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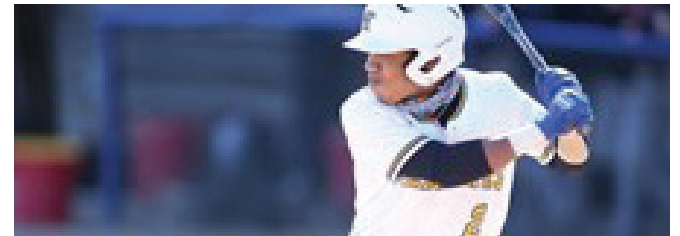
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*Information provided by St. Mary's Health Department*

# Centuries-Old Fort Found In St. Mary's City

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A secret buried in the ground at Historic St. Mary's City for centuries and actively sought for many decades has finally been found.

A team of archaeologists, led by Dr. Travis Parno, has found the location of the palisade, or protective timber wall, that surrounded the first fort established by English settlers who founded the colony in 1634.

The discovery of the palisade, and the site of the original fort brings a new opportunity to learn more not just about the colonists who first came here, but the native peoples as well.

St. Mary's Fort was the first major foothold of European settlement in the colony and the fourth English colony in the country after Jamestown in 1607, Plymouth in 1620, and Massachusetts Bay 1630. In March of 1634, approximately 150 colonists arrived on two ships, Ark and Dove, in an area that was home to the Yaocomaco, a tribe loosely allied with the Piscataway paramount chiefdom, according to a statement from the historic city leadership.

"What little is known about this period is drawn from English colonial records. The archaeological study of St. Mary's Fort has the potential to unearth new information about Maryland's pre-colonial and early colonial past," the statement



Dr. Travis Parno, middle, with archeologists at St. Mary's City

said.

Parno said a ground-penetrating radar survey was completed in November of 2018.

"But it wasn't until my team was able to excavate portions of the site in the summer/fall of 2019 that we were able to verify the discovery," Parno told The County Times. "We were prepared to state definitively that we had found St. Mary's Fort in December of 2019.

This was necessary because the geophysical survey could suggest what lay beneath the ground surface but could not tell us when it dated to."

Dr. Tim Horsley's survey, which used the radar as well as other techniques, allowed for the initial find, Parno said.

"The site is of great significance because it represents the moment that European colonists arrived in a complex world of native peoples," said Parno. "St. Mary's

Fort is the earliest colonial archaeological site in Maryland and has great potential to yield new information about the initial period of relations of between the colonists and native peoples."

Parno estimates the colonists used the fort for six to eight years before they began to spread out to settle larger plantations along nearby waterways.

"In the earliest period of settlement, the fort was home to roughly 150 colonists," Parno said. "Artifacts recovered from the excavations span long periods of the history of human occupation in the area, from projectile points that are 4,500 years old to fragments of early 17th-century ceramics, glass vessels, beads, iron nails, and tools.

"We've also found later 17th-century artifacts showing that this area was part of the later city, although the fort walls had likely been disassembled by that time."

Archaeologists are not certain, Parno said, but the walls of the palisade stood between 10-to-14 feet high.

"We know from excavations that the timbers were placed in a trench that would have been about four feet below the ground surface in 1634," Parno said.

The ground-penetrating radar suggests that the palisade was a large rectangle comprising an area roughly the size of a football field, said Parno.

Historians are not aware of any combat

or military-style conflict coming to the fort's walls, Parno said, but there is much left to discover.

"We haven't yet found any evidence that the fort was the site of any military action and none was mentioned in colonial records," said Parno. "But we still have a lot to excavate - approximately two percent of the site has been excavated thus far - so we look forward to learning more in the future."

The study of St. Mary's Fort is part of a larger initiative titled People to People: Exploring Native-Colonial Interactions in Early Maryland, scheduled to begin in 2022, the historic city's statement reads. Created as a collaborative effort between Historic St. Mary's City and Piscataway tribal participants, the project will include archaeological excavations at St. Mary's Fort and indigenous sites near the fort, interpretation and exhibits of native and colonial culture, and public programming about life in the region in the years prior to and during the early 17th century.

With the support of the state, St. Mary's Fort will be integrated into Historic St. Mary's City's living history program in time for the state's 400th anniversary in 2034. In the meantime, the excavation site is open during public visitation hours as of March 26, the reopening of the city.

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## Vaccine Availability Expanding Rapidly

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Increased supplies of vaccine for the fight against COVID-19 will be coming to Maryland next week, Gov. Larry Hogan said at a March 23 press conference, which means the opening of Phase 2B of the statewide vaccination program is March 30.

This means that anyone 16 years old or above with either a medical condition that puts them at greater risk of illness from COVID-19 or a disability which also puts them at greater risk is eligible to receive a vaccine dosage.

The state is also beginning a pre-registration program for anyone eligible to receive a vaccine in the Phase 2B program.

“All of them can pre-register effective now,” Hogan said, noting 150,000 state residents have already pre-registered at one of the many mass vaccination sites around Maryland.

Soon after the expansion of vaccinations next week, Phase 2C of the program will open, Hogan said, on April 13.

This phase will be open to Marylanders 55 and over as well as all essential workers of any age in critical industries, Hogan said.

By April 27, said the governor, Phase 3 of the vaccination program will make inoculation available to all Marylanders of any age 16 or older.

Half-a-dozen new mass vaccination sites will open next month in Anne Arundel, Frederick, Howard and Harford counties as well as at the Timonium

Fairgrounds.

This would bring the number of distribution points in Maryland for the vaccines to more than 2,500, Hogan said.

“We’re going to be distributing vaccines to hundreds of doctors’ offices and pharmacies,” Hogan said. “Please get vaccinated when it’s your turn to do so.”

More than 400,000 Marylanders have been infected with the virus, Hogan said, with more than 36,000 hospitalizations.

More than 8,000 Marylanders have died from COVID-19, Hogan said.

He was still hopeful the rapid vaccination expansion would get the virus under control.

“Each day is truly bringing us closer to the light at the end of the tunnel,” said Hogan.

Carol Beatty, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities, said the state was focusing specifically on getting those with disabilities access to vaccines as they often faced significant barriers to such critical services.

“The vaccines are safe, and they are the key to ending the pandemic,” Beatty said.

Hogan said the growing prevalence of variants and mutations of the COVID-19 virus were a serious public health threat.

“We have to get more people vaccinated before these variants take hold,” Hogan said. “We’re seeing big spikes... coming down from the Northeast.

“Not everyone is keeping their masks on like we are here in Maryland.”

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## New COVID Cases Spike

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Just as local and state health officials were cheering increased vaccination efforts against COVID-19 as well as the continued decline of new cases of the disease, infections are once again starting to rise.

The latest data from the St. Mary’s County Health Department shows that for the week of March 14 there were 110 new COVID-19 cases here, a significant increase from the previous week with just 74 new cases.

The new case rate reached a high in St. Mary’s during the first week of January with 433 new infections, a result of predicted surges due to close family gatherings and increased travel from the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The number was the highest rate of weekly infection during the entire pandemic for St. Mary’s.

But from that point, new case rates locally began to steadily drop, increasing to precipitous declines starting in late January going into February with just a small increase at the end of that

month.

There has been a total of 6,247 cases logged in St. Mary’s with almost half – 46.5 percent – of the population tested.

Just over 5,000 patients have been released from isolation with a total of 364 hospitalizations.

The virus has claimed the lives of 120 St. Mary’s County residents, including those passing away in other jurisdictions, 93 of those deaths represent county residents who have died here, the latest health department data shows.

There have been 34 deaths related to COVID-19 in St. Mary’s of non-county residents.

The health department reports that 27,178 residents have received their first dose of one of the COVID-19 vaccines, with 16,820 having received their final dosage.

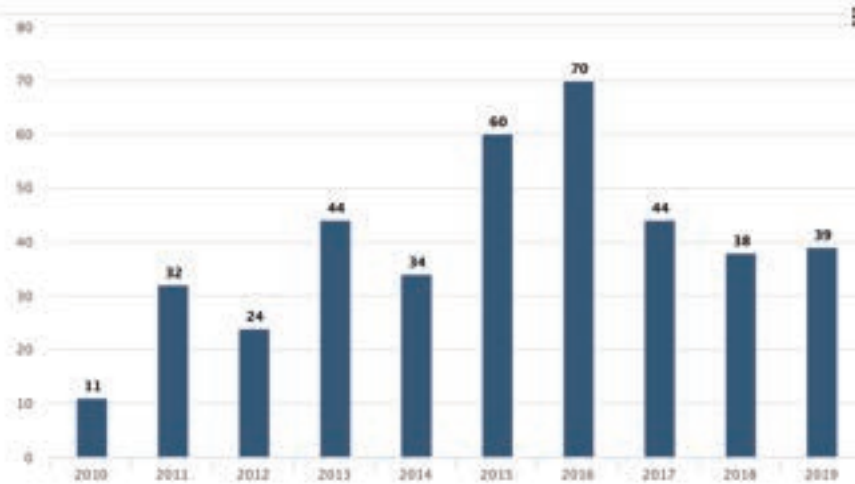
Most of those doses have been administered by the county health department through mass the mass vaccination clinic at Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

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# Health Department Presents New Opioid Data Platform

## Substance Exposed Newborns

The graph represents the number of newborn babies born at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital who were exposed to substances in utero each year for ten years. Data is provided by MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Health Department has launched a new on-line data "dashboard" to track the impact of opioid abuse on the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken center stage as the worst public health crisis, but before the virus the opioid epidemic had that distinction.

"While the COVID-19 pandemic has been front and center for the past year, the opioid drug epidemic is still stealing lives and hurting families in our community," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "We hope this data dashboard will support our community partners in planning additional drug prevention and treatment initiatives for our residents."

A similar data dashboard has allowed the public to track the effects of COVID-19.

In 2019, 31 residents died from an opioid overdose. While 2020 data has not been finalized, opioid overdoses con-

tinued to be a significant factor in local fatality rates.

Overdoses have an impact beyond individual persons to families, workplaces, and schools in the community, the health department stated.

The new data dashboard shows that in the past eight years 160 people have died in St. Mary's County from opioid abuse; preliminary data shows that 23 died in 2020.

The highest number of deaths occurred in 2017 with a total of 33 fatalities.

