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St. Mary's Graduations Will Be Indoors, With Limited Attendance

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Graduation ceremonies for St. Mary's County high school seniors this year will be much like those of seniors last year – indoors with attendance limited to just the graduate and parents, Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said last week.

Smith made his announcement at the April 28 St. Mary's County Board of Education meeting, noting that despite recent lifting of restrictions on the wearing of face masks outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic there was still a requirement to social distance.

This made having mass graduation ceremonies here almost impossible, as space at local sports stadiums was effectively cut to 20 percent capacity with social distancing imposed.

"There's been no reversal of the requirement for us to socially distance outside," Smith told the school board. "We're preparing to go down the path of indoor ceremonies and they're going to have to be cohorted."

Bleachers at high school locations under normal conditions could accommodate as many as

1,500 people to view a graduation ceremony, Smith said, but social distancing requirements mean that they could only accommodate 300 at a time.

"That means high schools are going to have to have several ceremonies on their given days," Smith said.

High school graduations are set to take place the week of June 1.

Smith said system planning staff had worked out several scenarios in an attempt to see if single ceremony graduation events were possible but could find no other option than the in-door ceremonies at each individual high school.

The school system also did not have any arrangements with large-scale venues such as the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro or Bowie Baysox Stadium in Bowie to hold a graduation ceremony, Smith said.

"I know that's going to be a disappointment to a lot of people," Smith said. "But that's where we are."

However, the superintendent said the school system was committed to making graduations an "exceptionally memorable event for all these kids."



In a later interview with The County Times, Smith said graduating seniors will be divided into groups of 40 to 50 students to walk the auditorium stage and receive their diploma at their respective schools.

Each high school will have their own day assigned to that class starting June 2, Smith said, and the ceremonies will be recorded and broadcast.

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Opioid Overdoses Already Surging Over Prior Years

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The sheriff's office top narcotics enforcement officer told elected leaders this week that, for the first four months of 2021, opioid overdoses are already increasing in numbers over prior years for the same period.

Capt. Eric Sweeney, commander of the vice/narcotics unit, "We are ahead of the last several years in terms of fatal and non-fatal overdoses," Sweeney told Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who first broached the question. "We have more."

"It's getting worse."

Sweeney did not give exact numbers regarding fatal and non-fatal overdoses so far this year but data from the sheriff's office shows there have already been six confirmed fatal overdoses as of Apr. 19, however there are eight deaths believed to be related to opioid intoxication that are pending confirmation from the state Medical Examiner.

To date there have been 67 non-fatal overdoses, the sheriff's office confirmed.

For 2020 there were 30 fatal overdoses recorded by the sheriff's office and 225 non-fatal overdoses to which they responded.

These do not include those Maryland State Police recorded.

If the additional unconfirmed deaths are revealed to have been caused by opioids, St. Mary's will already have reached nearly half of last year's fatalities before mid-year.

Sweeney said problems still exist in deal-

ing with prescription opioid medication fraud - which is widely believed to be where the opioid addiction crisis began in the last decade - but much cheaper and more readily available alternatives such as heroin and the synthetic pain killer fentanyl are behind many fatal and non-fatal overdoses alike.

Fentanyl is many times more powerful than heroin and many other opioids.

Sweeney and Lottie Bell, the sheriff's office budget director, were before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their May 4 meeting to request approval for a grant application to fund a heroin coordinator position at the agency.

This full-time employee coordinates data regarding opioid use, related crimes and overdoses for the sheriff's office.

Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer, also told commissioners "the opioid epidemic continues to strike us."

"Despite the pandemic, it hasn't taken a pause," Brewster continued. "We've seen a worsening situation in terms of non-fatal overdoses." Overall deaths from opioids seemed to be less for 2020 than prior years, she said, but the crisis persisted.

The county health department's opioid data monitoring program shows there were 23 fatal opioid overdoses last year, differing with the sheriff's office report.

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New Hickory Hills Water Tower Gets Capped

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Construction crews hoisted the holding tank on top of the new Hickory Hills water tower May 2, completing a major step in a project that will provide greatly increased water capacity to the Lexington Park Development District.

It will replace a much older water tower with much lower capacity that had also been called out by some local elected leaders as an aging eyesore gone to rust.

The foundation and ring wall to support the new tank was completed in June of last year; the new tank is capable of holding two million gallons of water, four times the capacity of the old tank next to it located just off of the Three Notch Trail near the Hickory Hills Shopping Center.

The old water tower was finished in 1992.

The budget for the new tower is \$6.3 million, funded through a low interest loan from the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

According to the Metropolitan



Commission (MetCom), the development district's public water and sewer provider, it will be used to stabilize water system pressure throughout Lexington Park and improve water storage deficits in water demand in the community.

Included in the new facility is a new well house, pump controls, new equipment for disinfection, metering and telemetry, and a diesel generator.

Demolition of the old tower is also part of the construction project, according to MetCom.

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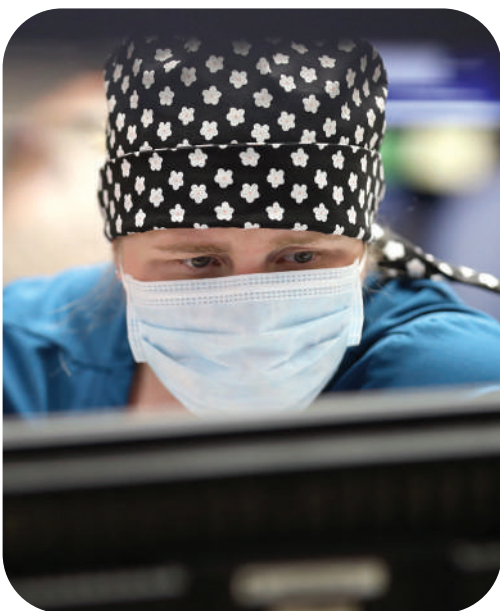
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Governor Visits Historic St. Mary City

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Maryland Governor Larry Hogan on April 27 visited Historic St. Mary City (HSMC), a living history museum at the site of Maryland's first capital and the fourth oldest English Colonial settlement in the nation, to unveil historic artifacts at the recently discovered St. Mary's Fort, along with Historic St. Mary's City archaeologist Dr. Travis Parno, Director of Research and Collections.

Among the artifacts Governor Hogan unveiled included a 1633/1634 King Charles I silver shilling, an early 17th-century copper saints medallion, and a copper "tinkling cone" (an object worn by Native peoples).

1633/1634 King Charles I silver shilling: originally struck at the Tower of London. Bears a portcullis maker's mark which was in use in 1633 and 1634. Coins are rare in early Maryland; most transactions were executed using pounds of tobacco. This coin, definitely dated to the era of the fort's construction, supports the identification of the site as St. Mary's Fort.

Tinkling cone: Copper alloy cone that would have been strung on a knotted leather cord and worn by Native people on clothing or in the hair. Likely of colonial manufacture for trade. Evidence of Native-

colonial interaction in the early 17th century.

Five saints medallion: Small religious medal depicting five saints canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622: Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, Theresa of Avila, and Isidore of Madrid. Loyola and Xavier are Jesuit saints who have been featured on other religious medals found at Historic St. Mary's City. Speaks to the Jesuit mission of spreading Christianity; medals were often used as tools of conversion.

Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) is an outdoor museum of living history and archaeology, dedicated to studying and interpreting the lives of those who dwelled in the area that is currently known as St. Mary's City. This includes the ancestors of contemporary Native American groups, including the Piscataway Indian Nation and Piscataway Conoy Tribe, who recognized the region's unique environmental advantages and lived here for thousands of years. It includes the European colonists from all walks of life who made the brave decision to voyage to an unfamiliar land and make a home on the banks of what came to be called the St. Mary's River. It also includes the people of African



Governor Larry Hogan (center), with Dr. Travis Parno (left) and Senator Jack Bailey, discussing artifacts discovered at St. Mary's Fort. Photo Credit: Joseph Andrucyk; Maryland Governor's Office

ancestry who were forced from their homes and transported across the Atlantic Ocean to labor in perpetual bondage. The interactions of these groups of people gave rise to the

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Commissioners Move On Planning for YMCA Building

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After hearing from a fundraising consultant and the director of the YMCA of the Chesapeake this week the Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted unanimously to take the next steps in the architecture and engineering process for a new community center in Lexington Park.

Much of the results will depend on how much the community will be willing to contribute financially to the cause.

The YMCA of the Chesapeake received authorization from the commissioners last year to hire the consultant – Triangle 2 – to make a feasibility study for a fundraising campaign to raise money from the community to begin construction.

The results of the study, presented by Kim Looby, representative for Triangle 2, show the “community is thirsty for a [YMCA].”

The study also showed that 69 percent of the respondents to the survey said a campaign for a \$15 million facility was sustainable over a five-year period, with \$2 million to \$3 million coming from the community via donations.

The county would need to provide the majority of the \$15 million, the study showed.

The respondents in the study were 27 identified community leaders, Looby told commissioners.

Though there was enthusiasm noted in the report for a new community center, few here were fa-

miliar with the regional YMCA provider.

“The majority of the community didn't really have a familiar sense of the YMCA on the Eastern Shore,” Looby said. “What they did know is what the ‘Y’ brings with the ‘Y’ brand.

“They feel like the ‘Y’ is a brilliant match for what they want to get accomplished in the community.”

The study showed that 96 percent of those interviewed would make a donation to the building effort.

Commissioner John O'Connor questioned Robbie Gill, director of YMCA of the Chesapeake, which would administer a new facility in St. Mary's, on who the stakeholders interviewed were; Commissioner Todd Morgan also wanted to know.

