.

A service will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 1 p.m. at the J. T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home, 820 W. Broadway Avenue, Hopewell, VA.

Additionally, a celebration of his life will be held on March 27th at 1 p.m. at the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, 43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood, MD.

For those who wish to honor his life of community service, donations can be made to the Jefferson Park Volunteer Fire Department, 4225 Jefferson Park Road, Prince George, VA

23875 or Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, 43256 Rescue Lane, Hollywood, MD. Condolences may be registered at www.jtmorriss.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Robert Allen Millar please visit our Sympathy Store.

## Cecilia Ann Guy



Cecilia Ann Guy, 86, of Hollywood, Md passed away on March 12, 2021 at her home surrounded by loved ones. Born on September 16th, 1934 in Leonardtown, MD she

was the daughter of the late Clarence Columbus Adams and Catherine Gwinette Adams, nee Bussler.

Cecilia was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and was a graduate of St. Michael's High School in Ridge, MD.

She married Henry "Sonny" Augustine Guy on June 16th 1956 at Holy Face Church in Great Mills, MD. She is survived by her children Allan Guy (Ruth) of Greeneville, TN, Ronnie Guy (Diane) of Mechanicsville, MD, Donna Bussard (Brian) of Mechanicsville, MD and Mike Guy (Chrissy) of Hollywood, MD as well as 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings Beulah Adams and Glenn Adams

She was preceded in death by her husband Sonny as well as her brothers Clarence Adams, and Gary Adams.

Her primary career was a homemaker, but she held various jobs throughout her life, including stints as a C&P telephone operator, a caregiver, and a school bus aide.

She was an energetic, generous free spirit who always had family, friends, and connecting with new people as her focus. She valued maintaining existing friendships and family connections during her life while always looking for the opportunity to share a smile and a laugh with someone new and build her circle of friends. She was always on the go and very active throughout her life. If she wasn't in the house cooking or talking to you on the phone, you were likely to see her out shopping, biking, walking, dancing or doing yardwork.

Friends and family will be received from 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. on Monday, March 22nd at the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home in Leonardtown, MD followed by Mass at St. John's Church in Hollywood, MD from 10:30a.m.-11:30a.m.. Interment will immediately follow at Charles Memorial Gardens in Leonardtown, MD. Pallbearers will be Jerry Farr, Charles Guy, Bill Hancock, Julian Johnson, Eddie Thompson III, and Lenny Thompson.

Contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic Church, 43927 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

## Anne Nellie Nelson

Anne Nellie Nelson, 74, of Avenue, MD passed away on March 12, 2021 at her home. She was born on January 4, 1947 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the loving daughter of



the late Mary Helen Pilkerton and Cleveland Randall "Diddy" Pilkerton. Anne was the loving wife of the late William Albert Nelson, Jr, "Porkey" whom she married on July 13,

1963 in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD and who preceded her in death on December 22, 2004. Anne is survived by her children Terrie Nelson of Avenue, MD, Al Nelson of Colton's Point, MD, 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her son Keith Nelson, along with her siblings Robert Pilkerton "Bobby", and David Pilkerton. Anne graduated from Margaret Brent High School.

Anne was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and homemaker. She loved watching HGTV, eating crabs, and spending time with family and grandkids.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD, where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Nelson, Travis Quade, Billy Pilkerton, Jay Owens, Bobby Quade, and Bobby Pilkerton.

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

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory.

## Mary Ellen Norris



Mary Ellen Norris, 84, of Hollywood, MD passed away on March 3, 2021 in Washington, DC. She was born on September 2, 1936 in Leonardtown, MD and was

the daughter of the late Madeline Cullison and Leo Vincent Cullison. Mary was the loving wife of the late James Richard "Dickie" Norris, Sr. whom she married on April 21, 1956 in St. James Catholic Church Lexington Park, MD, and who preceded her in death on February 18, 2010.