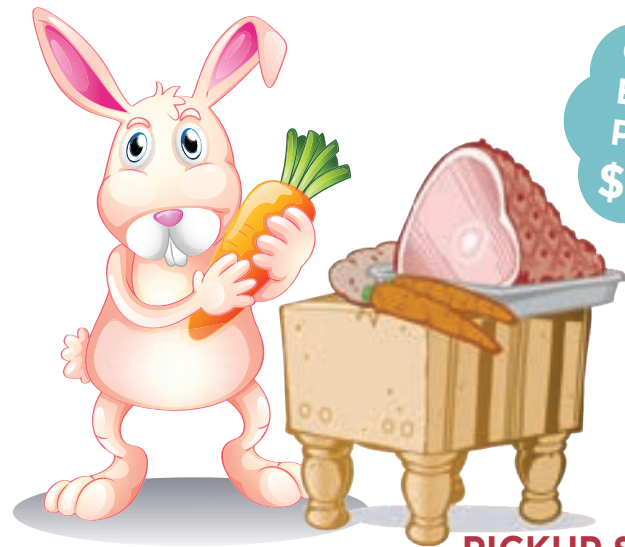
There has been a total of 1,966 opioid-related visits to the local emergency room over the last six years with more than 532,000 opioid prescriptions filled in St. Mary's over the same time period; 77,917 of those were prescribed last year, much reduced from the 106,127 prescriptions in 2015.

The data collection also shows that 396 newborn babies delivered at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital over the past decade were exposed to opioids.

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# County Budget Includes Paid EMTs

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County came one step closer to finalizing the county's fiscal 2022 operating budget at their March 23 meeting, which includes revenue increases better than anticipated despite the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Included in the proposed budget, which is scheduled for final approval from commissioners on March 30 and then be available for a public hearing in April, was the hiring dozens of emergency medical personnel to help staff the volunteer rescue squads.

That portion of the budget shows that the minimum number of personnel required to meet the county's needs would be 32 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) for basic life support services and six paramedics to serve the county's advanced life support (ALS) unit.

Lack of staff during daytime hours at local volunteer rescue squads – seven in all – has plagued the service for years but has been badly exacerbated by COVID-19 as older volunteers have stopped running calls for fear of becoming infected.

Since late last year the county has relied on contract medics to fill the gaps in service.

The number of requested paid medical staff found in the most recent iteration of the budget was the recommendation of the St. Mary's County Rescue Squad Association.

"It's substantial," said Director of Emergency Services Steve Walker of the size of the request for full time employees.

The request expands the total number of employees to 53, beyond the 32 full-time EMTs and six paramedics with a fiscal specialist, and administrative coordinator, four hourly-paid paramedics and an additional eight hourly-paid EMTs.

The total cost of the emergency service request is \$3.6 million; the county has signaled its plans to use EMS billing of insurance companies to help fund both rescue squads and the paid medics hired to

supplement them.

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy was skeptical of the request, calling it building an emergency services "empire."

"We're getting ready to take over emergency services and I don't think we need to do that," Guy said.

The county needed a "minimum" number of qualified EMTs to fill gaps, Guy said, in hopes that, once the pandemic ended, volunteers could return to their positions.

Commissioner John O'Connor, supporting the request from the rescue squads, said it represented that base line.

"That's what this is," O'Connor said.

A meeting last week of the rescue association to determine just what the minimum need was, Walker said, showed that many squads, initially, did not want such a large request.

But by the end of the meeting, said Walker, they had all agreed on what had been presented to the commissioner board.

After more debate, commissioners agreed they could remove some of the personnel who would not be the 32 frontline EMTs and medics.

Guy said he wanted to give the volunteer services a chance to continue as they had for decades.

"I don't want to see us dissolve the volunteer system," Guy said. "That's what I'm afraid of."

O'Connor responded: "Well, fear is one thing, dying is another," which led to an argument between the two commissioners.

"I don't want any more drama about this in this room," Guy said.

O'Connor responded by saying that the whole debate had been a "circular conversation" where Guy had been worried that the county was trying to take over emergency services when it was the rescue squads who had made the request for more help.

The total budget revenues projected for fiscal 2022 is \$267.1 million, slightly more than the proposed operating expenditures of \$265.5 million.

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# 7-11 Will Replace Former Golden Corral

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A controversial 7-11 convenience store, car wash and gas station proposed at the intersection of Millstone Landing Road and Three Notch Road in Lexington Park has moved ahead in the development approval process now that the county's Zoning Board of Appeals has ruled in the project's favor.

The appeals board made its decision March 11 by a 3-to-2 vote, effectively reversing the decision of the county Planning Commission from Nov. 16 of last year that denied approval to the concept site plan.

The project will replace the disused Golden Corral buffet; the convenience store portion will be 4,995 square feet in size, 4,284 square feet for the fuel canopy and 991 square feet for the car wash.

The planning commission rejected the project site plan over concerns that the large development would bring far more vehicle traffic to the intersection there than it could safely bear.

The planning commission held three marathon public hearings on the project last year, hearing from multiple citizens, including a county commissioner, about fears of increased traffic risks.

Certain citizens continued to oppose the project at the appeals board level.

Cynthia Cartwright wrote: "A 7-11 is

a poor choice for this location. This is a complicated intersection.

"Sadly, drivers are already taking illegal shortcuts at this intersection. The Green Holly Elementary School is on Millstone Landing Road. The buses, students and staff as well as the residents who must use Millstone deserve more safety than they currently have. A 7-11 would make this intersection less safe than it already is. Drivers clog this intersection everyday. It is an intersection that seems to get more than its share of red light runners."

Christopher Longmore, attorney for the applicant Odom Properties LLC, said despite the concerns raised, the site plan had met all the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

"We have a developer who is investing in our community who looked at our rules and was willing to follow them, they're investing another \$300,000 to improve the intersection even though it wasn't improved by Golden Corral or McDonalds [which once occupied that space,]" Longmore said at the March 11 appeals board hearing. "What has a chilling effect is having these difficult rules and you make applicants go through them and they can be applied in a haphazard fashion.

"It [the site plan] meets the requirements of our zoning ordinance."

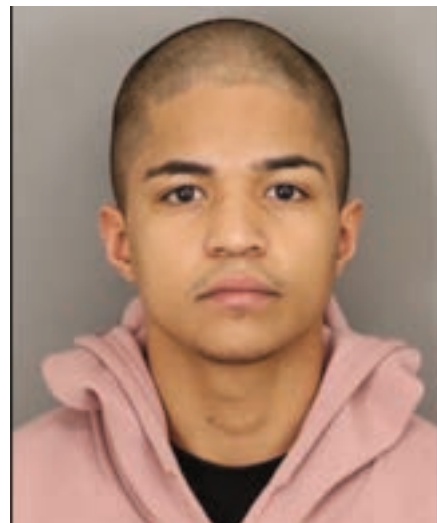
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# Detectives Identify Suspect in Murder of St. Mary's Man

Detectives from the Charles County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division have identified the suspect wanted in connection with the shooting death of Tre Thomas Wilburn, 28, of California who was shot and killed during an altercation on March 11 in the parking lot of the Gold Mine Saloon in Waldorf.

Through investigation, Maurice Alexander Prout, 26, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, was developed as a suspect and detectives obtained an arrest warrant. With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service, Prout was located in Ontario, California on March 17 and is awaiting extradition to Charles County.

He will be charged with first-degree murder, second-degree murder and other related charges. Anyone with additional information about this case is asked to call Detective C. Garner at (301) 609-



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## 60 & Older Now Eligible for Local Vaccination



The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has expanded the eligibility criteria for local SMCHD COVID-19 vaccination clinics to include St. Mary's County residents age 60 and older.

For more information on eligible groups and registration for local SMCHD COVID-19 vaccination clinics, please visit [www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine). New clinic registration links will be

posted Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Eligible individuals are encouraged to review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment.

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

## HSMC Offers Digital Membership Cards

Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is launching a new digital membership option, powered by Cuseum. HSMC Members will receive an invitation via email to download and save their cards in a digital wallet app on their smartphone.

By eliminating the necessity of paper cards (which can be easily lost) Historic St. Mary's City and its members are also working to improve the landscape by lowering the environmental impact of each person's visit.

"I'm so excited to be offering this new benefit. The ease of a digital card, readily accessible on a phone rather than lost in a wallet among other cards, will be great and help members get the most out of their memberships," says Erin Moss, membership coordinator of HSMC.

The new cards will also include membership benefits and hours for the museum, giving each holder readily accessible information. This benefit will be available starting this spring to all members, both existing and new.

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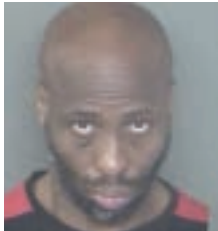
## Prince Frederick Man Arrested for Stolen Firearm

On March 17, 2021, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division received information an armed and wanted individual, **Ambrose Matthew Kyler**, age 44 of Prince Frederick, was a passenger in a vehicle that was in the area of Sheriff's Office Headquarters in Leonardtown.

The vehicle was located and approached by detectives, deputies from the Patrol Division, and troopers from the Maryland State Police. Contact was made with Kyler who was found to have a stolen handgun concealed in his waistband. A records check on Kyler determined he is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms due to prior convictions.

Kyler was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, and charged with the following:

Firearm-Possession by Convicted Felon



Ambrose Kyler

Possession of Firearm-CDS Prior Conviction

Possession of Regulated Firearm-Prohibited

Possession of a Regulated Firearm-Stolen

Handgun on Person

Handgun in Vehicle

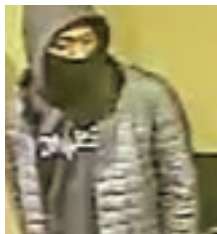
**Identities Needed for Vandalism Suspects**

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identities of the individuals shown in a vandalism investigation. On Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 at 12:15 am, the suspects severely damaged the front grill and windshield of the victim's 2004 Chevy Tahoe while at the Piney Point Island Inn and Suites.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspects or this inci-



Suspect 1



Suspect 2

dent is asked to call Deputy Robert Chase at 301-475-4200, ext. 78079 or email robert.chase@stmarysmd.com.#

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### Home Invasion

On March 14, 2021, Deputy Michael Ryczyn responded to the 46300 block of Columbus Drive in Lexington Park for the report of a disturbance. The victim and a witness advised that

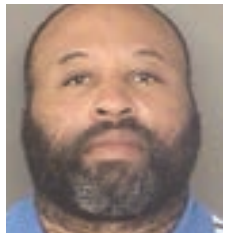
**Krista Renee Barnes**, 43 of Lexington Park, knocked on the door of an apartment and once the door was open, Barnes hit the victim in the face with a white wooden pole and proceeded to throw objects around the kitchen, further injuring the victim. During the course of the investigation, Barnes entered a



Krista Barnes

2007 Ford Escape and started to drive away, ignoring commands from deputies on the scene to stay. Deputies attempted to stop her with their emergency equipment activated on their marked police vehicles and Barnes stopped at Millison Plaza where she was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown. Barnes was charged with Home Invasion; First-Degree Assault; Second-Degree Assault; False Statement to a Peace Officer; Fraudulent Personal ID to Avoid Prosecution and Malicious Destruction of Property less than \$1,000.

On March 13, 2021, **Damien Terrell Wilson**, 48 of Woodbridge, VA, was arrested on warrants for: 11 counts of Possession/Train for Dog Fight; Animal Cruelty; 11 counts of Restrain Dog/Limit Movement; three counts of Possession/Dog Fight Implement; four counts of Restrain Dog-Cause Injury and 11 counts of Restrain Dog-Water/Shelter by Deputy Raymond Allebach.