The cost of the feasibility study was \$30,000.

“The community leaders that I talk to, in the Northern end of the county, I called all of them, and they were not involved in this,” O'Connor said. “They were concerned they weren't involved in this as well.”

Gill said the YMCA had reached out to 60 people in St. Mary's but were able to gather 27 for extensive on-line interviews.

Gill said the results were “statistically viable for the amount of money you could raise in the community.”

“I'm very comfortable with the data,” Gill continued.

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NAS Patuxent River Reopens Gate 3



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Naval Air Station Patuxent River reopened Gate No. 3 this week the commander of the base announced this week.

Pax River had closed Gate 3 after it established Health Protection Condition Charlie and a large population of the workforce moved to telework. With fewer vehicles driving on board, the command closed Gate 3 and shifted Naval Security Force personnel to other duties around the installation. "Pax River remains in HPCON Charlie and health protection remains our number one priority," said Capt. John Brabazon, NAS Patuxent River commanding officer. "We remain committed to public health, and we appreciate our team's patience as we continue to support our 53 mission partners during the pandemic.

The gate will remain open Monday through Friday from 5a.m. to 6p.m., being closed on the week-

ends and holidays.

With Gate 3 being closed for nearly a year, one local elected leader with strong connections to the base said it was a welcome change.

County Commissioner Todd Morgan told The County Times he hoped the reopening of the gate would provide more business during the day to local service providers along Route 235.

"I sure hope so," Morgan said. "We've waited a long time for this. I'm cautiously optimistic."

Gate 3 is also viewed as a valuable traffic control and flow measure for residents who live as far away as Ridge who must travel to the base each day for work.

"For South County folks it's a real pain to get all the way to Gate 2 [much farther north on Route 235 across from Pegg Road]," Morgan said. "It makes it a little easier on everybody."

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Concerns Over Equity Turn to Behavioral Health

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Many of the contacts, and arrests made, by local sheriff's deputies involve someone in crisis or with a mental health problem, Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron told other elected leaders this week; it is a growing problem.

The sheriff's office expects to apply for or serve approximately 1,200 to 1,400 emergency petitions this year to detain persons and have them held for psychological screening and observation, Cameron told The Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their May 4 business meeting.

Commissioner John O'Connor, also a police officer in Seat Pleasant in Prince George's County, called the projected figure "staggering."

Cameron said part of the response to that issue would be continued investment in crisis intervention, which includes a specially trained team of deputies to deal with those problems.

The sheriff also hoped that a new behavioral health hub, located on Great Mills Road next to the District 4 sheriff's station would be used for behavioral health and crisis services to divert them from jail.

A recently added Community Corrections Center, next to the county jail in Leonardtown, and part of the task force effort, will also be used to provide some level of treatment to such subjects his deputies are likely to encounter who are non-violent offenders.

This should have the effect of reducing the strain on the emergency room at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, which is disproportionately burdened with dealing with mental health cases.

The donation of the of the bank property and other projects as a community health center is part of a joint task force effort between the sheriff's office, health department and school system to address equity and racial justice.

Cameron, along with Dr. Meena Brewster, county health officer, and Dr. J. Scott Smith, schools superintendent, briefed the county commissioners on the progress of the task force – formed last June – to address

Behavioral Health Hub

The St. Mary's County Equity Task Force, in collaboration with the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, will convert a building donated by PNC Bank into a community Behavioral Health Hub. The Hub will initially be used to continue COVID-19 testing and vaccination in the Great Mills/Lexington Park region. In time, the Hub will provide behavioral health crisis services for the county, as well as jail diversion programs such as day reporting services.



Behavioral health crisis programs include a crisis call center, mobile crisis response unit, and crisis stabilization services. The Hub will also work towards offering another primary care access point for the surrounding community. Through the work of many partners, the Hub will provide a supportive environment to address community determinants of equity - such as stable employment, safe housing, comprehensive education, and access to social services.

Quick Facts:

- PNC Bank donates building valued at \$1.5 million for future as Behavioral Health Hub
- A drive-thru remodel will provide a safe and innovative way to offer clinical services to pedestrians, bicyclists and those in cars
- The Hub will house behavioral health crisis services and jail diversion programs to support equity

those issues.

"We're excited that this new space will allow these services [for behavioral health] to grow... and hopefully be associated with decreased recidivism and decreased incarceration in the future."

The task force was formed at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brewster, said when disparities in health, education and public safety were exacerbated by the impact of the virus.

"We knew in order to be stronger for our communities we would need to do deeper dives into our organizations to improve their attention to equity and racial justice," Brewster said. "We would need to weave together our efforts to bolster the fabric of our communities."

Some of the achievements of the task force have been the Reading for St. Mary's Heroes initiative and Breathe Well St. Mary's, which has helped establish air quality monitoring stations at each county school so residents can monitor county air

quality daily on-line.

The task force also formed school-based health centers to better aid students with clinical and behavioral health services, the superintendent said.

"Where something like this would

truly take years... we are up and running," said Smith.

The centers are located at Margaret Brent and Spring Ridge middle schools.

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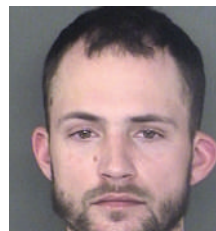
On April 22, 2021, Cpl. Rachael Roszell responded to the Comfort Inn and Suites in Lexington Park for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, the victim advised that **David Alexander Young Jr.**, 25 of no fixed address, woke the victim up by punching the victim in the face, leaving visible injury. Young was placed under arrest, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with Second-Degree Assault.



David Alexander Young Jr

Assault:

On April 23, 2021, Deputy Preston Dixon responded to the 23100 block of Mountain Laurel Lane in California for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, witnesses advised that **Blake Michael Bauckman**, 27 of California, began a verbal altercation with the victim which then escalated into a physical altercation. Injuries were observed to the victim's hands and knees and Bauckman was arrested and charged with Second-Degree Assault.



Blake Michael Bauckman

Trespassing:

On April 23, 2021, while at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Deputy Casey Hill responded to a call for service. **Tre'Shawn Maurice Dickerson**, 24, of Lexington Park, refused to leave the hospital property after discharge as instructed by



TreShawn Maurice Dickerson

hospital staff. Deputy Hill advised Dickerson to leave the property, but he refused and was placed under arrest for Trespassing.

Concealment of Dangerous Weapon:

On April 23, 2021, Cpl. Gray Maloy responded to the Charlotte Hall Wawa convenience store for the report of a man wielding a knife around in the parking lot. Upon arrival, Cpl. Maloy made contact with **Bruce Doremus Tlucka**, 49 of no fixed address, who was carrying three knives inside the waistband of his pants, concealed by his jacket. Tlucka was arrested for Concealment of a Dangerous Weapon and also served an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear: DUI.



Bruce Doremus Tlucka

CDS Possession:

On April 26, 2021, Deputy Andrew Burgess responded to southbound Three Notch Road for a traffic complaint. Deputy Burgess observed the subject vehicle traveling on southbound Three Notch Road failing to maintain its lane and made a traffic stop at Lincoln Boulevard in Lexington Park. While speaking with the vehicle's operator, **William Russell Hobbs**, 33 of Leonardtown, Deputy Burgess observed a pill bottle in the center console. Hobbs agreed to a field sobriety test and during a subsequent search of the vehicle, suspected heroin was located between the driver's seat and bench seats. Hobbs was arrested and charged with CDS Possession: Heroin and CDS Possession: Paraphernalia.



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Peggy Binzel, left, owner of Pier 450 and Thomas F. McKay CEO of McKay's Food Stores accept a proclamation for Small Business Month from St. Mary's Commissioners.

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Saturday, May 1st marked the opening of St. Mary's County Farmers Markets for the 2021 season. Customers will find a variety of locally grown and locally made products from eggs, meats, and cheeses to soap, cider, and apple pie.

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- Located at the Big Red Barn at 21078 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park
- 9am-1pm Saturdays

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- Open for the season on Saturday, May 1st
- Located in the BAE parking lot at the intersection of Rt. 235 and Town Creek Dr, California
- 9am-1pm Saturdays

For up-to-date market information visit <https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaBAEFarmersMarket>

All markets will be operated in the traditional walk-up fashion. County Farmers Markets will follow masking and physical distancing guidance for the 2021 market season. For the safety of the public and vendors, masks will be required for market transactions. If you have any questions regarding farmers markets, please contact Lisa Ledman lisa.ledman@stmarysmd.com 240-309-4022.

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Greenwell Foundation Unicorns and Goats Spread Joy at May Open Barn



It was a beautiful spring day, and Greenwell Foundation welcomed over 100 young and young-at-heart members of our community to our May Open Barn celebrating Unicorns last week.

Costumes abounded, many photos were taken, and everyone enjoyed themselves safely, maintaining state and local guidelines as we emerge from the pandemic. Executive Director Jolanda Campbell was particularly pleased with the behavior of our 2 newest members of the Greenwell Foundation family; goats Billy and Taco.

"They had a great time meet-

ing everyone, and all our visitors loved them!"

Greenwell Foundation's Open Barns are held the first Saturday of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm and are free-of-charge. In June, we will be hosting pony rides (for a fee) and our dear friends from the Lexington Park Library will be holding outdoor story time at 10:00.

We hope to see you there!

Get more information about Greenwell Foundation's programs at the website www.greenwell-foundation.org or by calling the office at 301-373-9775.