Mary is survived by her children Lynn Wallace of Hollywood, MD, Sharon Braswell (Bud) of Garner, NC, Janice Dunbar (Paul) of St. Inigoes, MD, Ricky Norris (Mary) of Hollywood, MD, Terry Yates of St. Inigoes, MD, Timmy Norris (Lisa) of Summerville, SC, Lisa Dean (Junior) of Lexington Park, MD, son in law Jimmy Trossbach of Drayden,




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MD. Along with 19 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; Siblings Robert "Butch" Cullison of Ridge, MD, and Leona Beyer of Ridge, MD. She was preceded in death by her daughter Diane Trossbach, and son in law Tommy Wallace; Siblings Catherine Ridgell, and Helen Angle.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduate of St. Michael's Catholic High School in 1954. Mary was a cafeteria Aide for the St. Mary's County Public School System, retiring after 40 years on June 11, 2003.

Contribution may be made to the Leonardtown Vol. Rescue P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

### Anthony "Tony" Glenn Jewell



Anthony "Tony" Glenn Jewell, 54, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away unexpectedly on March 9, 2021 at his home. He was born on July 26, 1966 in Maryland to the late William Ray Jewell

and Annie Belle (Robbins) Jewell. He was the final addition to their happy and boisterous family of eleven (11) children.

Tony married Sheri Lane Jewell, on October 23, 1993 and together they spent 27 wonderful years of marriage. Their union gave him a step-daughter, Lindsey and then blessed them with two sons, Jake and Lane. Tony worked for NGA as an Installation Management Officer and enjoyed his job and co-workers. He made many wonderful friends during his time there.

A true family man, with an infectious smile and heart of gold, Tony was the pillar of his family. His presence was larger than life and made everyone feel loved and welcomed. Tony was the very best husband and father, he loved to spend time with them just hanging around the house or relaxing at the beach on vacation. Just being in their company brought him joy. During the summer months, he could be found floating around the pool with his favorite songs playing in the background. He enjoyed the peace found under the sun, the sound of his children and grandchildren's laughter and knowing his adoring wife was by his side.

He was a hero in the eyes of his wife and children, a funny man to his grandchildren and a blessing to all that knew him. Tony may have left us behind for his golden palace, but know his guiding light is shining brightly showing you the way on your own golden journey. He is the whisper in the wind, the sun warming your skin and twinkle in the eyes of children.

Tony is survived by his loving wife, Sheri Jewell; children, Jake Anthony Jewell currently stationed in Montgomery AL, Lane Michael Jewell of Mechanicsville, MD and grandchildren, Kameron, Khloe, Kolton, Keegan and Kooper. He is also survived by his siblings, Charles "Charlie" Jewell, Doug Jewell, Mary Coffey-Winstead, Dee Weber, Patty Sepety, Paula Gowen and Teresa Jordan. Tony is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, William "Billy" Jewell, Martha Kite and Ann D'Avanzo.

The family will receive friends for Tony's Life Celebration on Saturday, March 20, 2021

from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. The Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. and officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte at Brinsfield Funeral Home. The service will be livestreamed on the Brinsfield Funeral Home website [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com) beginning at 1:50 p.m.

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

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### Jerry Allen Taylor



Jerry Allen Taylor, 75, passed away peacefully at his home in Mechanicsville, MD on January 13, 2021. He was born in Covington, KY where he was put into the foster care system. He grew up in a loving home with Henry E. Taylor and Edith E. Schoening his Father and Mother, along with his brother, Alan Taylor and sister, Shelia Williams. When Henry Taylor passed away, his mother remarried and Twiman Joiner who became his much-loved step-father. Edith and Twiman loved Jerry, Alan and Shelia more than anything in the world. Together they lived as a happy family.

Jerry may have struggled during periods of his life but he was grateful for each day and shared his love of life with everyone. He never failed to bring a smile to anyone who had the pleasure of running into him. He was kind hearted and loved deeply and gave generously. His greatest accomplishment came in the joy he saw in his grandchildren's smiles and laughter. He was the first to crack a joke or tease you and his laugh was always the loudest. Jerry will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him.