Damien Wilson

## Editor's Note:

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

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# First Landing Wine & Arts Festival Coming to St. Clements Island

Saturday, April 10, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Clement's Island Museum will host all three St. Mary's County wineries as well as local crafters and artisans for the first Annual First Landing Wine & Arts Festival.

Visitors are invited to a full day of fun on the waterfront lawn of the museum. Guests can enjoy food and sweets from Chief's, free tastings of locally grown and produced wine from Port of Leonardtown Winery, Generations Vineyard and Xella Winery & Vineyard, browsing crafted items, art, family and kids activities and more on the scenic shores of the Potomac River.

Learn the story of the first landing and the beginnings of Maryland in the museum or take a water taxi boat ride over to the St. Clement's Island State Park and explore the site where the original "First Landing" took place in 1634.

The idea to hold this fun event came out of the museums' collaboration with the St. Mary's County wineries and Visit St. Mary's MD tourism for Maryland Wine Month in March, where special events and other promotions had been

planned to promote the First Landing Wine Trail. "We felt that since we already had this great partnership in the works, why not take it a step further to promote the wineries, museums and local artists in a larger community event," said Karen Stone, Manager for the St. Mary's County Museum Division. "Hosting the First Landing Wine Trail wineries, as well as St. Mary's County artisans, at the location of the original "First Landing" in 1634, just made sense."

Event admission is free for all guests. There will be various costs for food, museum admission, water taxi rides or any vendor or wine purchases. A raffle will also be held for a chance to win local artist Angie Wathen's original artwork, "Southern Maryland Supper." Tickets are available starting March 13, 2021, at the Pop Up Art Show Reception until the end of the event April 10, when the winner will be drawn.

St. Clement's Island Museum is located at 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626. Call 301-769-2222 or visit [www.Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](http://www.Facebook.com/SCIMuseum) for more information about this event.

# Greenwell Equestrian Director Wins Rotary Heroes Award

Greenwell Foundation's Equestrian Director Jenn Emmart received the highest honor a non-Rotarian can receive, the Rotary Community Heroes Award named for Paul Harris, Rotary's founder.

Emmart was nominated by Lisa Blackwell, District 7620 president and a member of Greenwell Foundation's Board of Trustees. Blackwell made the nomination, she said, because of the extraordinary work Jenn has done throughout the pandemic to care for Greenwell's herd of horses, and all their animals, and for continuing important Greenwell programs that serve adults and children with and without disabilities at Greenwell State Park.

Emmart and her staff have served the St. Mary's County community by continuing to offer the therapeutic programming – riding lessons, trail rides, Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) -- that our neighbors have needed so much during these very difficult times. A highpoint of service was when Jenn and Greenwell Executive Director Jolanda Campbell brought ponies to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a day-long visit with residents.



Jenn Emmart, Greenwell Foundation's Equestrian Director

Get more information about Greenwell Foundation's programs at the website [www.greenwellfoundation.org](http://www.greenwellfoundation.org) or by calling the office at 301-373-9775.

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# Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants Total \$312,500



Living Classrooms Foundation was a recipient of a 2021 Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant

The State of Maryland and the Forever Maryland Foundation are proud to announce that 91 Keep Maryland Beautiful grants totaling \$312,500 have been awarded toward environmental education, community cleanup, and beautification projects through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program.

This year's awardees include American Chestnut Land Trust, Project Spudnik and the Town of North Beach in Calvert County and Friends of St. Clements Bay in St. Mary's County.

These annual grants are funded by Maryland Environmental Trust, a unit of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR); the Forever Maryland Foundation; the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

"These grants support the incredible efforts of citizens across Maryland who are stewards of our communities, our green spaces, and our waterways," Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "DNR is proud to partner with the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Forever Maryland Foundation, DHCD, MDOT, and of course the recipients themselves on this important part of our mission."

"Local volunteers and stakeholders are changing neighborhoods for the better through the Keep Maryland Beautiful

program," said Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. "These Clean Up and Green Up awards will help our great partners continue to improve and beautify communities in all parts of Maryland."

"MDOT is committed not only to a comprehensive transportation network, but also to environmental education, preservation and stewardship, and that's why it's important to contribute to the Keep Maryland Beautiful program," MDOT Secretary Greg Slater said. "It's good to know the funds MDOT provides goes to almost 20 different groups, ranging from community and neighborhood associations to conservancies and land trusts."

Recipients included schools, nonprofit groups, municipalities and land trusts in 19 counties and Baltimore City. Many of these grants focus on developing and supporting communities, families, youth and students who take personal responsibility for the health of their communities, protecting nature in their backyards and seeking ways to help reduce or resolve environmental challenges.

"We are pleased to see our local communities receive Keep Maryland Beautiful grant funds for such innovative projects which will make an impact on our Maryland environment in many ways," Forever Maryland Foundation Chair Steve Quarles said.

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# Local Woman Benefits from Patuxent Habitat Project

## Patuxent Habitat, Lowe's Partner

Patuxent Habitat and Lowe's partnered to raise awareness of the global need for safe and affordable housing for women during International Women Build Week (March 8-15). On International Women's Day, Habitat and Lowe's kicked off more than 300 Women Build projects supporting women-led households across the United States, Canada, and India to drive awareness and address the need.

Women have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, from job loss. According to The National Women's Law Center, 80 percent of U.S. jobs lost during the COVID-19 pandemic were held by women.

Despite the unprecedented challenges women are facing, they remain on the frontlines of the pandemic as essential workers, as caretakers within their households, and too often have to make the difficult decision between maintaining a place to call home and paying for food, health care, childcare, education or reliable transportation.

Locally, homeowner Erica Toye is a single mom who works as an essential worker, for Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. She was working very hard to get her credit score up when she went through Patuxent Habitat for Humanity's application process a year ago. She

is taking classes online to push her career forward and make a better life for her and her son.

This story is not unique. Every day, millions of women face the challenge of a future without adequate, stable housing. This issue underscores the importance of Habitat and Lowe's efforts to bring awareness to the issue, as well as a partnership focused on ensuring that more women have access to affordable housing.

Lowe's and Habitat's partnership began in 2003. To date, the program has brought together more than 143,000 women volunteers who have built or repaired nearly 6,000 houses. Lowe's has committed more than \$78 million to support the global housing nonprofit's efforts, including the Women Build program, International Women Build Week, and Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization program. Lowe's support of Habitat has helped more than 18,000 Habitat partner families improve their living conditions.

To learn more or join the conversation, visit [habitat.org/womenbuild](http://habitat.org/womenbuild) or follow #BuildHer and #WomenBuild on social media to share and view stories from around the world.

*Press Release from Patuxent Habitat for Humanity*



## Quilts Recipients Represent 106 Years of Service



Five career military veterans with 106 years of service to their country were presented with Quilts of Valor by PAX Sound of Freedom at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park on March 20. The group included two husband and wife teams. The recipients were, left to right: Sandra Hawthorn (US Air Force, 21 years), Jay Hawthorn (US Navy, 20 years), Wayne Reeves (US Navy, 25 years), Annette Clare (US Army, 20 years) and Warren Clare (US Navy, 20 years).

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# Pier 450 Looks to Make South County a Destination Again

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Southern St. Mary's County, beyond the reaches of Patuxent River Naval Air Station down towards Ridge and Point Lookout was once a bustling mecca for sportspeople, anglers and tourists looking to get out into the rural areas and take advantage of prime shoreline.

But it has fallen on hard times, with many retail service businesses in the area closing down over the past few years and precious few restaurants still in operation.

But a team of entrepreneurs has taken on the task of revitalizing a decades old, iconic dining and fishing destination – Scheible's Restaurant – and turn it into something new.

Pier 450, so named for the length of the pier stretching out into native waters, sports a newly renovated restaurant with new menu, new look, beachfront seating and games, modernized lodging for tourists and sunset cruises planned for this summer.

Peggy Binzel, owner and operator as well as her business partner and marketing coordinator Cathy Austin, opened the newly refurbished South County attraction in August of last year, as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to rage.

They wondered if the pandemic would stop their hopes and dreams for the locale before it even had a chance.

"It was petrifying, but it was energizing," Binzel told The County Times. "But I believe in this area; I've invested my life savings into this.

"There was no option to fail."

Austin said the menu alone was a painstaking work to ensure that tourists and locals alike who had patronized Scheible's for years would come and dine.

"We spent months making that menu right," Austin said. "We wanted people in the community to have something they would like, too."

Pier 450's chef uses only fresh ingredients, including available meats and seafood from local vendors, and even takes vegetables and herbs from their own garden to use in the kitchen.



The quarters at Pier 450, eight small but comfortable rooms with their own showers, televisions, coffee makers and remodeled in individual themes such as country music or Hollywood for their guests.

Austin, who has been a friend of Binzel's for 20 years, owns her own branding and marketing company, she said, and was Binzel's pick for getting the word out about the project.

"She said she needed to get the marketing right," said Austin. "When you start up a restaurant it's an all hands in effort.

"We've both gone all in; we know it can work."

Binzel's faith in the project drew Austin to go all in, she said.

"If it hadn't been Peggy, I would've been more skeptical," Austin said.

Even though they opened later than they had hoped – they were looking for an early summer 2020 opening to take full advantage of the season but for the pandemic – their name has spread far enough to ensure their fledgling business has a strong start.

They are continuing to refine their operations as they go.

"We're never finished we're in operation,"

Binzel said. "I'm grateful for the community support; it's been really heartening."

More than tourists coming to Pier 450 from outside the county, a significant number of county residents are rediscovering the quiet corner of South County.

"People are coming from Mechanicsville, Leonardtown and even Solomons Island," Binzel said. "People who come here say to us, 'We were deciding whether to have dinner in [Washington] D.C. or here; we chose here.'"

Binzel said that was one of the purposes of bringing Pier 450 into being.

"We're keeping money in the county that otherwise would have gone to D.C.," Binzel said.

Even the previous owners, Captain Bruce and Sally Scheible, have been supportive of the changes at their former proprietorship.

"They come here occasionally: one night they held court, telling old stories," Binzel said. "We're honored to be part of that heritage.

"And we're making some good food."

Binzel is a Texas native who found her way to Washington D.C. working for a Texas congressman years ago and moving on to careers in broadcast networks as well as lobbying and

consulting in the halls of power.

But that kind of constant work in the political mix, often on telecommunications issues, was tiring.

Binzel was looking for a place to get away that was still close to work; she found St. Mary's County and South County. "I wanted to come down here to get away," Binzel said. "I just came across Scotland; that's how all this started."

Her love of South County is matched by her concern for its condition and its future.

"I saw restaurants going under, there weren't many services here," Binzel said. "This area used to be so vibrant."

Binzel and her team were new to the world of hospitality and being restaurateurs, they had to learn from the entry level to do the job properly.

"But being newbies, we did alright," Binzel said.