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St. John's Students Start Toy Drive



St. John's School teacher, Mrs. Jennifer McCarthy, started Passion Project during the 2020-21 school year. She challenged students to find something they are passionate about and gave them hours during school to research and focus on their passion. Cristiana and Ava worked together to find a way to help kids in need. They came up with their Funrise Toy Donations and, with some help, found that rescue squads use small stuffed animals to help comfort scared children who find themselves in the ambulance. They received some direction from the help of Mrs. Katie Zwick of the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad on size and type of toy the ambulance can safely carry.

After collecting bags and boxes of

donations, Cristiana and Ava sorted and sanitized the toys and prepared them for donations. They boxed up 160 toys in sealed containers to begin their deliveries. They still have hundreds to donate! They have exceeded their expectations and are actively seeking more rescue squads or police departments who could benefit from their efforts.

There are even bags of toys they cannot donate to the rescue squad due to size and are hoping to find organizations who could use these other toys as well.

The next scheduled donation drop offs are May 6 at the Patuxent Rescue Squad. We've reached out to Leonardtown rescue squad and Patuxent River base squad and are awaiting responses.

Special Olympics Honors Mattingly Family



St. Mary's County Special Olympics athletes, families, and volunteers wish to acknowledge the continuing financial support given by Steve and Shirley Mattingly. In 2000 they established "Stephen's Fund" in collaboration with the Charlotte Hall Rotary Club. In so doing they wished to preserve the memory of their son Stephen, while making an impact in the community by helping persons with disabilities.

Stephen was born with Down syndrome and died before his tenth birthday. He enjoyed partic-

icipating in various Special Olympics sports.

Through numerous fundraising activities such as the annual designer bag and basket bingo event, Stephen's Fund has been able to sponsor Special Olympics Spring Games for many years. Additionally, they have presented the organization with checks totalling \$28,000 dollars which has funded such items as cheerleading uniforms and equipment, new basketballs and soccer balls, bocce equipment and maintenance on cycling and kayak trailers.

PAX Sound of Freedom Honors Disabled American Veterans

PAX Sound of Freedom, the St. Mary's County Chapter of Quilts of Valor, honored five local veterans for their service to our country on April 24, 2021, at the Thrivent Financial Offices of Matt Budde in Lexington Park. PAX Sound of Freedom wishes to thank Matt Budde for his continued financial and facility support.

All the veterans presented with Quilts of Valor belong to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization in Lexington Park. The Disabled American Veterans is an organization created in 1920 by World War I veterans for disabled veterans of the United States Armed Forces. DAV helps veterans and their families through various means. It was issued a Federal Charter by Congress in 1932 and currently has 1.2 million members nationwide. It is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization.

To receive assistance with claims or other matters, service members and/or their families, should contact Harry Metzler of

the Lexington Park unit of the DAV at (240) 298-3837.

The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation {an established non-profit 501(c)(3)} is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Currently PAX has 15 active participants. Sew-ins are held on the second Saturday of each month, presentations are held on the third Saturday of the month and special arrangements can be made in advance for personal presentations. COVID has restricted presentations to smaller groups; however, PAX Sound of Freedom awarded 75 quilts in 2020 and thus far in 2021 has presented 34 quilts.

If you have any questions regarding Quilts of Valor, or would like to participate in the group's activities, please contact Sylvia Laque at (941) 705-0094.

Press Release from PAX Sound of Freedom.



Quilts presented (l to r) Ron Wood (Navy - 23 years), Randy Bridgeman (20 years), Ray Cyrus (Army - 2 years), Carolyn Ann Nahrgang (Air Force - 3 years), and Ray Nahrgang (Air Force - 24 years).

Nurses Come Together Du

National Nurses W

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit last March, infections and hospitalizations quickly rose in St. Mary's County; people started dying.

Frontline medical workers, particularly nurses, had to work quickly to treat an ever-increasing stream of sick, sometimes incredibly ill, patients to stem the tide of the virus.

Resources were short, worries grew, a vaccine was almost a year away and there was no time to waste.

Jessica Heather, a nurse at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, remembers those early days of the pandemic; there was sickness and seemingly never-ending work but also camaraderie made stronger by struggle and key innovations quickly fashioned to help save lives.

During the pandemic Heather, an 11-year nursing veteran, has worked in the intensive care unit (ICU) the level of the hospital known as 3 Central, used to house COVID patients who were one step down from needing critical care and also as a health screener for the hospital's own workers who were either exposed to or contracted the virus.

She, like many at the hospital, were on the true frontlines of the pandemic.

"Our occupational health section was inundated with calls," Heather, a county native from Ridge who now lives in Lexington Park said, "So, I volunteered and helped screen [hospital staff] them."

Helping support hospital staff who might have been or were proven to be sick kept her busy, but it was not long until she was face to face with the human cost of the virus.

"In May, I took a permanent position on 3 Central," Heather said. "We were all volunteering for extra shifts."

"The whole team did."

Nurses on 3 Central were required to do three, 12-hour shifts a week, Heather said, but the team there went far above those mandates quickly.

Medical staff were a close-knit team before the pandemic, Heather said, but the virus quickly brought them into much closer connection through hours and hours of laborious care for the sick.

"We consider ourselves family," Heather said. "We work very cohesively together."

Working so closely together for so long, she said, the nurses in sections such as 3 Central developed their own



team shorthand for communicating and understood how each of them performed individually, better understanding how to work together as a unit.

They supported each other constantly, Heather said, especially when it came to making sure each of them was safe when dealing with the COVID-19 infected.

"The biggest thing was properly putting on the PPE (personal protective gear)," Heather said, noting the nurses and other medical staff developed a buddy system to look after each other.

As they dealt with the pandemic each day, they developed necessary innovations quickly and made sure to carve out time to rest even as they labored.

Stress was their constant companion. "Our mental health was a big concern," Heather said. "We checked on each other; we did yoga at the nurses' stations."

They even had activities such as adult coloring books available to relieve stress.

"We had our quiet places if we needed

a moment," Heather said.

Everyday practices among nurses about how they served the sick also changed.

The nurses developed ways to administer medications to patients who were in their rooms remotely, using longer tubes strung to IV poles inside rooms next to patients through the space left by a closed door.

This allowed nurses to do their jobs but avoid the constant donning and doffing of PPE, which would have been necessary if nurses were constantly entering and exiting patients' rooms.

"There was a real concern then [the beginning months of the pandemic] about having enough PPE," said Holly Meyer, spokesperson for MedStar St. Mary's.

If nurses were in close contact with patients, Heather said, and they needed to communicate with others outside of their room, they used baby monitors and white boards to speak to each other while reducing exposure and potential contamination.

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"This was all done on the fly," Meyer said. "Nobody had been through this before."

"It all happened fast."

Heather said the constant flow of patients with COVID-19, and other maladies, at the hospital meant that all nurses had to be cross-trained to help fill gaps.

"We were very supportive in-house," Heather said. "The continuity of care was great." That level of support from each other was matched by that which came from the community to support them, Heather said.

Meals came in constantly to feed hungry nurses, doctors and staff, she said, with local businesses filling the need.

They even took the extra step to individually wrap the meals to increase sanitary precautions, to the point of individually wrapping slices of pizza.

"They [community members] even made us PPE hats," Heather said.

"The outpouring of support was unreal," Meyer said. "It was the community and the businesses who supported

us well.

"And these were businesses who were hurting from the pandemic who still helped."

Heather said the nurses could not do their job without all of the support from others there at MedStar St. Mary's; that includes certified nursing assistants and environmental services, workers who must go into rooms vacated by COVID-19 patients to disinfect and sanitize them.

"It's not just about the nurses," Heather said, shortly before the nation celebrates the work nurses do during National Nurses Week. "It's about everybody in-house."

From physicians to therapists who helped COVID-19 patients heal and recover to the hospitals facilities teams who, using basic building materials and construction work, helped to triple the negative pressure rooms available, they all had a part in fighting back against the pandemic, Heather said.

Despite all of the stress and strain the pandemic placed, and continues to heap, on health care providers,

Heather said it has not dimmed her enthusiasm for her job.

"It really fueled my fire for why I became a nurse," Heather said. "I walk into the building each morning, knowing I'm doing a job I love."

Heather was inspired to become a nurse by her sister, who is a nurse practitioner, and by the nurses at George-

town Hospital, who years ago treated her mother for cancer.

"She would talk about the nurses and all the care she got," Heather said of her mother's experience. "I wanted to be that kind of person for somebody else."

National Nurses Week begins May 6 and runs through May 12.

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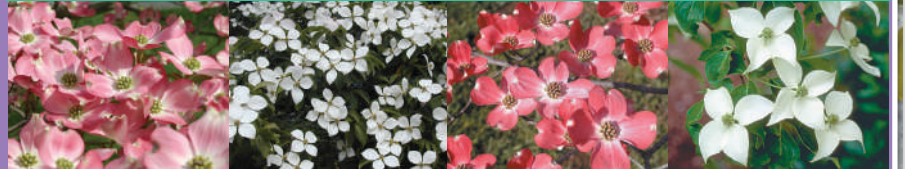
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Kindergarten Enrollment to Open

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) announces registration for Kindergarten for the 2021–2022 school year. All schools will hold open registration beginning Monday, May 10 which will continue throughout the summer.

Parents of children who will be five years old by September 1, 2021, should register at the school assigned to their physical address during the open enrollment period.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) may go to the school assigned to their legal address to complete the registration paperwork. Children are not required to be present for registration. Required documentation includes evidence of birth, proof of residency, a copy of the child's immunization record, and any court papers regarding custody of the minor child. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) must also bring photo identification when registering their child.

Each elementary school will conduct open enrollment for the children residing in their zone. Information regarding which school serves your residential area is provided by the Department of Capital Planning at SMCPS - Find a School by your address or 301-475-4256, option 6. You do not need to make an appointment to register a child.