Jerry is survived by his fiancé, Joan Marie Wathen of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Laura Taylor Stroud of Durham, NC, Christopher Allen Taylor of Durham, NC, Amanda Lynn Taylor of Ramey, NC; adopted mother, Edith Schoening, and siblings, Alan Taylor and sister-in-law, Diana, of Benton, KY, Sheila and J.B. Williams of Cadiz, KY. He is preceded in death by his adopted father, Henry E. Taylor; and step-father, Twiman Joiner.

The family will receive friends for Jerry's Life Celebration on Friday, March 26, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a Prayer Service officiated by Deacon Kyte at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be held at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623 at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Jerry's name to SO MD Vacations for Vets at [info@vac4vets.org](mailto:info@vac4vets.org).

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

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### Katherine Patricia (Tomko) Vymetalik

Katherine Patricia (Tomko) Vymetalik, also known as Katarina and Cathy, passed away peacefully at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland on the evening of March 4, 2021. A private family view-



ing was held at the Brinsfield Funeral Homes & Crematory, P.A., in Charlotte Hall, Maryland, on March 7, 2021. Katherine was born in Cuckoo (Pendleton), Louisa County, Virginia. She was the youngest of 11 children on the John Steve and Elizabeth (Bernát) Tomko family farm. Her siblings were Annie Elizabeth Tomko, Helen Stanchak Sodomick, Josephus, Steve Paul, John Andrew, Mary Margaret Ciampichini, Frank Edward, Irene Dorothy Secreti Halstead, Paul Edward Tomko, Sr., and Rosalie Evangeline Harmata.

Katherine attended Louisa County High School in Mineral, Virginia, where her senior year had her busy with studies, Choral Group, Band, Library Club, and Safety Patrol. Katherine had dreamed of joining the United States Marine Corps since she was 13 years old. After graduating high school in 1954, she worked for a year as a clerk typist in the Freight Terminal Department (FTD) of the Naval Supply Center.

Katherine fulfilled her dream of joining the Marine Corps in 1956, passing her initial tests in September in Richmond, passing her physical exam at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina, in October, and being assigned to the Marine Corps Schools in Quantico, Virginia, for duty in November. She had become a "lady leatherneck."

Before Katherine left FTD, she said, "I've always wanted to join the Marines. My older brother, Paul, served in the Marines for two years and is now in the Reserves. I like the Marines and I want to help protect my country." Although music was her hobby and passion, she told her FTD employer that she "plays the flute, but doesn't expect to have much time for it in the Marine Corps."

After serving for almost three years at Quantico, Katherine received an Honorable Discharge in September of 1959, having attained the rank of Lance Corporal (E-3).

Katherine is preceded in death by her former husband Henry Mazanek Vymetalik (married 1962; divorced 1974), and is survived by her two sons, Alan Vincent Michaels (born Indra Vymetalik, 1962) of Rochester, New York and Daniel Dana Mazanek (born Dana Vymetalik, 1966) of Williamsburg, Virginia, along with her three grandchildren, Sarah, Collin, and Lauren.

Katherine will be laid to rest with military honors in the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland in May (details will be updated here in mid-April). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your preferred farm or music organization in honor of Katherine.

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

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### Diana Butler



Diana Butler was 73 years old and resided in Mechanicsville, MD. She was born October 4, 1947, in Wharton, WV and entered the gates of Heaven on March 3, 2021.

Diana was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years Cy (Tike) Butler, her mother Emogene Preston, father Willard Preston, Sr., son Bruce Butler, mother-in-law, Sybil Butler-Adkins, father-in-law, Kelly Wade Butler and sister-in-law, Phyllis Mandley.