Pier 450 isn't the only investment she has made in South County; she has also bought and refurbished 10 rental vacation properties in a five-mile radius known as Scotland Yards.

Binzel wants to use all her properties to bring South County back to prominence.

"We're a destination location that provides an experience, a multifaceted experience," Binzel said. "We have fun lodging, great food and access to the water.

"It's a place just to get away."

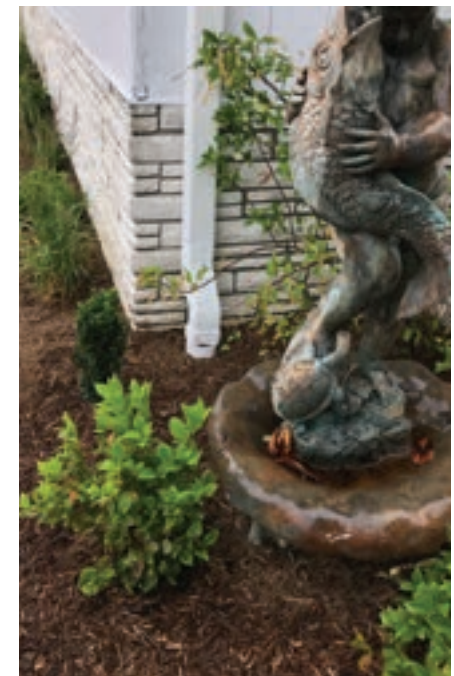
Binzel says she has only been in the area for the past 13 years and in no way considers herself a local but her love for the area abides; she says she has made it her mission to help restore it.

"It's a special place," Binzel said. "Where else do you get the sunrise in the morning and the evening for two miles of shoreline?"

"This area deserves the respect for the things it has to offer; it just two hours [of travel] you can feel like you're here on vacation."

Pier 450 is located on Wynne Road in Ridge. More information on Pier 450 is available online at pier450.com.

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## St. Mary's County Public Schools Meal Distribution Changes Schedule

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

### Six Day Pickup on March 26

Due to the upcoming Spring Break, March 29 - April 5, the meal bag that will be distributed on Friday, March 26, will include food for six days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). Curb-side meal distribution on March 26th will be available for pick-up at all school sites from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Six Day Pickup on March 31

The following week, the meal bag that will be distributed on Wednesday, March 31, will also include food for six days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday); however, on Wednesday, March 31, curb-side meal dis-



tribution will ONLY be available for pick-up at the following school sites from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

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### Permanent Change to Curb-side Pickup Days Starting April 7

With the return of hybrid students and a high demand for in-

school lunch, beginning Wednesday, April 7, curb-side meal distribution will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays only, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Each Wednesday's meal bag will include food for three days (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). Each Friday's meal bag will include food for four days (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday).

### Permanent Changes to Pickup Sites Starting April 7

Also, beginning Wednesday, April 7, curb-side meal distribution will be available at all school sites except the following locations:

Chesapeake Public Charter  
Leonardtwn Middle  
Fairlead Academy I  
Mechanicsville Elementary  
Green Holly Elementary  
Town Creek Elementary  
Hollywood Elementary

More information can also be found on the SMCPSS home page and on Twitter@SMCPSS\_Food. If you have any questions regarding the schedule change, please send them to [www.foodservice@smcps.org](mailto:www.foodservice@smcps.org).

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## All About Hummingbirds

Join Barb Whipkey, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Lexington Park and LaPlata, for this talk all about hummingbirds on Tuesday, April 6 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Barb will discuss nesting behaviors, attracting hummingbirds to your feeders, and more. Barb will even give some of her tips for hand feeding the hummingbirds. Make this your best hummingbird season ever! Register with an email address on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive a link to join the online event.

## Virtual Mystery Book Club

Join us each month as we discuss a different mystery novel. This month's book is *The Tale Teller* by Anne Hillerman on Friday, April 9 from 7 - 8 p.m. The Mystery Book Club meets via Zoom on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00pm (unless otherwise noted).

Register with an email address on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the link.

## Viva Latino: Own Voices Writers in Conversation

Join us on Thursday, April 1 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. In early 2020, the Hispanic literary community led an important national dialogue on the importance of "own voices" literature and inequities in the publishing industry. Leading and award-winning contemporary Latin American writers gather to discuss their perspectives on the importance of own voices narratives in providing representation for readers. This program offers Latino/a/x and non-Latin Marylanders with an opportunity to learn about the diversity of the Latin American community, as represented in literature and poetry. ASL interpretation and live captions provided. Featured Speakers:



Julia Alvarez, National Medal of Arts Winner  
Angie Cruz, Inaugural GMA Book Club Author

Reyna Grande, American Book Award Winner

Juan Felipe Herrera, U.S. Poet Laureate (2015-2017)

Lupita Aquino, moderator, @Lupita Reads

Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

## Outdoor Storytime at 5th District Park

Stories, songs, and activities for chil-

dren with their adult caregivers, outdoors at 5th District Park on Saturday, April 10 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. under the pavilion. Siblings welcome; please register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) once per family group. This activity will take place outdoors under the picnic pavilion. Participants should dress for the weather, and follow social distancing practices during the event. This event is rain or shine, but if the weather is very poor it may be postponed. After storytime, enjoy the playground and nature trail! Bad weather date: April 17

# Leonardtwn High School Students Lead Fundraising Effort

*For Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*

Every nine minutes, somebody in the U.S. dies of a blood cancer. And, in today's times of uncertainty, cancer patients need support now, more than ever. Through The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Maryland Chapter's innovative fundraising campaign, Students of the Year, more than 23 motivated high school candidates and over 150 team members raised significant funds through personal asks and virtual fundraising events for LLS's cutting-edge cancer research and patient services.

Manasa Iswara and Hemani Kumar, both 15, of Leonardtown High School raised the most funds across the Maryland Region and earned the winning title, "Students of the Year." These fundraising superstars raised funds to support LLS's goal of finding cures for blood cancers and ensuring that patients have access to lifesaving treatments.

Students of the Year is a seven-week philanthropic leadership development program during which students foster professional skills such as entrepreneurship, marketing, and project management in order to raise funds for LLS, a global leader in the fight against cancer. This year's campaign was executed through virtual fundraising events only. The title Student(s) of the Year is awarded to the candidate or co-candidates in each community who raises the most funds during the competition. Top local fundraisers become eligible to win the national title. The students raise money in honor of a local patient hero who is currently battling or is in remission from a blood cancer.

When Iswara and Kumar learned they were named the local Students of the Year they were thrilled, "We're



honored to be named the Maryland's Chapter's local Students of the Year! We want to shout out all 15 of our team members because we could not have done this without all of you...we love every single one of you." They also thanked their parents, mentor, the other 14 candidate teams and Maryland's Students of the Year Campaign Development Director, Corinne Mayers.

Mayers shared that Manasa and Hemani ran an incredible fundraising campaign that involved reaching out to businesses for sponsorship, small community events, lots of personal asks and a lot of involvement from their hard working team members.

"Congratulations to Manasa and Hemani and all our candidates, supporters and volunteers who helped to make Students of the Year a huge success. Despite fundraising in a virtual world, they never lost hope," said Ria Freyberg, LLS's Mid-Atlantic Executive Director. They remained committed to the over 1.3 million people living with or in remission from a blood cancer, many of whom are children. For these individuals, it's not just about winning a title; it's all about the impact they are making in their communities and the generations ahead of them."

To learn more about LLS's Students of the Year program and how it might work for you or someone you know, visit: [www.studentseries.org](http://www.studentseries.org).

*Press Release from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*



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## Field Hockey Prevails Over Wesley College



Photo By: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland field hockey team took on the Wesley College Wolverines on Sunday (Mar. 21) afternoon on the road. The Seahawks prevailed over the Wolverines 3-1.

St. Mary's College - 3, Wesley College - 1

Stats were not recorded for the exhibition

### How It Happened

The Wolverines tallied the first score of the game and took a 1-0 advantage over the Seahawks. From there, St. Mary's College took control of the game with three unanswered goals. Emily

Pulkowski scored the first Seahawk goal with an assist from Meghan Ronan off of a penalty corner.

The Seahawks earned another penalty corner later in the match and took advantage with a score from Gabrielle Corder. Ronan and Pulkowski were credited with the assists. Leading 2-1, St. Mary's College put the game away when Ronan scored right in front of the cage to wrap up the 3-1 victory.

### Up Next for the Seahawks

Mar. 27 vs. Salisbury | 5 PM | Senior Day | Jamie L. Roberts Stadium

## Seahawks Split Doubleheader with Wesley



Photo By: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (2-4) hit the road on Sunday (Mar. 21) afternoon to take on the Wesley College Wolverines (1-3) in non-conference action. The Seahawks split the series, falling in game one 12-8, and defeating the Wolverines 6-2 in game two.

### How It Happened (Game One)

Wesley jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first inning, but the Seahawks answered with six runs between the third and fourth innings to capture a 6-2 advantage. Joey Bryner, Connor Coursey, Derrick Booker, Jake Wood, and Dillon Waters batted in runs for the lead.

The lead was short lived for the Seahawks as the Wolverines responded with seven runs through the fourth and fifth innings to retake the lead 9-6. In the top of the sixth inning, D. Waters made contact, plating Booker and Sam James to trim the Wesley lead to 9-8.

From there, the Wolverines added three runs in the bottom of the sixth and held the Seahawks scoreless for the remainder of the seven inning game for the victory.

### Inside the Box Score

Booker led the Seahawks from the plate with three hits and also recorded one RBI. D. Waters brought home a team-high three runs, while also drawing one walk and one run. Bryner notched two RBI, while James tallied two hits.

Booker, Woods, and D. Waters stole one base each.

Jake Sandridge started the game on the mound and pitched 3.2 in-

nings, allowing six earned runs and striking out three batters. Will Spanoghe and Connor Coursey pitched in relief. Spanoghe rung up three batters in his outing.

### How It Happened (Game Two)

The Seahawks scored early and often in their victory in game two, plating all six of their runs in the first and second innings. D. Waters put the Seahawks on the scoreboard with a RBI double. Next, Bryner doubled to bring home D. Waters and Wood to extend the Seahawks lead to three.

Later in the first inning, James singled to left field to plate Bryner for a 4-0 advantage. St. Mary's College added to their lead in the second inning with a RBI single from Sam Smith. The Seahawks increased their lead to 6-0 with a RBI double from Brady Waters. The Wolverines scored one run each in the fourth and sixth innings but couldn't overcome their deficit.

### Inside the Box Score (Game Two)

Booker, Bryner, James, and Diego Grijalva led the Seahawks from the plate with two hits each. Bryner brought home a team-best two runs, while Smith drew a team-high two walks. Additionally, Booker stole one base.

Alexander Sims, Jake Wills, Gerald Sayles III, Bryan Brooks, and Ethan Gray all split time on the mound. Wills, Sayles, and Brooks notched one strikeout apiece.

Press Release from SMCM.