Documentation which indicates the current physical address of the child will be accepted as proof of



residence. Proof of residence will include, but is not limited to, one of the following:

Mortgage/deed/rental agreement with 911 address assignment;

Current utility bill with parent/legal guardian name, 911 address of residence, and service address (post office box is not acceptable - and wireless telephone bills are not acceptable); and,

Patuxent River Naval Base housing form NOW-NATC-1110-1/15, Assignment to Public Quarters, which identifies bona fide residence in St. Mary's County.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardians not intending to register an appropriately aged child for kindergarten must obtain a waiver from the St. Mary's County Public Schools Department of Student Services. It is not necessary for children enrolled in Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten in the public schools to register again.

Additional Kindergarten information can be found at SMCPS - Kindergarten & Early K Registration.

Questions about the program and registration may be directed to Jamie Pepper, Supervisor of Instruction/Elementary Programs at 301-475-5511, ext. 32123.

Press Release from SMCPS

Meal Distribution Schedule Changed

St. Mary's County Public Schools Department of Food and Nutrition Services announce changes in the schedule for curbside meal distribution. Meals are available for students ages 18 years and younger. Meals can be picked up from any participating school site even if your student attends a different school as their home school.

Curbside meal bags include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack plus milk and/or water for each student.

Curbside meal distribution is now only available for pick-up at the following school sites: Banneker Elementary, Chopticon High, L.M. Dent Elementary, Esperanza Middle, Dynard Elementary, Great Mills High, Greenview Knolls Elementary, Leonar-

dtown High, Lexington Park Elementary, Margaret Brent Middle, Ridge Elementary and Spring Ridge Middle.

Curbside meal distribution will continue to be available on Wednesdays and Fridays, 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).

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

Press Release from SMCPS.

Former CSM Board Chair Joins Foundation

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation announces Theodore (Ted) Harwood has joined the Foundation's board as its newest director. The Hollywood resident returns to CSM after serving on the college's Board of Trustees with distinction from 2010 - 2020, completing three terms as chair and two terms as vice chair.

During his tenure on the board, Harwood served as Maryland Association of Community College liaison and on the Board Affairs Committee, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and as the trustee representative to the CSM Foundation.

"We feel so fortunate that Ted has agreed to join the Foundation and continue his work to help CSM students succeed and close equity gaps," said CSM Acting Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. "His leadership and guidance during his tenure as the college's Board of Trustee Chair was invaluable and charted CSM on a path to so many successes. We feel like a family member is coming home."

Harwood is a lead engineer with Wyle and has more than 36 years of engineering experience. He is nationally and internationally recognized for his technical expertise in electromagnetic environmental effects, lightning and aviation matters. Harwood co-owns two patents and is an assignee of two others. He is a retired U.S. Navy Reserve captain.

"I'm excited to join the CSM Foundation Board and to continue to support the vision and execution of CSM's outstanding higher education and workforce development endeavors for our Southern Maryland population," said Harwood. "As over 80 percent of the CSM graduates remain in Southern Maryland, I see this opportunity as an investment in the Tri-County workforce. More than one-third of CSM students are on financial aid, and two-thirds of Southern Maryland



Ted Harwood

high school graduates going to college select CSM. These factors make the CSM Foundation's fundraising activities critical to a vibrant, dedicated Southern Maryland workforce."

Harwood received his bachelor of science degree in naval science from the United States Naval Academy in 1974. He continued his career for 28 years as a member of the active duty and reserve contingents of the naval aviation community, beginning as an F-14 radar intercept officer and culminating at the Pentagon in OPNAV as head of budgets for naval platforms.

The CSM Foundation, a nonprofit, 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1970, helps increase access to higher education at CSM through scholarship funding and assures the excellence of that education by raising and managing funds for college projects and objectives - including workforce development in Southern Maryland. The CSM Foundation is comprised of a tri-county, all-volunteer board of directors.

Press Release from CSM

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Seahawks Lose Regular Season Finale



Photo by: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's lacrosse team (3-9, 1-5 C2C) traveled to Christopher Newport University to take on the #9 Captains (10-4, 3-1 C2C) on Saturday afternoon (May 1) in Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks fell to the Captains 21-13 in their regular season finale.

St. Mary's College - 13, #9 Christopher Newport University - 21

How It Happened

The Seahawks recorded the first goal of the contest from defender Ethan Little at the 11:19 mark of the first quarter. The Captains responded a minute later with a score to even the game at one. Next, St. Mary's College went on a three-goal run with three man-up goals recorded by Ben Claffee, Dominic Venanzi, and Jeremiah Clemmer. Christopher Newport finished the opening quarter strong with five unanswered goals to capture their first lead of the game, 6-4.

The Captains stretched their lead to 9-4 with three-straight goals to begin the second stanza. However, the Seahawks battled back into the game with a four-goal run to trim the Captain lead to 9-8. Abe Hubbard, Venanzi, Jude Brown, and Cameron Linger tallied goals dur-

ing the run.

St. Mary's College and Christopher Newport exchanged scores to start the third, but the Captains followed with four-straight goals to stretch their lead to 14-9. Brown tallied the final goal of the third for the Seahawks tenth goal of the game. St. Mary's College headed into the final quarter of action trailing 14-10.

After the Captains scored the first goal of the fourth frame, the Seahawks netted back-to-back goals from Brown and Brock Daniel to cut the CNU lead to three. Next, the Captains captured the momentum again with three-straight goals for an 18-12 advantage. Brown tallied the final goal of the game for the Seahawks with 5:59 remaining. CNU put the game out of reach with a three-goal run to end the game.

Inside the Box Score

Brown led the Seahawks with four goals and three assists for a team-high seven points. Hubbard followed with three points. Tommy Rinder led the Seahawk defense with a team-best two caused turnovers, while Mitch Boudreau gathered a team-high five ground balls.

Dylan Rice led the Captains with 10 points.

Tackle Box Fishing Report



Kyle Clotweir landed this 49 inch, 49lb, 13 oz striper in the Potomac.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

The striped bass (rockfish) season opened Saturday in both the Potomac and Bay. This is the trophy season; the minimum keeper size is 35 inches, and creel limit is one per day.

Saturday morning was a blow-out with high winds and small craft warnings, but the bigger boats ventured out Saturday afternoon and had success with big fish. The water was, and continues to be, disturbed, with muddy, roiled up conditions from gales of the past few days, but the fish are there for hardy souls. Reports of fish right at 50 inches came from the Potomac and bay, but the trollers had to work hard for them.

Calmer days are ahead, and if tides get back to normal (the water has been very low all week), and the water clears, the fishing should be very good. The success on the first three days with difficult conditions, far exceeds the past few trophy season openings.

The traditional big lures of parachutes with 9 inch shad bodies on both tandems and umbrellas in white and chartreuse are doing the trick. The fish are taking the deep trolled lures with 20 or more ounces; the big mojos are favored.

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION *News*

Navy Receives Production Approval For Next-Generation Air Combat Training System

The Naval Aviation Training Systems and Ranges program office (PMA-205) received Milestone C approval for its next-generation air combat training system, the Tactical Combat Training System Increment II (TCTS II) on April 27.

Approved by Program Executive Officer for Aviation Common Systems and Commercial Services (PEO(CS)), Gary Kurtz, Milestone C clears the way for the TCTS II program to transition into limited production with the support of industry partner, Collins Aerospace Systems (Collins), Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Going into production of this capability comes after many years of work and planning done by the PMA-205 and Collins team. "I could not be more proud of this team's achievement revolutionizing the way we train," said Kurtz.

"This is an exciting time for the program and the Fleet as we start production on the next Tactical Combat Training System," said Capt. Lisa Sullivan, PMA-205 program manager. "The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force all

identified a critical need for a common, encrypted and multiple-level security range training system, and PMA-205 will be delivering TCTS Inc II to meet those requirements on schedule."

The TCTS II system is an open architecture system enabling highly secure air combat training across fourth- and fifth-generation aviation and maritime platforms, replacing and advancing the existing range training infrastructure. The Collins-developed training pod is the first to meet the services' requirements and communicates with both airborne and ground equipment.

"The TCTS II system is also built with future growth in mind and includes key components to achieve Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) capabilities," said Sullivan.

LVC blended training is a cost-effective solution for developing and testing emerging technologies and is critical for providing aviators and weapon system operators with realistic mission rehearsal training for the complex challenges they might face during actual

combat scenarios.

"The Fleet has been asking for this type of capability for some time and we, along with Collins, have worked diligently to develop, test and mature this training capability, while maintaining schedule," said Chuck Kaylor, PMA-205 TCTS II team lead. "Obtaining Milestone C approval is a culmination of our efforts."

Performance and flight testing will be conducted by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Three (VX-23) at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, in Maryland, on the F/A-18E Super Hornet.

The Air Force teamed up with the PMA-205's TCTS II program, leveraging investments made by the Navy to enable delivery of these training capabilities sooner and at a lower cost, helping our warfighter best prepare for real-world threats.

PMA-205 provides full life-cycle acquisition of naval aviation platforms, general training systems, training range instrumentation systems, and distributed mission training centers to provide

USN and USMC pilots, naval flight officers, aircrew, and maintainers with the training equipment required to provide lethal capability and operational readiness. The program office manages flight simulators, part-task trainers, maintenance trainers, airborne and underwater training range instrumentation, threat systems, and associated curricula to ensure optimum performance for naval aviation.