Diana is survived by her daughter Sandi Junge (Mike); her 7 grandchildren: Christopher, Jason, Jeffrey, and Amanda Junge; Jessica, Grayson, and Weston Butler and one great grandchild Connor Junge. She is also survived by her brother Willard Preston, Jr (Cindy), her sisters: Judy Crisp (Luther-Sonny, Jr.), Deborah Proffitt (Roy), Cindy Bond (Allen), and Renee Jones (Phil); sisters-in-law Vicky Howard (Tiny), Pat Peddicord (Jack), Debbie Russell (Walter); brothers-in-law David Adkins (Debbie), Jimmy Adkins and Lewis Mandley.

Beloved Diana was a shining beacon for everyone who had the opportunity to know her. She was dearly loved by her family and friends. Diana was a strong Christian woman, known to everyone as a prayer-warrior. She was a compassionate, kind, loving person, spending her life in service to others. Diana was a Sunday School Teacher, Extended Care Director, Prayer Chain Leader, as well as serving many other areas within Hughesville Baptist Church. Diana had a special way of communicating and being a role model for all children; especially her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Each of them, were given the gift of her time, teachings, never-ending faith, and love. She enjoyed anything she did with her husband and family. She found joy in traveling, crabbing and boat rides with her husband, reading, planting flowers, praying, Bible study, personal devotion time with the Lord and caring for others.

Due to the pandemic, we will use the church protocol to keep everyone safe. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice 6-foot social distancing at the Celebration of Life Service. We are also live streaming ([www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)) for anyone that feels safer watching at home. The service will be held at Hughesville Baptist Church, 8505 Old Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, MD 20637 on March 23, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. The live streaming link will be provided here on this website. We ask that you arrive ahead of time for the service to ensure we can start on time. Private Interment will follow.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to either Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)

<https://support.pkdcure.org/give/319374/#/donation/checkout> or Hughesville Baptist Church.

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

### William Bernard Clarke Sr.

#### "Bernard"

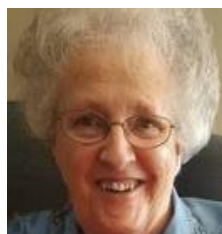


William Bernard Clarke Sr. (Bernard) 92 years old of Orange County, Virginia. Formerly of Hollywood, MD passed away on Jan. 23, 2021. Bernard was born on May 27, 1928 in Leonardtown, MD. He was the son of the late Helen and Phillip Clarke. He was the loving husband

of Rose Cyrilla Greenwell Clarke. Bernard was also survived by his children Sandra Withrow (Jr.) of Orange County, VA and William Bernard Clarke Jr. (Patty) of Leonardtown, MD. He was preceded in death by a son James Robert Clarke. He also had five grandchildren.

Bernard worked for SMECO for 44 years where he retired, and he also served in the National Guard for 8 years. Bernard coached Little League baseball for many years. He enjoyed all sports including rooting for his favorite teams: The Nationals and The Washington Football Team. Bernard will be laid to rest on Mar. 19th at 10:00 a.m. A mass of christian burial will be at St. Johns Church in Hollywood Maryland.

### Leah Jeanette Davis Thompson



Leah Jeanette Davis Thompson of Hollywood, Maryland, passed away on March 10, 2021, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was 82. Jeanette

was born on September 23, 1938, in Asheville, North Carolina, to Clarence & Helen (Guthrie) Davis. She was a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College (now Appalachian State University) and Mars Hill College (now University).

On June 15, 1962, while visiting her great aunt in Avenue, Maryland, she and her family attended one of Paul's auctions in Leonardtown. At that auction, filled with "old farmers," she noticed a young man walk in and sit in front of her and next to his family. He quickly left, but when he returned, he stood right next to her. He couldn't bring himself to speak to her! After a few awkward moments, she finally broke the ice with "There sure are a lot of people going by here" in her beautiful Southern accent. That young man was Rodney Thompson, who had just graduated from college in New England. It was love at first sight. Before two weeks passed, she had signed a contract to teach with St. Mary's County Public Schools and rented a room across the street from Rodney's parents' house. They were married on February 9, 1963, at West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Together, they raised five children, built several houses, started and ran Homestead Auction Company for many years, and helped found the Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene.