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# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## E-2D Achieves Mission Capable Goal Five Months Ahead of Target

The E-2D community reached its mission capable goal five months ahead of schedule recently thanks to efforts made by the E-2/C-2 Airborne Command & Control Systems Program Office (PMA-231) and the Airborne Command & Control Logistics Wing (ACCLOGWING).

“The F/A-18 and EA-18G have been a major focus of the Navy to significantly increase mission capability in the last several years. Now it’s time for the E-2D to step into the spotlight and take lessons learned from these other successful programs and the [Naval Sustainment System-Aviation], and integrate them into our own mission capable aircraft campaign,” said Capt. Pete Arrobio, PMA-231 program manager.

PMA-231 and ACCLOGWING launched the Naval Sustainment System-Aviation (NSS-A) efforts in 2020 to improve E-2D aircraft readiness with a goal to sustain 28 Mission Capable (MC) and 22 Fully Mission Capable (FMC) aircraft. The first objective of 28 MC E-2D was met for the first time on

Feb. 3, five months ahead the planned target completion of July 1.

“This is an all-hands-on-deck effort across our community to reach, sustain and surpass 28 MC while, at the same time, getting after FMC,” said Arrobio.

The mission capable effort is structured around the six pillars of the NSS-A. The NSS-A applies an integrated approach to a data-informed and analytic-driven framework leveraging best practices from industry to increase spare parts, enhance capability and maintain aircraft to support the warfighter.

The roll-out involves the Organizational-level (O-level) Reform efforts of the NSS-A, an initiative that began approximately two years ago as a way to improve readiness across Naval Aviation. At the direction of the then-Secretary of Defense, the F/A-18 and EA-18G served as the initial communities to introduce NSS-A.

The pillars involved in the reform include the Maintenance Operation Center (MOC) Aircraft on Ground (AOG), Fleet Readiness Center (FRC)

reform, O-level reform, Supply Chain reform, Engineering and Maintenance reform, and establishing a single point of accountability for governance and accountability.

Over the last month, 28 MC E-2Ds were available on average, which represents a significant accomplishment, said Arrobio, adding that they are moving towards sustaining and having sufficient amounts of spares on shelf to meet the Fleet’s need.

To sustain 28 aircraft, the program office is focused on ensuring there are 37 available E-2D aircraft out of the total inventory of 46. This number excludes aircraft in Planned Maintenance Interval (PMI) I, PMI II, Aerial Refueling (AR) modifications and additional planned modifications for the E-2D aircraft.

Concurrently, while focusing on MC, the program office and ACCLOGWING are aggressively moving towards achieving the need for 22 FMC E-2Ds.

“The Navy invested in the E-2D because of the unique and critical war-

fighting capabilities it brings to the Navy and the Joint Force,” said Capt. Mike France, Airborne Command & Control and Logistics Wing commander. “Persistently maintaining 28 MC is an important milestone, but achieving 22 FMC E-2Ds sets the stage for us to win against adversaries. This is the critical number that supports deployed squadrons and high-end training.”

Arrobio and France said the program office and ACCLOGWING have already made significant progress towards this objective by consolidating parts across prioritized aircraft, working with Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon Systems Support (NAV-SUP WSS) and industry to accelerate spares and repairs, reliability improvements, and other initiatives to systematically attack FMC readiness degraders.

PMA-231’s mission is to develop, acquire and sustain unmatched carrier-based airborne command, control, and logistics aircraft with the E-2C Hawkeye, E-2D Advanced Hawkeye and C-2A Greyhound.



An E-2D Hawkeye, assigned to the "Greyhawks" of Carrier Airborne Command and Control Squadron (VAW) 120, taxis on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) while operating in the Atlantic Ocean.

# Legal Notices

## 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](mailto: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 BRAYDEN DANIEL SMITH-AULD  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO BRAYDEN DANIEL AULD  
BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/  
GUARDIAN:Richard Auld

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-143  
Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from BRAYDEN DANIEL SMITH-AULD to BRAYDEN DANIEL AULD. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: After marriage, Brayden's mother Dana changed her name from Smith to Auld. We find the hyphenated last name problematic with Military DEERS, medical, school registration and other systems.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 04/25/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

IN THE MATTER OF RYAN MATTHEW SMITH-AULD  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO RYAN MATTHEW AULD  
BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/  
GUARDIAN:Richard Auld

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-144  
Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from RYAN MATTHEW SMITH-AULD to RYAN MATTHEW AULD. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: After marriage, Ryan's mother Dana changed her name from Smith to Auld. We find the hyphenated last name problematic with Military DEERS, medical, school registration and other systems.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 04/25/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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.

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# Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## A LITTLE BITE OF HEAVEN

My husband and I have been wanting to try the new Il Piccolo Morso restaurant located in Leonardtown. You know I am always on the great lasagna hunt. We finally got the chance on a pouring down rainy night last Thursday. I loved seeing the cozy warm glow of the lights inside as we turned off Washington Street to their doors and found that inside was even more beautiful than I expected.

Il Piccolo Morso, owned by Michael and Silvia Chance translates to The Little Bite in Italian, but believe me, you will receive much more than a little bite to eat. I am always the happiest when I feel like I have had a full portion of a meal, and then still go home with a perfect lunch portion for the next day. I spoke to Chef Michael and told him how much I enjoyed the lasagna with the added surprise of a lemony ricotta topping. What a nice addition when blended with the sauce and cheeses in the 4 to 5 tier lasagna. Michael says he tends towards the Southern Italian cuisine style, but with his own special touches, culminating from being a culinary student, assistant chef, and chef in America, Spain, and Japan. And in some dishes like the shrimp & grits, chicken, and cornbread you will find some of his southern comfort food roots from Georgia.

This is a little about Chef Michael and Silvia from their website: “Chef Michael hails from Southern Maryland and attended Georgia Tech University where he played football as a defensive end. After recovering from an early injury, the European Football League recruited him to play for the Barcelona Dragons. This opportunity took him to Barcelona, Spain where he met his wife, Silvia, and continued to live for over 24 years.” Chef Michael holds two culinary degrees; one in the US and one from Spain. Both Silvia and Michael are very personable and quick to be at your table or answer any questions about your meal or drinks. We ordered the Sangiovese wine my husband loves, with guidance from Silvia, and it was excellent. Silvia Chance is shown in the photo with two of their restaurant team members.

I asked why they decided to open an Italian cuisine restaurant in Leonardtown while also running The Cow & The Fish in Hollywood, and Michael said they noticed, and were told, that there was a need for this in Leonardtown. Chef Michael said they received encouragement from the commissioners of Leonardtown and their patrons to open Il Piccolo Morso. I am extremely glad they did and look for-



ward to the future enhancements that Silvia and Michael have in mind for the restaurant and the bar area. Like so many others, they are waiting on back-ordered supplies. I will also be looking forward to the future wine-pairing meals and specials they have planned. Chef Michael says he likes to “mix it up” a bit with specials using all of his culinary blending talents from around the world.

As many of you no doubt know, the Chances also own The Cow & the Fish in Hollywood, which Chef Michael told me will be re-opening inside within the next week or so. I am so looking forward to the mussels resting on pesto parmesan butter and garlic. I can’t even write about them without wanting them right now. I really enjoyed the tender duck dish I tried there and of course the bar menu. Well, you know that is important to me too!

What both the Il Piccolo Morso and The Cow & the Fish restaurants have in common, according to Chef Michael is 85 – 95% of the ingredients from seafood to meats to greens are sourced locally in Southern Maryland. He said occasionally they have specialized fish or meat flown in, but primarily helping the local seafood, meat, and agricultural economy is their priority. Another common denominator is extensive, and hard training for all cooks and staff. (Remember he was a defensive end – I imagine everyone listens to him) The only difference between the restaurants is in the types of cuisine with The Cow & the Fish focusing more on a Mediterranean style of cooking and comfort food.

And for me any meal that starts out with a small plate of toasted baguettes with pesto for dipping, some wine, or a cocktail, and ends with Tiramisu is Heaven. All else is gravy Bolognese as they say.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby  
Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook

# Business Owners’ Issues Go Beyond ‘Mom And Pop’ Label

If you own a small business, you typically don’t get a lot of recognition – so you may be pleased to learn that March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day. You might not necessarily think of your business as a “Mom and Pop” operation, but it certainly contributes to the well-being of your family now, and possibly to that of future generations, too – if you make the right moves.

Depending on the nature of your business, you may have spent the past several months more concerned about today than tomorrow, given the serious economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still placing stress on a great many business owners across the country.

If your business has been adversely affected by the pandemic, you might be eligible for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. As you may know, recent legislation provided \$285 billion more for this program. To learn more, and to start the application process, visit the Small Business Administration website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). You have until March 31 to apply for a PPP loan. Other relief also may be available.

But regardless of whether you apply for one of these loans, you can take other steps to help maximize the benefits you get from your business – and perhaps even extend its longevity.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Establish a retirement plan.**

If you don’t already have a retirement plan, it’s never too late to set one up. As a business owner, you have several options, including an “owner-only” 401(k), a SIMPLE IRA and a SEP-IRA. All these plans are fairly easy to establish and can offer potential tax advantages, as well as providing you with a source of retire-

ment income in the future. You may want to work with a financial professional to pick the right plan for your needs.

- **Coordinate your business assets with your investment portfolio.**

Like most business owners, you may have a great deal of your personal wealth tied up in your business. And, as the past year has certainly shown, this can be risky. Consequently, you’ll need to weigh this risk factor when deciding on investing in your retirement plan or in other investment accounts. This doesn’t mean you should try to avoid all risk only by pursuing the most conservative vehicles – which would be counterproductive to achieving enough growth to meet your retirement income goals – but you will need to pay close attention to your investment mix to ensure it provides you with an appropriate balance to what you’ve invested in your business.

- **Develop a transition strategy.** How will you make the transition from business owner to the next phase of your life? Will you sell the business outright? Will you gradually transfer it to a family member? If so, what mechanism will you use? It’s a good idea to have these types of plans in place well before you need to enact them, so you may want to consult with your financial, legal and tax advisors soon.

A “Mom and Pop” business may sound quaint and carefree – but, as you know, running a business of any size can be an all-consuming endeavor and always involves significant financial concerns. Get the help you need to meet these challenges.

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# 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 25

### 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)

### Diabetes Prevention Program

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

### 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.

## Friday, March 26

### 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.

### Drive-Thru Shrimp Dinner

*Hollywood VFD; 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

\$18.00 per person: Cash or Check ATM on site. Meal includes 1 Pound of Steamed Shrimp, French Fries, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, and Dessert. Pre-Orders highly encouraged: Contact Elaine Quade at 301-373-2659

## Saturday, March 27

### Indoor Yard Sale

*Mechanicsville VRS; 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary is hosting an indoor yard sale with lots of items. Rent Table \$15 Call Sue Wood at 301-884-4108. Please wear your mask.