Responsibilities include execution of naval aviation's Live, Virtual Constructive training strategy, execution of the Naval Aviation Simulator Master Plan, commonality and interoperability across training systems, procurement and sustainment of training products and services to include equipment overhaul and/or replacement, engineering changes, modernization and technology refreshes, and future technology advancements for training systems and training ranges.



The Tactical Combat Training System Increment II (TCTS II) achieved Milestone C on April 27 and has been approved for limited production.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



DAILY RITUALS

Sometimes I wonder about all my rituals and traditions. I was thinking about this Saturday morning when I had to watch the Landscapes through time with David Dunlap and all the This Old House shows on PBS and Create TV before my day feels right. I have to have my Scottish Breakfast tea, steeped and ready right as the painting series Landscapes through time begins. I guess this is no different than Sunday mornings, when I have to have my tea ready just as the trumpet sounds out Abblasen for CBS Sunday Morning. The trumpet sound is just really special to me, because my father and I started watching it together in 1979 on the weekends I was home from St. Mary's College. He passed away on May 6th, 1980; the last day of my second semester of college, so we didn't get to see it together too often before that. He wasn't too much into TV, more into reading, though I do remember he liked All in the family and MASH.

So, this Sunday, as I did last Sunday and all before, I will raise my teacup to the trumpet and the sun outside and say hi in Heaven to my father, mother, sister, and one of my two brothers, an aunt, uncle, and three cousins (all brothers who have passed in the last couple years). It's just my thing, and probably always will be.

Actually, I guess, every day begins this way for me, well at least the tea part. I don't salute the past relatives every day. During the week, I have my tea ready for Murder She Wrote's theme song and wait until Jessica waves to the camera in the opening credits to lift my teacup and say, "Good morning Jessica". I don't know why, must be a bit (quite a bit) of OCD tendencies in there. It just seems to make my day better and run smoother. And I don't even have to watch all of Murder She Wrote or CBS Sunday Morning, but I do need to hear the opening music. When my husband is in one of his 14 year old adolescent moods, he will sometimes whistle or hum along to aggravate me. Marriage fun. That's okay, there are ways to repay.

I am ritualized like this with so many things and I am not sure why. Lots of artists I know have said that they can't start paintings until the dishes are done, or the house is



clean, etc. That makes lots of logical sense to me since I do that too. I think my oldest brother Bob may be like this too, in fact, I am pretty sure he is, especially after being an Air Force Test Pilot then Alaskan Airlines pilot. Though he may have been ritualized and on-time in regard to his careers, his daily life goes according to his own schedule. He is on Bob Time.

When I walk my paths to the God Spot out in the front yard, I have to go the same way every day. I cannot walk in just anywhere or go down a path the wrong way. Then I worry a bit during the day if for some reason I have to do it differently. Inside the house, things have to be a certain way, not so much now, since the bedroom is still in limbo waiting on delayed furniture and mattress.

I also get a bit OCD when *someone* in the house puts the toilet paper and paper towel rolls on what I consider to be the wrong way. I see this issue come up a lot on Facebook. Again, sometimes I think my husband's inner 14 year old boy comes out at these times. The same goes for when he steals one of my Fig Newtons when he has 50 other snacks available. And since I am a bit OCD, I can tell when the opening has been tampered with. Now, I know why his mother hid and labeled her food when she lived with us. Well, I hope you all have a great rest of the week, I'm going to do a Google search on mini safes the size of a carton of Fig Newtons, right after I go in the living room to hear my Murder She Wrote music.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

Here's a Long-lasting Mother's Day Gift

Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life?

Actually, there is – the gift of knowledge

for her financial future.

Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic – you don't have to be an expert in either one of these subjects. You can, however, steer Mom – and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture – in the right direction. Let's take a quick look at both these topics. First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor: About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual median cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly

\$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth.

Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able

to pay these costs out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion of these expenses.

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible

strategies and products designed to address long-term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets.

The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safeguarded her wishes by creating the necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself. Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored – which is almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate plan, encourage her to see a legal professional

to start the process.

Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in l

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Case No. C18CV21000041

Plaintiff

v.

Norman G. Doyle, Sr.
20919 Willows Rd, Lexington Park MD 20653

and

Margaret Doyle
20919 Willows Rd, Lexington Park MD 20653

and

Wesbanco
Mark Semanie, Resident Agent
1525 Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716

and

Wesbanco
Joseph E. Burnett or M. John Miller, Trustees
1525 Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

NO ADDRESS GREAT MILLS 20634-0000
Waterfront and also known as Account Number 08-097976,

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of Taxes for St. Mary's County to the Plaintiff:

NO ADDRESS GREAT MILLS 20634-0000
Waterfront and also known as Account Number 08-097976,

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 7th day of April, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 7th day of June, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

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24014 Dudley Ct., Hollywood, MD 20636-3209 ,

and

The Estate of Elva S. Shaw
C/O Elizabeth Kowley
24014 Dudley Ct., Hollywood, MD 20636-3209

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

46064 Rolling Rd, Lexington Park, MD 20653
and also known as Account Number 08-042942,

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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46064 Rolling Rd Lexington Park, MD 20653
also known as Account Number: 08-042942

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 7th day of April, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

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Debra Burch
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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 with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Thursday, May 6

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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

CSM Town Hall

Virtual; 5 p.m.

Come learn more about the benefits of taking your courses in 7-week sessions. Faculty and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you have. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/05/town-hall.html>

Provocations

Virtual; 6:30 p.m.

CSM Faculty Excellence Lecture Series Provocations features Adjunct Professor of Communication Gina Johnson who will present "A Different Lens: Asian American Speech Communities, Mental Illness Narratives, and How Educators Can Help Increase Help-Seeking Behaviors of Asian American College Students" - in depth research that looks at the gap between collectivist and individualist cultural approaches. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/05/provocations-series-gina-johnson.html>

Diabetes Prevention Program

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

Friday, May 7 2021

Furtastic First Friday

First Friday in Leonardtown 5:00-8:00 PM.

Come by for a pet-friendly evening including shopping, dinner, dessert, and one-evening-only specials at participating shops, restaurants, and art galleries! Check the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond, we look forward to seeing you there!

The traditional time of events is 5

to 8 PM however many businesses are open both before and after this time frame, please check w/ individual shops for details. Pets are welcome in general community areas but some locations may have pet policies specific to their shop/ restaurant, please look for posted signs or inquire within.

www.firstfridaysleonardtown.com

www.visitstmarysmd.com

Contact info: email Jen Stotler at membership@thelba.org or call (301) 247-7611.

Audience Participation Drum Circle

6 to 7 PM

The Drum Circle is back! Please note a few changes will be in place due to COVID-19: bring your own drum as we will not have instruments to share and bring your own chair. We will have free egg shakers to give away (one per person) for those without instruments. Social distancing will be in effect.

The Drum Circle event is outdoors, in the case of poor weather any changes will be announced on Facebook @smcartscouncil. Visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com or email: info@smcart.org for further info.

This is a free event open to all ages and skill levels! Sponsored by the St. Mary's County Arts Council and the SoMar Drummers. Stay from 7-8 PM to enjoy a free Drumline performance by local students!

Community Art Show - Opening Reception

The St. Mary's County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop will be hosting a special community art exhibit titled "The Cat's Meow" for the month of May! It will be all about the kitties as we will be joined by friends from Feral Cat Rescue (FCR) bringing adoptable kittens from 5 to 8 PM on May 7th for a special socially distanced opening evening.

We also will be accepting donations of kitty-related supplies plus a portion from all sales from the art show will be donated to FCR to help with their rescue efforts. There will also be raffle and door prizes!

Visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com for details, call 240-309-4061 or email: info@smcart.org

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

Lunchtime Zumba Break

Virtual; noon- 12:45 p.m.

To register for events in the webinar series, please visit: healthystmarys.com/eatlivebehealthy

Used Clothing Drive

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds; 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Woman's Club of St. Mary's County will be hosting this event to raise money for the Club's scholarship fund. The organization awards three scholarships annually to students who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence. Items that are accepted include all types of clothing and shoes; accessories such as handbags, belts, backpacks, hats scarves, briefcases (but no suitcases), gloves and ties; and household items such as blankets, tablecloths, bed linen, draperies, curtains, pillows, towels, small rugs, quilts and comforters. All types of toys, stuffed animals and bicycles of all size are also accepted. Items should be put into large tightly tied plastic bags, with the exception of hard toys that should be put into boxes. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be available. For more information, contact Betty Currie at 301 373-4816 or Carole Romary at 301 863-6969.

Saturday, May 8

Ward Virts Concert Series

Virtual; 3 p.m.

CSM's Ward Virts Concert Series will feature pianist Jiajun (David) Lai. This performance will be available to watch on CSMDTube for 24 hours starting May 9 at 3 p.m. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/05/ward-virts-david-lai.html>

Monday, May 10

Pax River Quilters Meeting

Virtual; 6:30 p.m.

Pax River Quilters Guild Welcomes You Visit our Website www.paxriverquiltguild.com or email prqgsomd@gmail.com for an application to join, or check out our Facebook page Pax River Quilters Guild. If you become a member you can join in on Guest Speakers, Sit and Sews, and the online Quilto Games Pax River Quilters Guild is a 501(c) (3) Organization and is open to everyone. Currently meetings are online on zoom the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Following CDC Guidelines. For more info call Cindy Miskolczi 301-769-1151.

Red Cross Blood Drive

2nd District VFD&RS; 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information / schedule your life saving donation, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to download the blood donor app.

Tuesday, May 11

Student Honors Recital

Virtual; 7:30 p.m.