Jeanette loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was a self-educated Bible Scholar. She taught Sunday School and Bible studies for children, teens, and adults at Hollywood and Leonardtown Nazarene Churches for many years. Her life was a musical—she had songs for EVERY occasion! She loved to read, knit, crochet, and travel. Her favorite trips were with Rodney and their family back home to the mountains of North Carolina, but she also traveled around the U.S. with Rodney and the Hollywood Harmonizers, and to the Canary Islands, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, Israel, and England. On a trip with Rodney to Hollywood, Florida, she ended up on the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather! An excellent cook, her homemade fried oysters were the best in the county. Jeanette was a 30+ year survivor of breast cancer.

Jeanette was predeceased by her parents; her brother Michael and his first wife Janice;

and her beloved husband, Rodney, who passed away on June 14, 2018.

She is survived by her brother, Raymond (Glenda) Davis, and Michael's wife, Missy Coulter, her brothers-in-law Tim (Helen) Thompson and Jerry (Linda) Thompson, and her sister-in-law Barbara Thompson, as well as her five children: Leah (Richard) Menard, Drew (Candace) Thompson, Gayle (Tom) Kelly, and Wade Thompson, all of Hollywood, and Philip (Dana) Thompson of Glen Burnie; ten grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren, and at least one more on the way.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Davenport, Ryan Kelly, Jeff Kirby, Jamey Thompson, Jerry Thompson, and Dustin Wheeler.

The funeral service will be streamed at [https://www.facebook.com/HollywoodNazarene/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/HollywoodNazarene/live_videos/)

Memorial contributions may be made to Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 1110, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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### Sara Marie Tippett



Sara Marie Tippett, 20, Mechanicsville, MD, died on March 5, 2021, from injuries sustained in a three car accident in California, MD.

Sara was born February 19, 2001, in La Plata, MD,

and was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She loved her two children with all she had. Sara loved spending time with her family and friends. Sara was continuing her schooling online at Penn Foster to get her diploma. She was going to continue her education to become an RN.

Sara is survived by her children, Hunter Bently Tippett, of California, MD, Laura Jean Brooks, of Mechanicsville, MD, father and step-mother, Paul Jr. & Michele Tippett, Mechanicsville, MD, mother and step-father, Lisa & Patrick Wolfe, California, MD, paternal grandparents, Peggy Johnston, Leonardtown, MD, Bob Wolfe, Hanover, MD, Frances & Joe Cameron, La Plata, MD, maternal grandparents, Doris & Jim Chism, Laurel, MD, sisters and step-sisters, Kayla Tippet & Chris, California, MD, Laura Thompson, Lexington Park, MD, Sierra Goold, Lexington Park, MD, Angelica & Nick Mabry, Lusby, MD, Emmy & Kris, West Virginia, Raven, Mechanicsville, MD, brothers and step-brothers, Eric & Katelyn Tippett, Michigan, Greg & Darlene, Barstow, MD, Trevor, South Carolina, Preston, Mechanicsville, MD, nieces, Claire Goold, Rena Tippett, nephews, Jayden Tippett, Colton Tippett, Gabriel Allen, Parker Goold, Lily Thompson III, step grandparents, Carry & Larry Mandeville, Sara was also survived by her best friend, Amber Weaver as well as many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sara is preceded in death by her grandfather, Paul Clements Tippett Sr., aunt, Helen Tippett-Joy (Sissy), cousin, Frankie Bowles, grandmother, Denise Wolfe, aunt, Elaine Pilecki.

There will be no services for Sara, but the family is holding a candlelight vigil at Piney Point, Friday March 19th, 2021, 7:00 p.m. There will also be a Memorial at a later date. Updates for the Memorial will be posted on

family Facebook pages.