## Tuesday, March 30

### Grief Support Group

*Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.*

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

### Science for Citizens Seminar

*Online; 7 p.m.*

Presented by Dr. Tom Miller. This year marks the start of the United Nations Decade for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. This exciting program seeks to conduct the science we need for the oceans we want. Involvement of government, academic and citizen scientists is strongly encouraged - and we are seeing involvement of groups who have not been traditionally represented in these discussions. This talk will review initiatives the US is considering as its contributions and evaluate whether we are doing the science we need for the Chesapeake Bay we want. Following the presentation, there will be a moderated question and answer session. Registration is required to attend. <https://www.usmf.org/ScienceForCitizens/>

## Wednesday, March 31

### Wayback Wednesdays

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

### DAV Assistance Program

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

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

## Thursday, April 1

### CSM Transfer Thursday

*Virtual; 11 a.m.*

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

### Diabetes Prevention Program

The Diabetes Prevention Program helps participants establish and stick with positive lifestyle changes, such as healthy eating habits, physical activity and positive stress management, which

can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This free program includes 16 weekly sessions, followed by monthly sessions for ongoing support from a lifestyle coach. Register at [www.smchd.org/dpp](http://www.smchd.org/dpp).

## Ongoing

### Stuffed Ham Easter Sale

*Hollywood VFD; Pick up April 3rd, 10 a.m. - noon*

Stuffed Ham Sale: \$13.00 per pound. PRE-ORDERS ONLY. Order NOW by calling Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695. Pick up April 3rd from 10-noon in the Social Hall. ONLY 150 pounds will be available for sale. Once this is gone NO additional orders will be accepted.

### 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's 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

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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.



# St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

## Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658  
 Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050  
 Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for the most up-to date information

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### COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Assistance for Adults 65+

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

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

### Videos from Aging & Human Services

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

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

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

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

### Loffler Book Club

Read the book The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Discuss with us via Zoom on Friday, April 2 at 10

a.m. This book tells the charming story of the island of Guernsey (A British island that is located closer to France than England) during the German Occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to learn more.

### Current Events Session on Zoom

Do you want to discuss today's topics with others? There's a lot going on! This was a popular meeting at the Loffler Senior Activity Center before COVID happened. Now that people are getting accustomed to using Zoom, we think this is a good time to start meeting again. We will hold these discussions on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10 a.m. The first one is scheduled for April 12. You do NOT need to have a Zoom account to attend, you only need to have access to the internet via computer, laptop or phone and an e-mail account so that we can send you the link, which you will

receive in a reminder notice before the meeting. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to sign up for the first session.

### Independent Project Clubs

ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL 14  
 Sewing Club: Make cloth napkins Set of 12- Bonus Table Runner. Suggestion: Make it early using spring colors and use it for your Easter table

Garden Club: Draw design of small flower & herb garden plan. Include two seeding flowers (such as marigold or zinnia) and your herbs. Size can be anywhere from 4-25 square feet. Can be annuals, perennials or mixed. Can use pots (10" deep) if you don't have a yard to put a garden in. E-mail Shellie at Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to let her know you are participating or to learn more about the program. Reveal Day will be April 14 from 1-3 p.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center (or you can send a picture of you and your project to Shellie).

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## In Remembrance

### Louis Sidney Russell "Buttons"



Louis Russell, 73, of Mechanicsville passed away on Thursday February 25, 2021.

A graveside service will be held at the Queen of Peace Cemetery on Doctor Johnson Rd. on June 11, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

Louis was born in St. Mary's to Bernard Russell Sr. and Sarah Russell on Nov. 10, 1947. He married his wife Janet on Nov. 10, 1975.

Louis is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and his brother Donald.

Louis is survived by his brothers; Bernard "Bunny" Russell Jr., and Billy Rus-

sell, sisters; Roseann Scruggs, Agnes Scruggs, and Barbara Rivell, son; Timmy Wathen, daughters; Cynthia Murray, Melanie Williams, and Tammy Finnell, and 10 grandchildren.

Thomas "Tom" Wilmer Guy, Jr.

Thomas "Tom" Wilmer Guy, Jr. of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Tom was born on September 15, 1961 to the late Thomas "Rooster" and Anne Guy.

His wife Sheila Lumpkins Guy predeceased him in February 2021.

Tom is survived by his two sons Trevor (Sabrina) and Tyler, as well as his precious granddaughter Avery Marie.

Tom leaves behind his siblings Cindy (Charlie), Linda, Terri, John (Becky), Susan and Brent (Joanie), as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Tom attended Chopticon High School. He was a talented carpenter and could build anything. He learned his skills at an early age working for the family business Guy's Decorating. He was a great handyman- he could and would do anything you asked him to. Always willing to lend a helping hand. He found joy in helping others and often participated in Christmas in April.

Tom worked for Ray Long Construction before starting at IAP in 1997. He worked there for the remainder of his life.

He always took the time to stop by and chat with you if he was working in your building.

When he wasn't working a side job he could be found with family and/or friends on the water, in the woods or on the front porch. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, crabbing and his favorite goose hunting. He enjoyed being able to teach and share his hobbies with not only his boys but anyone that showed interest.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Maryland School for the Deaf Attn: Jennifer Lake 101 Clarke Place Frederick, MD 21701.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9322353918?pwd=Q1JvbEhPd2ViR0IvaWo4OWIYMDCrZz09>

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

### Ashton T. Bond



Ashton T. Bond, "Ash", 41, of White Plains, MD formerly from Boston, MA passed away on March 6, 2021 in White Plains, MD. He was born on April 23, 1979 in Boston, MA. He graduated from Liberty University in 2010 earning his Bachelor's Degree.

Ashton served in the United States Marine Corp. from July 13, 1998 to July 12, 2002. He was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC. While serving in the United States Marine Corp. he earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Rifle Marksman, Marksmanship Badge, and National Defense Service Medal.

He also served in the United States Airforce and was stationed with the 916th Seymour Johnson Airforce Base, Goldsboro North Carolina from 2003-2015.

He served as a youth minister and mentor at New Beginnings Ministry of Faith, Havelock North Carolina as well as Grace Chapel Waldorf Maryland.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 9:45AM in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will fol-

low in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, MD.

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### Jesse James Woodruff

Jesse James Woodruff, 77, of Tall Timbers, MD formerly from Fallon, NV passed away on March 5, 2021 in Prince Frederick, MD. He was born on January 4, 1944 in Oak Grove, LA and was the son of the late Jean Mire Woodruff and James Calvin Woodruff. Jesse is survived by his wife Thelma Woodruff whom he married on August 13, 1967 in Oxon Hill, MD. Jesse is survived by his children Angela Becknauld (Ron) of Lusby, MD, Laura Schwarting of Cheyenne, WY, 2 grandchildren Philip Becknauld of Lusby, MD, Thomas Becknauld of Denver, CO. Along with his siblings Barbara Woodruff of LA, and Martin Woodruff of LA. He was preceded in death by his brother James C. Woodruff.

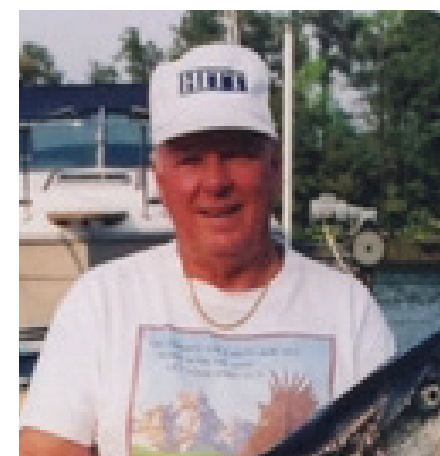
Jesse served in the United States Navy for 21 years, retiring in 1983.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 29, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. where a Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Hendrickson officiating. Interment will follow in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery Cheltenham, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Aaron Gravel, Thomas Becknauld, Ron Becknauld, Marc Fitzsimmons, Carl Tongeson, Raymond Narhand. Honorary pallbearers will be Nick Gravel, Harry Metzler, Philip Becknauld, Guy McMullan, Chris Pitmon, Larry Stroud, and Martin Woodruff.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 26 P.O. Box 456 Patuxent River, MD 20670.

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### Ronald Darr



Ronald Darr of Valley Lee, MD passed to a better life on March 21, 2021. Ron had been fighting several medical problems

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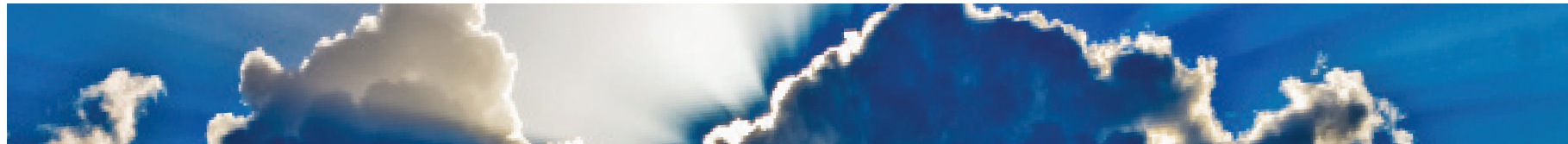
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over the last five years.

Ron leaves behind his loving wife, Joan; his son, Gregory and his daughter, Stacey; his step-daughters: Terry, Patty and Stacey; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; his sister, Carol Robinson of Florida and 7 nieces and nephews.

All services will be private. A Celebration of Life Service for friends and family will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Second District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692, Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339, Lexington Park, MD 20653; and/or Autism Speaks, 1060 State Road, Second Floor Princeton, NJ 08540

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### *Master Gunnery Sergeant (Ret.) Jerry James Gooch*



Master Gunnery Sergeant (Retired) Jerry James Gooch passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland. He was born on September 9, 1949, in Camden, New Jersey, to James and Elizabeth Gooch, and was part of a large family. He grew up with his brothers Robert, Daniel, Donald, and John, and a sister Betty Sue. The family grew later to include mother Florence Diane, brothers Charles Goss, Gary Goss, and James.

He married Teresa Kay Banks on June 17, 1973, in Havelock, NC. They had two children, Jonathan June, born 1978, and Janet Mary, born 1983.

Jerry gave all that he could to his country, serving for 30 years in the United States Marine Corps, enlisting in February 1968. Jerry was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina, for boot camp, and spent several years in recruiting before working in aircraft maintenance, where he was later staffed at the Marine Corps Headquarters, and then the Pentagon, as the Aircraft Maintenance Chief for the Marine Corps. He retired from active duty service in March 1998. He later worked in support of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps at D.P. Associates. Throughout his career, Jerry built countless lifelong friendships; he

considered those friends to be family.

Jerry enjoyed many, many hobbies, including long-distance running, hiking the Appalachian trail, Phillies baseball, scouting (participating in Tiger, Cub, Boy, and Explorer Scouts), and collecting (patches, baseball cards, models, books, and more). He completed the Marine Corps' first marathon in 1976. Jerry maintained an interest in the outdoors through scouting, both as a scout and leader of his son's troop. He respected the outdoors, instilling that it was best to leave nature as you found it. Jerry also spent 38 years as an active member of the Moose Lodge.