The Student Honors Recital features solo and chamber performances by CSM music students. This recital will feature a variety of contemporary popular music and standard classical repertoire for specific instruments. Free. <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/05/student-honors-recital.html>

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 12

Wayback Wednesdays

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

DAV Assistance Program

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

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

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

In Remembrance

Daniel (Danny) Perry Larkin, III



Daniel (Danny) Perry Larkin, III, 70 of Hollywood, MD passed away on April 29, 2021 at home under Hospice Care. Danny was born on September 10, 1950 in Sharon, Connecticut. His parents were the late Daniel Perry Larkin, Jr. and Dorothy DeVaux Larkin.

Danny proudly served the United States Navy, joining in 1968 and serving over 25 years. Retiring in May of 1993. His last duty station being VQ-4 Patuxent River, MD.

After his retirement, Danny's Career led him to Hewitt's Service Center in California, MD as a Service Advisor for nearly 20 years.

After leaving Hewitt's he went on to get his CDL license and went to work for St. Mary's County Department of Public Works. Driving an STS bus for 11 years.

Danny loved watching Wheel of Fortune, Hallmark movies, and NASCAR. Danny loved playing the Maryland lottery.

Danny was predeceased by his parents and his wife Brenda. He is survived by his son Richard P. Larkin (Ricky) of Leonardtown, MD. Sister in law Donna Walls (Kevin) of Quakertown, PA., Brothers in law Robert Herbert (Cheryl) of Mechanicsville, MD, Donald Gray of Lexington Park, MD. Along with his nieces Megan Walls of Gorham, ME, Jessica Reithmeyer (Jeremy) of Mechanicsville, MD. His nephews Andrew Walls of Quakertown, PA., Donald Gray of Great Mills, MD, Andrew Mills and Robert Herbert of Mechanicsville, MD.

In lieu of flowers family would request donation be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad P.O.

Box 79 Hollywood, MD 20659.

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

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Robert Allen Redman



Robert Allen Redman, 69, of Callaway, Md., died April 25, 2021, at his residence. Born January 8, 1952, he was the son of the late George William Redman Sr. and Garnett Cecilia Combs Redman.

He is survived by his siblings, George William Redman Jr., Prosperity, S.C., Thomas "David" Redman, Marion, S.C., Joan Bernadette Tippett, Lexington Park, Md., Mary Cecilia Redman, Callaway, Md., Carole Ann Redman, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Patrick "Dick" Redman, Tucson, Ar., on November 2, 2020.

He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Kathy Redman Cordes, George William Redman III, Kathleen M. Tippett, David A. Tippett, Nancy T. Morris, Melissa Henderson-Catlett, David Benjamin Redman, Karen Lovelace Tofte and Grant William Lovelace.

Robert was fun, kind, smart, hardworking, yet remained humble. He was a devoted and caring son to his mother especially in her senior years.

He loved gardening and farming, going to flea markets, visiting and helping family and others. He had a love for all animals. He once nurtured baby opossums, whose mother was hit by a car, releasing them when ready to the wild.

He worked for St. Mary's County Schools, as a building service worker. After 38 years of service, he retired from his last assignment at Town Creek Elementary, where the staff knew him as "Bob". He treated his co-workers like family, with his kindness and humor.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Second District Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee,

Md. 20692.

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Frances Thelma Raley



Frances Thelma Raley, was a compassionate and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She passed away peacefully on May 2, 2021 at age 94.

She was born to Francis Guy Hill and Myrtle Louise Thompson on June 10, 1926. Soon after graduating from Margaret Brent high school, Thelma met her husband, Harry C. Raley and married in 1946 at the Holy Face church. Together, they shared over 66 years of marriage and 5 children.

Thelma was happiest sharing in laughter with family, friends, and community. She drove school bus, 77E for 20 years where she touched the lives of many children with her kindness. She was passionate about baking and decorating cakes for many celebrations, and her incredible designs were sought after by many. Thelma and her husband, Harry, enjoyed many travels around the world together visiting family and creating lasting memories.

Spending time with family brought great joy to Thelma. She loved an evening playing cards with loved ones. Thelma enjoyed spending time in the garden, teaching her children and grandchildren how to garden, and grew produce to share with her friends and family. Many evenings, her children and grandchildren would be gathered around the dinner table, enjoying her delicious meals and listening to stories of her travels. Most weekends were spent volunteering at Holy Face church as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector and some afternoons at the local food pantry. Thelma served as a Lady of Charity for many years preparing meals for funeral receptions, making birthday cakes for senior citizens at BINGO and ironing alter linens.

She had an uncanny ability to

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bring people together. Her warmth and generous personality was contagious, and will always be remembered by those who met her. She had a calmness about her that always welcomed anyone in need of advice or a helping hand. Thelma was a pillar of strength and love in both her family and community. She set an example to all of how to keep a happy life and support others.

Thelma is survived by her children: David Raley (Marcia) of Ridge, MD, Diane Raley Milgrim of Leonardtown, MD, Elaine Raley Jessen (Andy) of St. Augustine, FL and John Raley (Jessica) of Leonardtown, MD; 10 grandchildren: Denise Raley, David Raley Jr., Julie Anderson, Angela Milgrim, Justin Russell, Meagan Russell, Shannon Russell, Savannah Redman, Madison Redman, and Killian Redman; 5 great grandchildren: Amanda, Alexis, Chase, Isabella and Ozzy; 1 great-great grandson: Erik.

In addition to her parents and husband she is also preceded in death by her son Mark Allen Raley and her siblings: Paul Zack Hill, Basil Guy Hill and James Walter Hill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Holy Face Catholic Church, 20408 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634.

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

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Ernest Roy King



Ernest Roy King, 74, of Mechanicsville, Maryland passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 2, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD. He was born on September 15, 1946 in Altheimer, AR to the late, E. Leon King, and T. Lois Barker.

Roy entered the United States

Air Force in July, 1964 and served his country and family proudly. He was honorably discharged in July, 1972 and stayed at his last duty station, in Maryland. Roy was blessed to find the love of his life, Shirley and married her in 1973.

He was a dedicated man who worked tirelessly to support his family. Roy worked for Nortel Networks for over 25 years of service before his retirement. Once he retired from his day-to-day job, he decided to work for the St. Mary's County Public School system for 6 years. He felt education was important and having graduated from the College of Southern Maryland with his Associate's degree he wanted to inspire others to fulfill their own aspirations.

A great man with a deep dedication to his family, Roy loved spending time surrounded by his loved ones. He spent his life helping others and working with organizations that supported his community. He was the president of the Accokeek Rec. Council, P.T.A. President, a member of the American Legion of Mayo for over 42 years, in the Legion Color Guard for 15 years and Loyal Order of Moose for 20 years. When he wasn't taking care of others, Roy enjoyed tinkering around on his own projects and proving he was the jack-of-all trades. If it was broken, he could fix it.

Roy was a pillar of the community, a proud American but most importantly a family man. He was a proud husband, father, grandfather, Godfather and friend. The memories Roy left behind will carry you through the hard days and his laughter and stories will make you smile through sorrow. His legacy will be carried on through many generations.

Roy is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley King of Mechanicsville, MD; daughters, Brandi M. King (Todd Lentner) of Hollywood, Maryland and Christi Montgomery of LaPlata, MD; granddaughter, Michalyn; God-son, Robert Harrison, Jr.; grand-dog Aldo and many extended family and friends. Roy is predeceased by his parents, and siblings, Dale King, Roger King and Earl King.

The family will receive friends for Roy's Life Celebration on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment will be private.

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MD.

**Reginald Lawrence
"Larry" Howard**



Reginald Lawrence "Larry" Howard, age 66, passed away at home on May 1, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family.

Beloved husband of Lynne and devoted father of Keri Thatcher (Mathew), Jessica Bedsworth (Alan) and Christopher Howard. Loved brother of Gina Yarbrough (Doug) and Sharon Hillgartner (Milton), and proud grandfather of Audrey and Henry Thatcher.

At the time of his passing, Larry was a Senior Vice President of Dayton T. Brown, Inc. His career, which began with graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977, included numerous civilian and military positions. A Naval Aviator (F-14) who transitioned to Aircraft Maintenance Duty Officer, he retired with the rank of Captain from the Program Manager, Aviation (PMA 205) at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, after 33 years of distinguished service. Key military positions included US Pacific Fleet, Director of Aircraft and Regional Maintenance and APML for the F/A-18 program. During his

assignment as Program Manager Coordinator for the Royal Australian F/A-18 introduction he met and married his beloved wife of 33 years.

Other than his family, Larry's passion was sailing. An avid sailor since the age of ten, he sailed and raced throughout the world. He loved the challenges and friendships he made along the way.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at 2pm on Saturday, May 15 at the Howards' home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be sent to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Hospice of St. Mary's or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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James Eugene Davis



James Eugene Davis, 74 of Charlotte Hall, MD peacefully entered heavens glory on April 19, 2021 at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. Born on November 13, 1946 in Washington, DC he was the second oldest of five brothers.

He graduated from Fairmont Heights High School, Capital

In remembrance of our Aunt Lucille Berry, Grandmother Agnes Mugg, and our Mother Mary Catherine Kane.



On this Mother's Day, we would like to remember the three women that we had in our lives to love and help us grow to be everything that we are. There will be no one else in our lives to give us the gifts of life that only you could. You had the blessings only we could receive through you. You were a special and truly a gift from God.

**We miss you so much.
Love, Larry Kane & Ellen Johnson**

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In Remembrance

Heights, MD in June, 1964. He worked various jobs before being drafted in the United States Army in March, 1966. He completed Boot Camp, Basic Combat Training and Specialized Infantry Mortar Man Training before beginning shipped directly to the war in Vietnam.