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### Harry E. Maxey

Harry E. "Gene" Maxey, 85, of Fredericksburg passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at his home. Born on August 23, 1935 in Washington, D.C. to the late Emma "Jo" and Frank Maxey. Gene was a businessman who owned Maxey Hardware, Liquor and Auction Company. Gene was a passionate auctioneer. He had true love with a wealth of knowledge for antiques. Gene was also a life member with Southgate Clinton Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Karen E. Maxey; his children Bob (Renee) and Bill (Sharon); grandchildren Eric, Jennifer, and Katie. He was preceded in death by his brother, Lt. Col. William "Bill" Maxey. A memorial service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 6 at Covenant Funeral Service Fredericksburg. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to Trinity Episcopal Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Online guest book is available at [covenantfuneralservice.com](http://covenantfuneralservice.com).

### Barbara Torbert

Barbara Torbert of Hyattsville, MD passed away on March 15, 2021. She was born on January 31, 1939 in Washington, DC and was the loving daughter of the late Goldie Jones Latvinsky and Benjamin Latvinsky. Adored and loving wife of P.L. "Gus" Torbert for 58 years. She was the cherished mother of Linda, Donnie, Frank, Bruce, and the late Tony. She was a grandmother of four and great grandmother of one. In 1956, she graduated from Northwestern High school. Barbra was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

All Funeral Services will be private at this time.

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

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

### Andrew Ian Bull



Squadron Leader Andrew Ian Bull passed away at Walter Reed Military Hospital on the 1st November 2020 aged 42. His wife Abi was by his side with their children, Ava and

Alex.

Andrew is survived by his parents Melvyn and Marjorie, along with his brother Christopher and sister Sarah.

A limited ceremony will be held on 11th November 2020 at 10am in Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, which will be available for viewing online at the link below. [bfb@brinsfieldfuneral.com](mailto:bfb@brinsfieldfuneral.com).

At a future date there will be a separate ceremony in the UK when Andy's ashes return home with his family.

In lieu of flowers, donations are in-

vited to Bowel Cancer UK and towards a Sqn Ldr Andrew Bull Memorial Trophy at the link below. <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8u9A3VPaN7>

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

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### Joseph James Latona

To everyone who knew, cared for, loved Joe. He was taking care of us, teaching us compassion and patience, showing us how to be happy and how to love another person and how to enjoy living. He



was joy. He died peacefully February 26 with his sister and brother-in-law holding his hand.

Joseph James Latona was born October 20, 1959 in Pittston Pennsylvania, the first child of Salvatore Latona and Mary Noone Latona. He was diagnosed shortly after with Down Syndrome. His parents chose not to institutionalize him per the norm of the day. He was followed by his brother Patrick and sister Kathleen. They were raised together in a tight knit family, with grandparents and cousins and aunts and uncles. And many, many friends. Joe was very healthy, smart and strong and attended special education schools, He graduated from high school and a vocational school when he was 21. He was very active in Special Olympics his whole life, competing all the way to state levels. After graduation he attended day development programs that enabled him to work in the community. He loved photography and loved being called the Ace photographer. He loved music, especially John Denver. He loved painting and coloring. He loved bowling. He loved television. He loved his friends. He loved life.

He lived with his parents and went everywhere they went. Traveling around the U.S. and going on cruises and vacations and visiting family around the country. In 2016, he came to live with his sister Kathy in Leonardtown and eventually to an ARC group home, also in Leonardtown MD. He attended The Center for Life Enrichment in Hollywood Md until the COVID 19 pandemic.

Joseph is preceded in death by his father Salvatore James Latona (2016) and his mother Mary Frances Noone Latona (2020). He is survived by brother Patrick Latona (Dawn) of Galveston Texas, niece Megan and nephew Micheal and sister Kathleen Latona Boyles (John) of Leonardtown Md, nephews Holden and Henry.

A celebration of his life will be held at to be determined time per Covid guidelines for the members and caretakers of his community.