Jerry, however, enjoyed his family most of all. Being away from his parents and brothers was difficult during a military career, but he treasured those opportunities to see extended family every chance he could. As his extended family grew, Jerry had more photos to share with family and friends, and had to make more room on the refrigerator.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 47 years, Teresa Gooch, of Great Mills, MD, children, Jonathan Gooch and Carrie Hentz-Gooch of Falls Church VA, Scott Kramer and Janet Kramer of Richmond, VA, and grandchildren James Kramer, Katharine Kramer, Juniper Gooch, and Charles Kramer. In addition to his mother and father, he was predeceased by his brother Robert Gooch, sister Betty Sue Gooch, and brother Charles Goss.

Family will receive friends for Jerry's Life Celebration on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, with prayers recited at 7:00pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment is pending, and will be determined at a later date.

Flowers will be accepted or you can send memorial donations in honor of Jerry to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or call in donations to 855-448-3997.

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### *Patricia Ruth Thompson*



Patricia Ruth Thompson, 76 of Great Mills, Maryland passed away on March 17, 2021 at her home surrounded by her

loving family.

She was born on June 9, 1944 in Great Mills, Maryland to the late Ernest Leo Coombs, Sr. and Ruth Hammett Coombs.

Pat was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. In 1962 she graduated from St. Michael's High School in Ridge, MD. On September 22, 1962, she married her beloved husband, Joseph Rudolph Thompson, Sr. at Holy Face Catholic Church in Great Mills, Maryland. Together they celebrated over 58 wonderful years of marriage. Pat was an amazing homemaker and also worked for many years in the banking industry at both Maryland National Bank/Bank of America and Community Bank of Tri-County.

She was the centerpiece of her family, a woman of many talents and had a knack for making something out of nothing for anyone who called. She would disappear into one of her many storage areas, work some magic and produce the needed item - exceeding expectations every time. Pat was always there for family and friends to help solve problems and help out with special projects (e.g. chief Christmas tree decorator). She was a very talented seamstress, making many beautiful pieces, including almost all of her children's clothing in their early years. She loved to alter clothes for herself and family members. She also made beautiful bows for family, friends and her church especially for the holidays - her gifts to others were always wrapped so beautifully you almost did not want to open them. Pat loved to keep a beautiful home and garden - going as far as adding silk flowers when real flowers would not cooperate in her garden (i.e. no water needed). She cooked a delicious meatloaf which her husband and brothers especially loved. She enjoyed traveling with family and friends, and particularly enjoyed Myrtle Beach and the casinos in Atlantic City. She loved visiting her brother for long weekends at Father Judge Missionary Cenacle. She had an entertaining personality accompanied by a great sense of humor that she shared with her family and friends. She was a life-long member of Holy Face Catholic Church and enjoyed her time at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, especially volunteering in the Almost Immaculate Thrift Shop transforming donations into beautiful items that would fly off the shelves. She will be truly missed.

In addition to her husband Joe, Pat is also survived by her children, Patti Mansfield (Fred) of La Plata, MD, Peggy Thompson of Great Mills, MD, and Joe Thompson, Jr. (Flora Joy) of Great Mills, MD; her brother, Brother William Coombs of Adelphi, MD; her grandchildren: Josh Decker (Clancy Cullison), Jason Decker (Kasey Dunbar), Russell Murray (Jessica), Shannon Preston (James), Sharrie Cutchember, Darren Combs-Thompson, and Audrey Combs; her great grandchildren: Josh Jr., Cora, Ayden, Levi, Marilyn, Kailyn, Trey, Cayden, Amayah, Janae, Jordan, James IV, Jameson, Jeslyn, Jaily, and Jalil; her sisters and brothers -in-law: Joann Coombs, Carol Ann Coombs, Lou-

ise Coombs, Tommy Thompson (Jeri), Betty Lindsay, and Linda Brown (Tom); and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her sister, Mary Lou Guy; her brothers: Ernest Leo Coombs, Jr., Joseph Ronald Coombs, and Thomas Fulton Coombs; and her grandson, Jared Mansfield.

Serving as Pallbearers will be her grandchildren and Honorary Pallbearers will be her great-grandchildren.

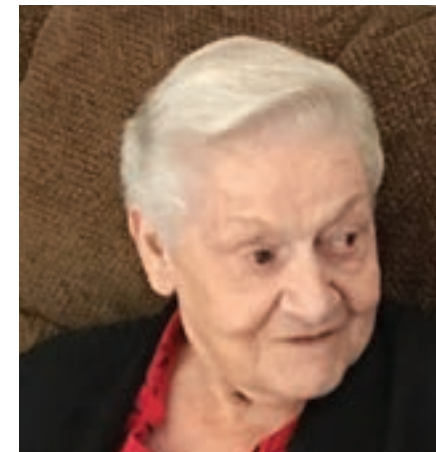
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Michael Barth on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at Holy Face Catholic Church, 20408 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

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

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### *Imal Virginia Collins*



Imal Virginia Collins (Ginny), 95, of Leonardtown, Md passed away on March 11, 2021 at Prince George's Hospital Center. Ginny was born on July 13, 1925 in Ridgeway, MO. To the late Frank Jones and Mabel (Darby) Jones. She married MSGT Thomas Joseph Collins, USAF (Ret), on February 5, 1949 in Spokane, WA.

Ginny was a hardworking and compassionate woman. Not only did she raise four children at home, she also gave her time to her church, and was an active Red Cross and hospital volunteer in WA. She held various positions in her life, including telephone operator, waitress, high school cook, and assembler at a growing technology company, Hewlett-Packard for eight years. She was a devout Catholic who cherished time at her church, alongside her husband, volunteering their time within the church and singing in the choir. She was a talented and creative person who enjoyed creating crafts, embroidery, cross-stitch, quilting and macrame. Ginny even learned the skill of watercolor painting at the age of 82! She was an avid reader, and enjoyed doing word-search and jigsaw puzzles. Family was very important to her, and she cherished every moment

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spent with them.

Ginny Collins is survived by her children, Patricia Younger (Larry L) of Lexington Park, MD, Stephen Collins of Arvada, CO, and Mark Collins (Lisa) of Highlands Ranch, CO, her brother Dean Jones of Newport, WA, her granddaughter, Jennifer McKinnett, her grandchildren, Taryn Saleny and Morraine Dowler, and her great-great granddaughter, Luna Saleny. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Thomas, her son Michael Collins, and by her siblings, Thomas Leggett, James Jones, Richard Jones, and Lettie Mae Jones.

Services are pending.

Memorial contributions may be made to St George's Catholic Church, 19199 St George's Church Road, Valley Lee, Md 20692.

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### Gertrude Genevieve Pirko



Gertrude Genevieve Pirko, 98, of Great Mills, MD, passed away on March 13, 2021 at home.

She was born on February 20, 1923 in Lake Milton, OH, to the late John Adam and Veronica (Hazlin) Adam.

Gertrude graduated from Jackson Milton High School in North Jackson, OH. She proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII from June 17, 1943

until her honorable discharge on December 13, 1945 as a Pharmacists Mate Third Class in the WAVES. She was stationed in Oakland, CA, and Seattle, WA, where she served as a nursing assistant and beautician to many veterans. She was awarded the American Campaign Ribbon and the WWII Victory Medal.

On July 19, 1947, she married her beloved husband, Paul Pirko, in North Jackson, OH. Together they celebrated over 56 wonderful years of marriage before her husband's passing in 2004. Since 2005, she has lived in Great Mills, MD.

She was employed as the activities director for the Bel Air Convalescent Home in Bel Air, MD. She and her husband enjoyed taking cruises and travelling throughout the country and abroad, including Yellowstone National Park, Canada, and Spain. She was an artist and created several beautiful watercolor paintings. She liked to go fishing and was skilled in needlepoint. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was a troop leader for many years with Girl Scouts of America, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 58 in Dunnellon, FL, and a Charter Member of WAVES National.

Gertrude is survived by her children, Kenneth Pirko of Great Mills, MD, Karen Nash (Willie, Dec.), of Rio Vista, CA, John Pirko (Theresa) of Hanover, VA, and Matthew Pirko (Patty Ruth) of Lorena, TX, her sister, Mary DeMoss of Darrrouzett, TX, and five grandchildren, Angela Kay Pirko, John-Paul Pirko, Cody Pirko, Nick Pirko, and Nicola Nash. She was preceded in death by her brothers, John, Edward, and Albert Adam, and her sister Cecilia Hulvey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650; Holy Face Catholic Church, 20408 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634; or the Alzheimer's Association, 10665 Stanhaven Place, Suite 205D, White Plains, MD 20695.

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### Michelle "Paige" Stephenson



Michelle "Paige" Stephenson, 68 of Leonardtown, MD (formerly of Winston-Salem, NC and Southport, NC and Auburn, ME) died from cancer March 13, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 28, 1952 in Portsmouth, VA, to James Robert Barnett and Genevieve Moore Harrell of Moore's Creek, KY. Paige was a dedicated and caring Social Worker for many years for the Board of Education in David County, North Carolina and Auburn School Department until her retirement in 2015. On May 24, 1980, she married her beloved husband, Richard Charles Stephenson in Virginia Beach, VA. Together, they celebrated over 40 wonderful years of marriage and relocated to St. Mary's County, MD to be near their beloved son Shep and his family and dear friends the McKenney, Collins, and Thomas families.

Paige was an avid golfer who enjoyed being outside walking with her husband or visiting some of her favorite beaches. She was a dedicated Bridge player with her husband and friends and enjoyed playing Cribbage, Backgammon and Scrabble. Her greatest love was for her family, especially her grandchildren whom she is affectionately known as "Ahmum", whom she enjoyed spending as much time with as possible.

In addition to her mother (Gigi) and beloved husband, Paige is also survived by her son, Shepard W. Stephenson (Hallie) of Piney Point, MD; her grandchildren, Sawyer Gray and Barrett Wiley Stephenson of Piney Point, MD; her brothers-in-law: Peter Stephenson (Maureen) of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Scott Stephenson (Deborah) of Cape Elizabeth, ME, and Jim Nelson (Ana) of Aldie, VA; mother-in-law Marilyn W. Stephenson and sister-in-law Judi Harper. Paige is also survived by her extended family in Moore's Creek, KY and many loved nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father Wiley C. Harrell mother-in-law, Gloria Stephenson and father-in-law Richard Stephenson.

A celebration of life will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the V Foundation for Cancer Research ([www.v.org](http://www.v.org)).

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

### Sheila Lumpkins Guy



Sheila Lumpkins Guy, 59, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2021 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Sheila was born on September 24, 1961 to the late Gerald and Barbara Ann Lumpkins. Sheila was the loving wife of Tom Guy. She is survived by her sons Trevor (Sabrina) Guy and Tyler Guy, as well as her precious granddaughter, Avery Marie.