James was an Infantryman deeply involved in combat situations daily. His specialty was operating mortars and grenade launchers. He was appointed as Squad Leader, then shortly thereafter his Platoon Sergeant was killed in action and James received an on-the-spot Battlefield Promotion to Sergeant over others and elevated to Platoon Sergeant. James is truly our hero for his military service. Thankfully, James returned home safely without any physical injuries. Although, as anyone who has been in combat can tell you, there are memories that you can never forget. He was honorably discharged in March, 1968.

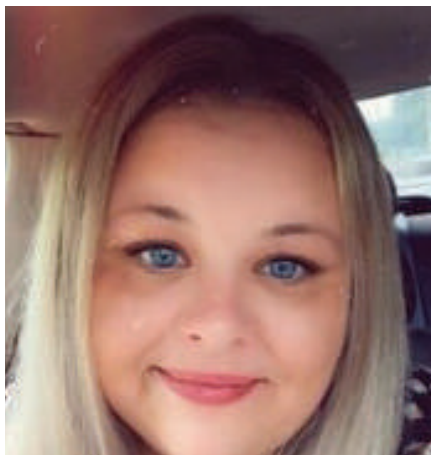
Upon his return, he became a U.S. Postal Letter Carrier and served twenty (20) years of dedicated service before his retirement. He was a simple man who enjoyed his two-piece Popeyes chicken meal, a glass of Chardonnay and a Swisher Sweet cigar. James was a wonderful brother, uncle, friend and above all son of God. If you knew him, you knew a true hero both physically and emotionally.

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Brittany Lee

Brittany Lee was born in Leonardtown, Maryland, on November 15, 1986. She spent her younger years in Maryland until her family relocated to Florida in 2001. Brittany then went on to finish high school



and met her future husband, Cody Lee.

Brittany and Cody moved to Texas where she spent most of her adult life working in the home health care field taking care of others. Brittany and Cody were married May 9th, 2017, in Whitesboro, Texas. Brittany's children were her dogs, Chowder, Penelope, Brody, and Cujo.

In her spare time, she loved to go to the beach, lakes, and fishing. One of her favorite things to do was her weekly FaceTime with her loved ones back home in Maryland.

Brittany leaves behind many family and friends: her mother and father, Paula and Kenny Morgan, her brother, Brett Morgan (Brittany), Bryton, Bowen, and Brooklyn, her sister, Brenda Morgan (Sam), Naomi, and Jaxson. Her very close cousin, Heather (Justin), Little Justin, and Ezra, grandfather and grandmother, Wayne and Brenda Wise; grandmother, Christine Morgan; husband, Cody Lee; mother-in-law, Becky Campbell and Cody's grandparents, Pat and Les Campbell. Brittany had many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends for Brittany's Memorial Life Celebration on May 7, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service be held at 6:00 p.m. at the

Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be private.

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Laurie Ann McGowan (Morgan)



Laurie Ann McGowan (Morgan), 55, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life unexpectedly Sunday, April 25, 2021. She was born on July 24, 1965 in Prince Frederick, MD to the late Stanley Morgan and Nancy Morgan currently of Huntington, MD.

As a graduate of Northern High School, Laurie would go on to work in the customer service profession. She made many wonderful friends over the years and enjoyed meeting so many people.

Laurie was a caring and loving woman who loved and cherished her daughter and son. She was a wonderful mother, daughter, sister and friend. Laurie found peace while cruising the waters on the family boat. She could spend hours with the wind in her hair, sun on her skin and salt in the air. She appreciated the beauty of nature and the calm it could bring to her soul. She also enjoyed going on vacation and soaking up the sun on a sandy beach. Laurie was in touch with her spirituality and found comfort in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Although, her life was not always easy, Laurie cherished every moment she spent with her loved ones. A beautiful soul has left her earthly body behind, remember the good times, rejoice in the good memories and know that Laurie is always beside you. When you hear the birds sing in the morning, know it is Laurie's way of letting you know she is at peace in God's heavenly kingdom.

Laurie is survived by her children, Lauren McGowan of Mechanicsville, MD and Michael McGowan of Mechanicsville, MD;

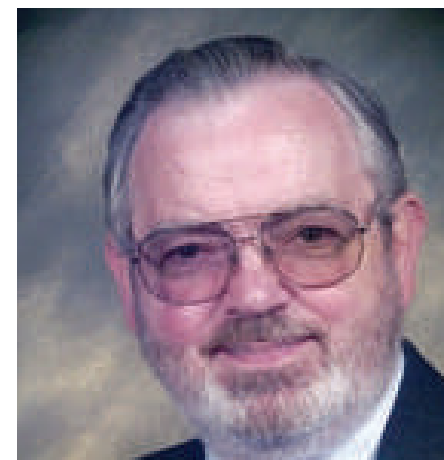
mother, Nancy Morgan of Huntingtown, MD; siblings, Stanley Morgan, Jr. of Prince Frederick, MD and Linda Morgan of Chesapeake Beach, MD; and ex-husband, Paul McGowan of Mechanicsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her father, Stanley Morgan, Sr.

The family will welcome friends for Laurie's Memorial Service on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 29855 Eldorado Farm Ln., Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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Clifford Warren Burdette



Clifford Warren Burdette, 79, of Hollywood, MD, died peacefully at Hospice House of St. Mary's on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

He was the husband of Verla Phyllis (Jones) Burdette, of 52 years, married in St. Louis, Missouri on Aug 3, 1968.

Born June 9, 1941, at home in Damascus, MD, to the late Claude Edward Burdette and Marjorie Rebecca (McElfresh) Burdette.

Cliff, graduated from Damascus High School, class of June 1959, attended four years at Randolph Macon University. After serving in the Army from 17 Aug 1964 and being Honorably Discharged on 16 Aug 1967, he graduated from Towson University in 1968. He retired from Minitch Corporation, Hollywood, MD, March 2002; taught Mathematics at Chopticon High School, from Sept. 1968 to June 1978.

Cliff is survived by his two children, son Gregory Warren Burdette (friend Vickie Ingram) of California, MD; daughter Kristi Camille Quade of Candler, NC; grandchildren, Allison Camille Quade, Corey Adam Quade and KhloeAnne Verla Quade; Siblings, Hazel Mae Hoyle of Kemptown, MD; Donald Edward Burdette of New York;



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Grace Rebecca Snapp of Gaithersburg, MD and Claude Michael Burdette and wife Eunice of Westminster, MD, brother-in-law William David Jones and wife Sally of Florida; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, plus many friends and other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a son, Keith Adam Burdette.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Clifford Burdette's name to Habitat for Humanity, 21600 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653 or Hollywood Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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Jessie Turner

Born on August 15th, 1923, to Louis Herbert Wise and Mary Turner Sasscer Wise ("Mary Mom") and raised in Mechanicsville, Maryland, Jessie Turner was the youngest of the three Wise children. She loved her brother Herbert (Herb) and sister Maria (Ria) dearly and all three remained close their entire lives. Related by blood to the Wises, Turners, Sasscers, Medleys, Ables, Gibbons, Waters, and so on, Jessie was cousin to just about anyone with deep roots in St. Mary's County. She loved her sense of belonging and pointed with pride to all the landmarks that spoke of her family's place in the county's history. The "Jessie Wise Daugherty Collection" at the Maryland State Archives contains a number of land-records and other documents dating from 1666-1867 that she donated to the state.

Jessie's command of the English language was testimony to the excellent education she received at the two-room schoolhouse in Mechanicsville, Margaret Brent High School, and Strayer Business College in Baltimore. She was often asked to edit her children's school papers, at every level, to include her daughter's doctoral dissertation! She loved words, especially their origins. Armed with that knowledge, her skill playing Scrabble was legendary. With the help of three 7-letter words, she won a game just 3 weeks before she died. In addition to Scrabble, Jessie loved crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and card games—particularly the game of Bridge.

After her years at Strayer Business College, Jessie held several jobs in Baltimore. She loved reminiscing about the years she spent

teaching ballroom dancing at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio—especially the time she danced with Arthur Murray himself. She taught the "Arthur Murray Method" and used to say, "You have to teach something fourteen times to make it stick."

In 1955, Jessie met the Reverend Charles "Chuck" Daugherty at a New Year's Eve party in St. Mary's County. She was his "blind date." Her grandmother approved of the fact that he was Episcopalian but was appalled to discover that he was also "a Yankee." They were married at All Faith Episcopal Church in Mechanicsville in 1957 and lived happily together for the next 55 years. They raised three children—Mike, Anne, and Ray (Charles Raymond Cotton Daugherty III). Chuck died on All Souls' Day, November 2nd, 2012.

A devoted wife, Jessie quietly supported Chuck as he ministered to the many needs of the hundreds of parishioners associated with the various churches he led. She was literally "the wind beneath his wings." She embraced her role, welcoming new people with open-arms and participating enthusiastically in Church activities—especially the Church fund-raisers, potluck suppers, and "fun nights." Very social, Jessie never met a stranger. Jessie shared Chuck's passion for travel. They both loved England—and spent two separate years there (1962 and 1972) with all three children. The family took annual month-long vacations throughout the United States. Chuck also arranged tours and acted as tour guide for groups of parishioners and friends. Jessie went on several of these trips, including Hawaii, England, and the Holy Land. They passed along their love of travel—and their appreciation for other cultures—to their children.

A devoted mother, Jessie made home a safe, loving, and fun place to be. She was an enthusiastic supporter of any activity her children chose to pursue. No one cheered more loudly or encouraged more actively than she did. Her children were her pride and joy. She worked as a school secretary to ensure the best teachers and classes for her kids. After Ray, the youngest, was out of High School, she spent many years as a dental receptionist. She was an equally devoted grandmother and great-grandmother.