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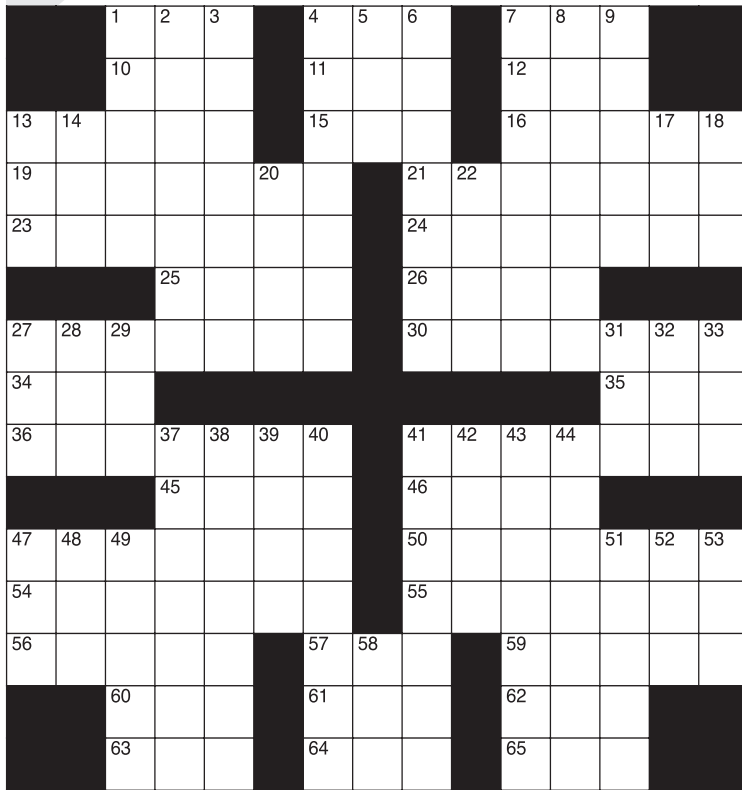
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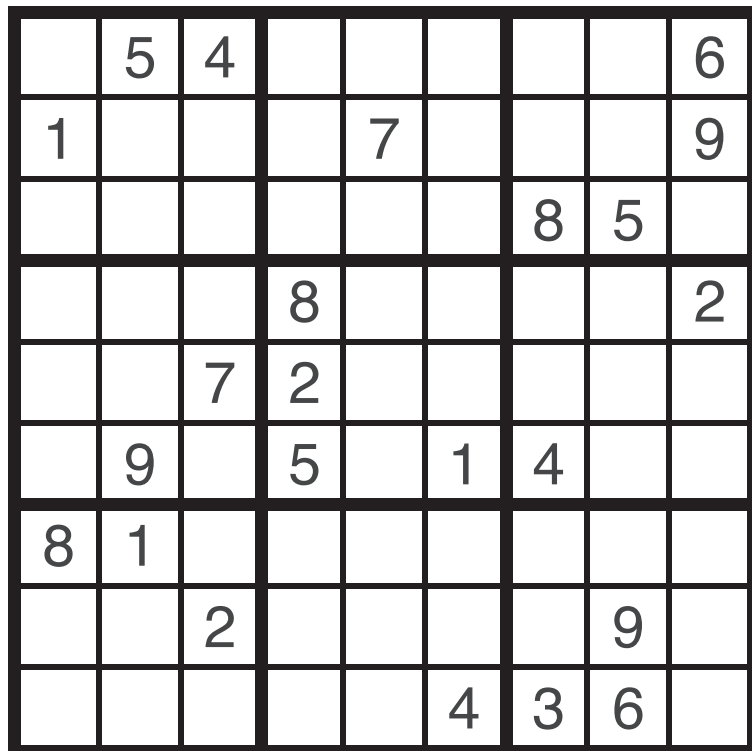
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- 50. Glove worn with medieval armor
- 54. Basaltic lavas
- 55. Small shoaling fish
- 56. Surrendered
- 57. Taxi
- 59. Potato part
- 60. Female sheep
- 61. Trouble or difficulty
- 62. Put into service
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 65. Type of student