Sheila also leaves behind her siblings – Jerry, Pete, Jack (Mary Lou), Sandy, Donnie, Bo (Robbie), Brenda (Pee Wee), Rick (Lynn), Gail (Dan), Bonnie, a host of nieces and nephews, as well as her very special friend Stephanie Baker.

Sheila attended the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD. After graduating she went to work for the Federal Government at the Patuxent River Naval Base as a graphic artist, until her retirement in April of 2019.

Sheila played softball for the Captain Sam's and Pennies women's team. She enjoyed spending time on the water, fishing and crabbing with her husband, traveling back to her school in Frederick, MD to attend homecomings, hanging out with family and friends, as well as vacationing at the beach. Sheila also traveled to Hawaii.

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.

### Thomas "Tom" Wilmer Guy, Jr.

Thomas "Tom" Wilmer Guy, Jr. of Leonardtown, MD passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Tom was born on September 15, 1961 to the late Thomas "Rooster" and Anne Guy. His wife Sheila Lumpkins Guy predeceased him in February 2021.

Tom is survived by his two sons Trevor (Sabrina) and Tyler, as well as his precious granddaughter Avery Marie.

Tom leaves behind his siblings Cindy (Charlie), Linda, Terri, John (Becky), Susan and Brent (Joanie), as well as a host of nieces and nephews.



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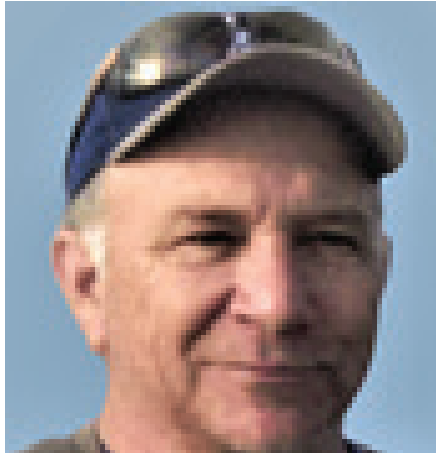
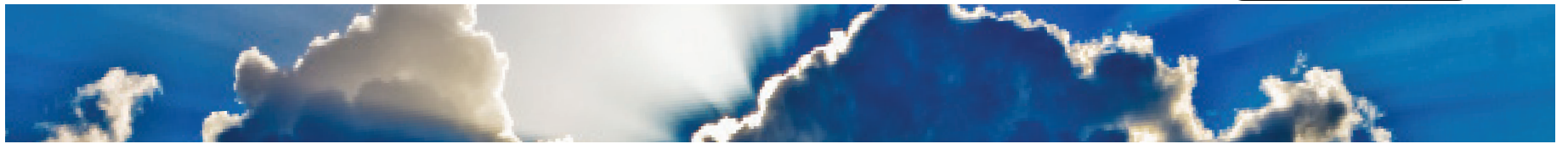
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Tom attended Chopticon High School. He was a talented carpenter and could build anything. He learned his skills at an early age working for the family business Guy's Decorating. He was a great handyman- he could and would do anything you asked him to. Always willing to lend a helping hand. He found joy in helping others and often participated in Christmas in April.

Tom worked for Ray Long Construction before starting at IAP in 1997. He worked there for the remainder of his life. He always took the time to stop by and chat with you if he was working in your building.

When he wasn't working a side job he could be found with family and/or friends on the water, in the woods or on the front porch. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, crabbing and his favorite goose hunting. He enjoyed being able to teach and share his hobbies with not only his boys but anyone that showed interest.

The family will receive visitors on Wednesday March 24th at Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD from 9:30 am to 11 am. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be for family only. A Graveside Service will be held after Mass at 12:30 PM in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Michael (Bones) Johnson, Pete Lumpkins, Raymond (Champ) Morgan, Ricky Lathroum, Melvin Brooks and Billy Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers will be: John Guy, Brent Guy, Charlie Guy, Jason Guy, Archie Bell, Tommy Joy, Ronnie Alvey, Eddie Copsey, and Phil Langley.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Maryland School for the Deaf Attn: Jennifer Lake 101 Clarke Place Frederick, MD 21701.

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### Arthur Earl Clark "Artie"

Arthur Earl Clark "Artie", 67 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on January 27, 2021 at Hospice House in Callaway with his daughter Emily by his side.

Artie was born in Leonardtown, MD



on August 16, 1953 and was the son of the late Beech Beshore Clark and Ferne Mae Clark. He is survived by his wife, Terri Lynn Clark along with his daughter, Emily Davis Price, son-in law Richard Robert Price, his two grandsons Sean Richard Price and Kevin Arthur Price and his faithful dog LuLu, all who reside in Leonardtown, MD.

He is also survived by his brother, Richard B. Clark, and his sisters, Ruth Ellen Taylor, Helen S. Clark (Alan), Mildred "Punky" C. Bazarah (Lukman) and Robin M Webb (Mark). He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother James D. Clark and his sister Katherine "Kathy" B. Allen (Ray).

Artie was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, graduated from Chopticon High School in 1973 and worked as a Controls Technician for over 40 years working in the electrical department at Chalk Point Generating Station in Aquasco, MD. He retired in 2019.

Artie had a wonderful mechanical mind and loved working on all things mechanical. He loved sharing and teaching his skills, especially with his two grandsons. He spent a great deal of time tinkering on cars and teaching them how to drive minibikes and lawn mowers, taking apart and repairing engines and teaching them about his tool collection. The boys spent summer breaks with their Grandfather and Artie would beam telling people stories of what he did with them.

Truly, Artie's favorite hobby was helping people. Whether you needed engine work, a ride to the doctor, to borrow a tool or work in his shop, Artie would find time to help. He always had a great story to tell and adventures to relive. He was a member of the Bucksports, member #206. Artie's wit, candor and that never ending smile always made parties and events better by his presence.

Artie had a great love for anything to do with drag racing. He traveled to races up and down the East Coast with friends and family including his grandsons, Sean and Kevin, introducing them to the great sport.

Artie's request was for no services to be held, yet he did want us to celebrate his life with a Life Celebration event later this year where stories will be told, and his favorite foods and drinks will be shared.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St.

Mary's, P. O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com). Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Mary Lou Wade



Mary Lou (Parsley) Wade, master gardener, world traveler, Shakespeare aficionado, loving mother, and generous friend, died on March 17, 2021 at Discovery Commons at Wildewood in California, MD., one day after her 92nd birthday. Mary Lou had resided in her woods and gardens in Ruffs Dale, PA for 50 years before dementia necessitated her transition to supported living.

Mary Lou was born March 16, 1929 in Smithville, TN and earned a BS in biology at Middle Tennessee State College. As a new teacher in 1950, she took her first job in a one-room schoolhouse in Wellborn, FL. She married Thomas Earl McKeithen Jr. in 1951 and had three children. Thomas died of an accident and the young widow moved her family back to Smithville in 1955 and then on to Oak Ridge, TN, where she worked as a chemist with Union Carbide at the Oak Ridge nuclear facility.

Mary Lou met E. Eugene Wade at the Unitarian Church in Oak Ridge, under the influence of her three and Eugene's one child deciding that their parents should meet. They married in 1961 and added two more children to the family, moving to Westmoreland County PA in 1968. They were married until Eugene's 1992 death. The next span of retirement years was spent in hobby farming in Ruffs Dale with Ray Spara, her life partner of the next 25 years.

Mary Lou was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Smithton, a church that will celebrate its sesqui-

centennial of continuous service next year. This liberal religious community was sustaining for Mary Lou and her family; as the years passed, Mary Lou became a church matriarch with her friend Liz Anderson, assuming the mantle from the generations of women before them. She was also involved with the Greensburg YWCA; audited University of Pittsburgh literature classes as a senior citizen; served as a docent at Pittsburgh's Phipps Conservatory; traveled widely; and avidly attended dramatic and musical performances. She also could pound anyone at Scrabble and score 400 points in a bad game.

Mary Lou is preceded in death by her spouses and her siblings Warren Parsley, Jean Parsley Washer Nicely, and Paul Parsley. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Thomas Wade, Kathie Wade, Paul Wade (Kristina Chong-Tenn), Nancy Wade (Frank Scott), Gena Wade (Marsha Misenhimer), and M. Kyla Ramin (Jon). Her grandchildren are Jonathan Wade, Jennifer Keehn, Eli Wade-Scott, Nathan Wade-Scott, Raissa Bacon, Rhianne Bacon, and Deanna Zacharia, with two great-grandchildren Athena Keehn and Leo Wade. Two children of the heart will especially grieve this loss: Brenda Jean Searcy and Paul Spara.

A service to celebrate Mary Lou's life will be held at the Smithton church when assembling is safe again, in late spring or early summer. Remembrances of Mary Lou may take the form of donations to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Smithton, PO Box 568, Smithton PA 15479.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Volcanic crater
- 5. Long times
- 10. Swedish rock group
- 14. Having the means to do something
- 15. Rods or spindles
- 16. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 17. Missing soldiers
- 18. Measuring instrument
- 19. All of the components considered individually
- 20. Play "\_\_\_ Irish Rose"
- 22. Gene
- 23. Barrels
- 24. London-based soccer team
- 27. Feline
- 30. Breed of sheep
- 31. Body part
- 32. Doctors' group
- 35. One who follows the rules
- 37. Cigarette residue
- 38. Ancient Greek sophist
- 39. Polish yeast cakes
- 40. Promotional materials
- 41. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 42. Completed perfectly
- 43. Photo
- 44. A peninsula in SW Asia
- 45. The common gibbon

- 46. Disfigure
- 47. Ribonucleic acid
- 48. Japanese honorific
- 49. Pieces of music
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 55. Having ten
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Humble request for help
- 61. Eating houses
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Cain and \_\_\_
- 65. Measure the depth
- 66. U. of Miami's mascot
- 67. Political outsiders
- 68. Greek sorceress
- 69. Body part

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Mother
- 2. Jewish calendar month
- 3. Jai \_\_\_, sport
- 4. Establish again
- 5. Swiss river
- 6. Racetrack wager
- 7. \_\_\_ but goodie
- 8. Closeness
- 9. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 10. At right angles to a ship's length
- 11. Women's undergarments
- 12. Mountain stream
- 13. Expresses pleasure
- 21. Painful places on the body

- 23. Automobile
- 25. Scandinavian god of battle
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. Secret political clique
- 28. Yields manila hemp
- 29. River in central Italy
- 32. Brain injury science acronym
- 33. Mental illness
- 34. A person from Asia
- 36. Father
- 37. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 38. Cooked or prepared in a specified style
- 40. Large terrier
- 41. Hillsides
- 43. Golf score
- 44. Not or
- 46. Type of student
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes tightly
- 50. Saudi Arabian desert
- 51. Famed vaccine developer
- 52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 53. Actress Jessica
- 54. Pay attention to
- 57. Beloved big screen pig
- 58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Cost per mille
- 62. Helps little firms

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