Jessie passed away on the 25th of April of natural causes, at home, surrounded by family. She was 97 years young. She is remembered fondly for many things—her love of people, a good story, music from the 40's, a glass of Sherry and/or

Chardonnay, "Russell Stover Pec-tin" (only) Jelly Beans, cheese, crabs, oysters, stuffed ham, and the color blue. She is also remembered for her endless curiosity and the way she loved looking things up. In her prime, no one was more practical, organized, or efficient. She was good at just about anything she attempted—computers being a notable exception. All of this, plus her ready smile, easy laugh, warm embrace, and desire for a chatty conversation will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and scores of others whose lives she touched in her long, loving, wonderful life.

A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 3:00 pm—all welcome. The service will be immediately followed by interment in the churchyard. In lieu of flowers, the family request you give a donation to your local Hospice. Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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George Thomas Dunlop Ecker

George Thomas Dunlop Ecker, 80, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on April 19, 2021 at his home.

He was born on June 8, 1940 in Charlottesville, VA to the late Henry Dunlop Ecker and Margaret Mehring Ecker.

On June 24, 1967, Dunlop married his beloved wife, Carolyn Smith Ecker in Washington, D.C. They were married more than 52 years, living mostly in Bethesda, MD and Purcellville, VA, before Carolyn's passing in October 2019. He enjoyed spending his retirement on the water in Hollywood, MD. Dunlop received his undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University, his Master's Degree from University of Iowa and his Juris Doctor from American University. Throughout his 50 year career in health-care administration, he served as CEO for several DC area hospitals including Washington Hospital Center, Loudoun Hospital



Center and Prince George's Hospital Center.

He is survived by his children, Charlotte Ecker Davis of Edgewater, MD and Franklin H.D. Ecker of Baltimore, MD; his grandchildren: Savannah, Courtney and Jackson Davis of Edgewater, MD; his sister, Charlotte Hepner of Boynton Beach, FL; and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and beloved wife, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Lewis Ecker.

A celebration of his life may be planned and held at a later date.

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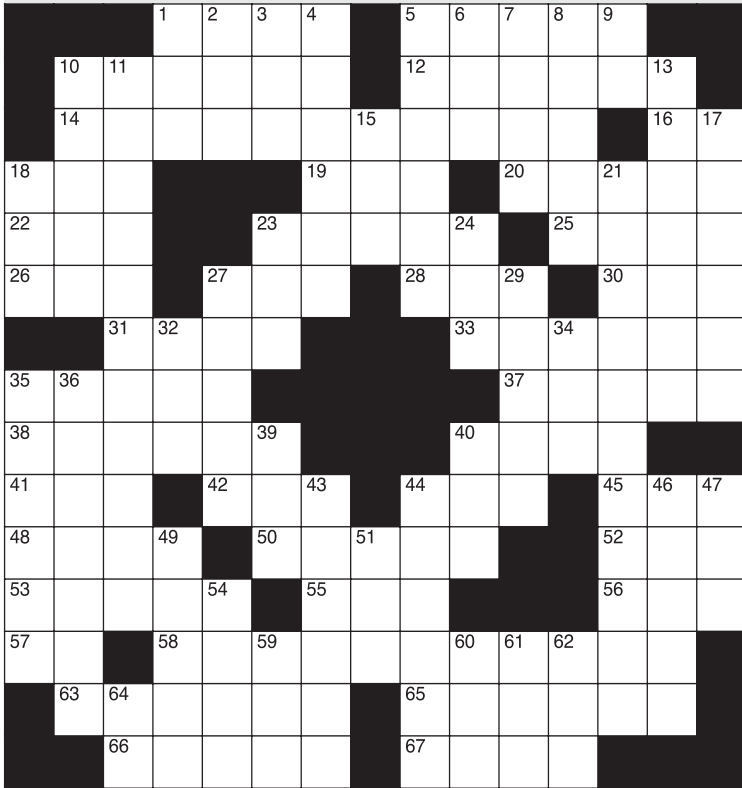
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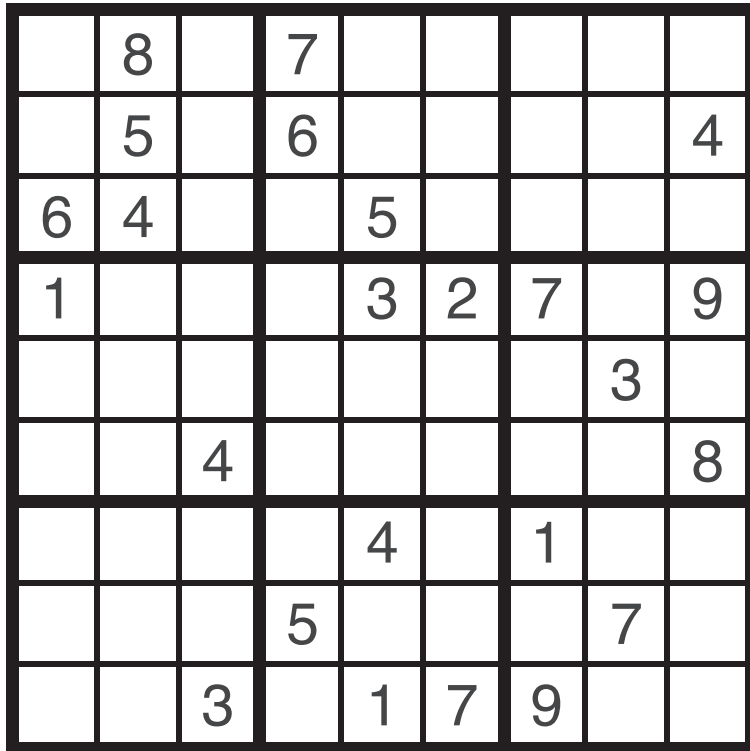
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- 5. Lifts and moves heavy objects
- 10. Hyundai sedan
- 12. Wear away by erosion
- 14. Arranged alphabetically
- 16. Top prosecutor
- 18. ___-de-sac: Short dead-end street
- 19. Digital audiotape
- 20. Linguistics pioneer
- 22. Singer DiFranco
- 23. Arms of the sea
- 25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. You get one at the beach
- 28. U.S. founding father
- 30. W. Australia indigenous people
- 31. Amounts of time
- 33. Put on the shelf
- 35. Russian dynasty member
- 37. City along the Elbe River
- 38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf

- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. ___ King Cole, musician
- 42. Company that rings receipts
- 44. Scatter
- 45. Basics
- 48. Part of a door
- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. Moved quickly on foot
- 53. Monetary units
- 55. A place to crash
- 56. Many subconsciouses
- 57. Group of countries
- 58. About line of latitude
- 63. Female follower of Bacchus
- 65. A dentist can treat it
- 66. Dull brown fabrics
- 67. Int'l nonprofit

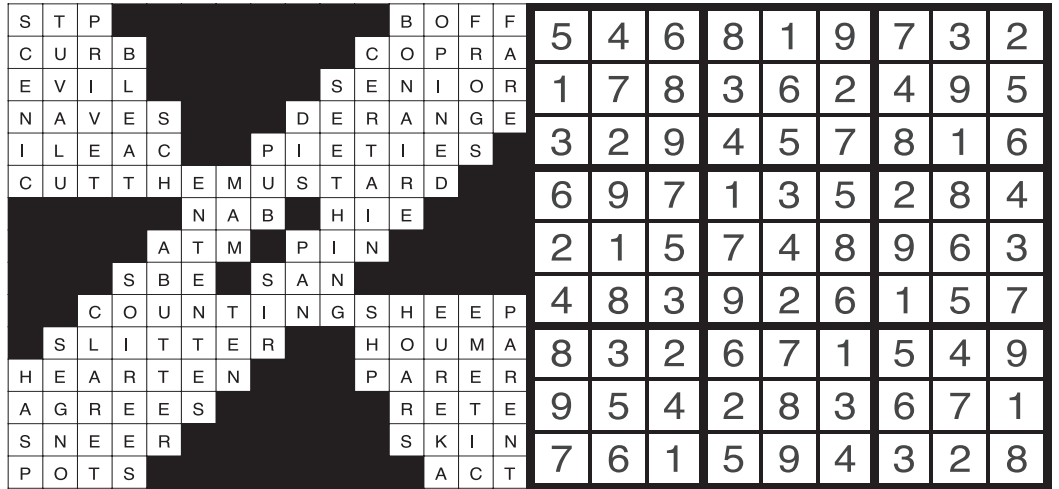
- 11. One who kills
- 13. Food
- 15. Swiss river
- 17. Fleet
- 18. Taxi
- 21. Working class
- 23. More (Spanish)
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. Large heavily built goat antelope
- 29. Murdered in his bathtub
- 32. Tease good-naturedly
- 34. Morsel
- 35. Cause persistent resentment
- 36. A radioactive element
- 39. Perform in a play
- 40. Witty remark: Bon ___
- 43. A great place to kayak
- 44. Conclude by reasoning
- 46. In an unfavorable way
- 47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
- 49. Machine for making paper
- 51. Feline
- 54. Yugo's hatchback
- 59. Check
- 60. Press against lightly
- 61. Wind-pollinated plants
- 62. ___compoop
- 64. Commercial

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- 1. Midway between northeast and east
- 2. Partner to cheese
- 3. One from Utah
- 4. A way to move
- 5. Playing cards
- 6. Baseball stat
- 7. Long river in western Asia
- 8. Grandmothers
- 9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
- 10. Steam bath room



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