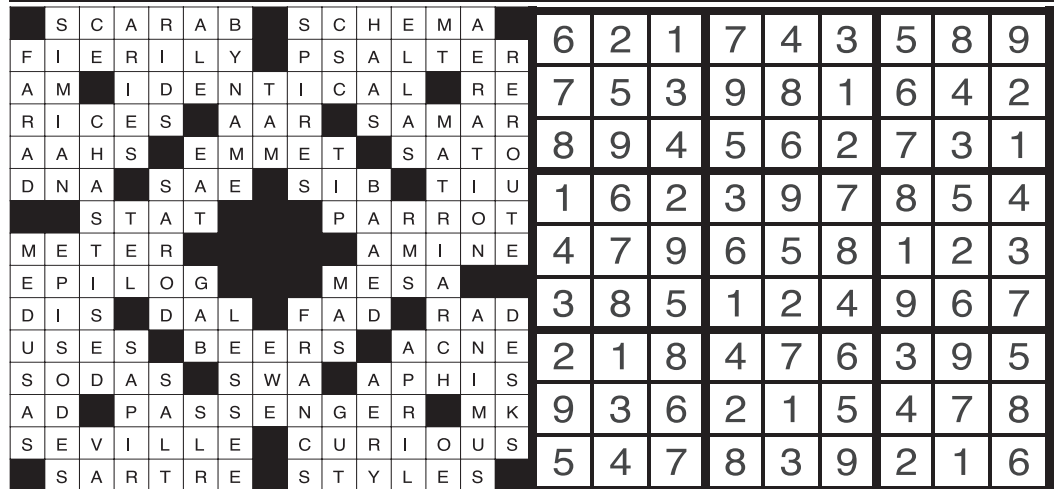
- northeast and east
- 18. Cool!
- 20. Brazilian NBAer
- 22. NW Pennsylvania city
- 27. Young dog
- 28. Mimic
- 29. Large truck
- 31. The NFL's Newton
- 32. One and only
- 33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 37. Julie \_\_\_, actress
- 38. More nourishing
- 39. Compound
- 40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
- 41. Object of fear or alarm
- 42. \_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- 43. Sacred place
- 44. A way to express enjoyment
- 47. Trigonometric function
- 48. A team's best pitcher
- 49. Intersecting points
- 51. Roundishly shaped
- 52. Adam's partner
- 53. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 58. Human hormone

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Frighten
- 2. Partner to corned beef
- 3. Parts
- 4. Agrees to a demand
- 5. Elected official
- 6. Navigator's tool
- 7. Relating to heat
- 8. Attractive
- 9. Wealthy US merchant
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. A passage with access only at one end
- 17. Midway between



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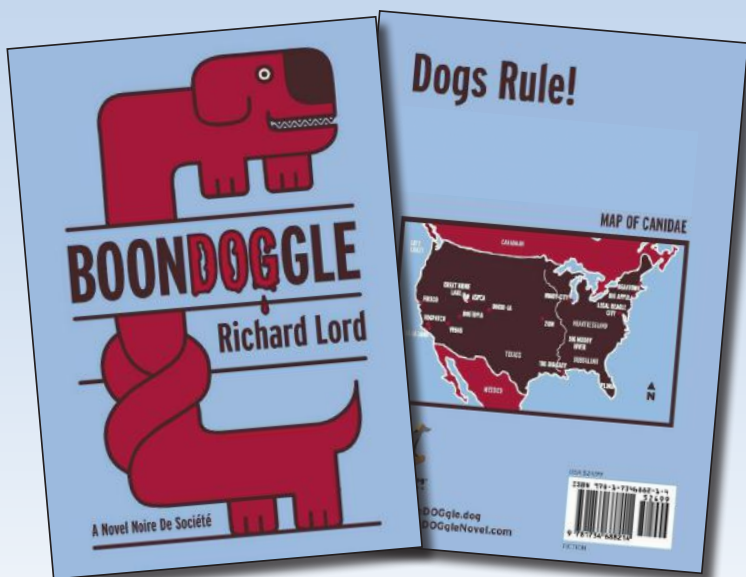
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