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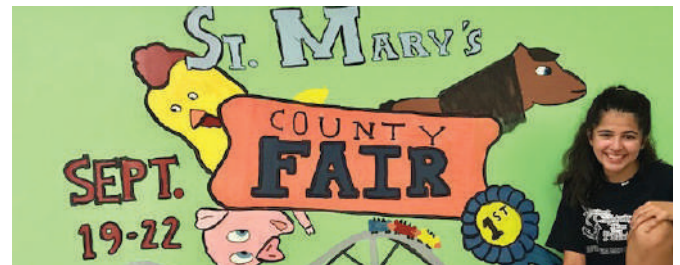
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Commissioners Approve Budget On Split Vote

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

On a 3-to-2 vote the Commissioners of St. Mary's County passed a \$288 million operating budget which provides increased funding to schools and law enforcement along with reduced income tax rates, but the increases still fell short of what had been requested by the school board or sheriff's office.

Commissioners on either side of the funding issues also clashed over which side was engaging in fiscal discipline.

Commissioner Eric Colvin supported a motion made by Commissioner John O'Connor to restore 38 full time emergency responder positions in the budget using EMS billing and the emergency services support fund; his motion also called for using \$11 million in federal recovery dollars to increase the sheriff's office pay scale 5 percent and use money from the commissioners reserve for snow removal to fully fund the \$114.8 million request from the school board to fulfill their negotiated employment compensation agreements.

The current budget reduced the number of emergency medical technicians to be hired to just 16 with four additional paid paramedics.

"I think we've got a really good

opportunity here, we're so close to having an amazingly perfect budget, where we have all the funds to meet everyone's needs," Colvin said. "We've heard from the community about what the community wants... from all the sides of the aisle."

The needs of rescue squads Colvin mentioned particularly, since they are desirous of paid positions to staff their stations during the day when volunteers are most scarce.

"We asked them what they need, they came back and told us and then at the last minute we changed the plan without consulting them," Colvin said. "They noticed that."

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the budget process was "one of discipline."

"Discipline's tough, it's very hard," Morgan continued. "It sets you in a position where you can be consistent."

He warned that fiscal discipline was being relaxed and that engaging in that practice now would only increase its use in the future budget cycles.

"Would that be you including the lack of fiscal discipline for throwing \$2.5 million for turf fields at the last minute?" O'Connor asked, noting last week's decision to move money to pay for turf fields at all county high schools with no prior discussion dur-

ing the fiscal 2022 budget process.

Morgan did not immediately reply but said in a later interview that the school board had suggested the idea to the commissioners.

"The board of education came to us, we didn't make this up," Morgan said. "This is a one-time, non-recurring cost."

"What we're talking about here is two sources of money," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt on the difference between operating money and capital construction project money, which was for turf fields.

Hewitt reiterated that increases in spending on the school board and sheriff's office had to be considered as recurring costs, for which the commissioners would have to provide for each year.

"The thing with this projection of [higher] revenues, I have said before and I'll say again, I just need to see these revenues come in," Hewitt said.

Hewitt has been skeptical of enhanced revenues in both income and property taxes because of the economy being supported by Federal Reserve dollars, which is essentially debt, that could not always be depended upon.

"We haven't seen the real impacts from 2020," Hewitt said. "And I believe they're going to be impacted by

COVID-19.

"I believe the stimulus money that's come from the feds and the state has masked the real economy... it's just not a smooth recovery."

Hewitt said that spending on turf fields was not a recurring cost and that it was supported by the school board to support student sports activities.

Hewitt said higher salaries were possible for teachers and deputies later this summer when the county received its disbursements of tax revenues, as long as they matched the increased projections upon which their budgeting was based.

Hewitt opposed O'Connor's motion, as did Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy.

"We have to look farther than what's in front of our faces," Guy said. "We have to look out a couple of years here."

"I'd like to see it [our funding] here; we may not see that until November."

The motion failed on a 3-to-2 vote; but commissioners had unanimously approved a prior motion to move \$207,000 from the commissioners reserve for snow removal to redistributed to salaries for sheriff's office, school board and other county employees.

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Cameron Prioritizes Youth Gun Task Force



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The rash of shootings that have plagued the Lexington Park community since last year has resulted in the Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron reforming the task force designed to target the problem.

The task force never stopped its work, Cameorn told The County Times, but it has been increased in size and scope with new tasks attached to their mission.

“We’re looking to formulate a deterrent program for youth,” Cameron said of how the task force is being reshaped, to include an educational component to try to divert youth away from participating in gun violence.

The task force, aside from a greater number of deputies assigned to it, has more partners involved to include the health department, juvenile justice and social services from county government among others.

“When you have a juvenile involved in gun violence you have to ask the question ‘What’s the situation like at home,’” Cameron said. “The first run of the task force was focused entirely on interdiction.”

The reformation of the task force includes reassignment of personnel from the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division, Narcotics Division, Special Operations Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. School Resource Officers will later join the task force for the rest of this summer and will return to their assigned schools for the fall session.

The Lexington Park COPs Unit has also been reassigned to the effort, the sheriff’s office announced.

The task force’s objectives include high visibility police presence in at-risk neighborhoods to reduce the propensity of gun violence; interdiction enforcement to recover illegally possessed firearms from persons and vehicles; utilize covert investi-

gative strategies to identify suspects involved in gun crimes; review and evaluate both open and closed gun cases for actionable intelligence and engage community members and organizations to solicit information and cooperation, the sheriff’s office stated.

More than getting guns off the streets, Cameron added, this was also an intelligence gathering operation on gun trafficking and crimes in the community.

This goes to one of the most significant problems deputies and detectives have faced in closing cases involving gun violence in Lexington Park.

“Most of what we’re seeing is shootings that hit cars, houses and people,” Cameron said. “In some of these cases people knew their assailants but chose not to tell us.”

When interviewed in the summer of last year, Cameron said much of the gun violence was between two rival factions engaged in various levels of criminality; he said that held true in present day but was not the entire situation.

“It’s absolutely not just them,” Cameron said.

The sheriff said he was encouraged that the task force would continue to be effective as it had moved on several search warrants and arrests within 24 hours of being reformed.

Information and tips regarding gun violence in Lexington Park can be sent to StopGunViolence@st-marysmd.com or call 301-475-4200, ext. 78087. Citizens can also remain anonymous and contact St. Mary’s County Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text a tip to “TIP239” plus their message to “CRIMES” (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary’s County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

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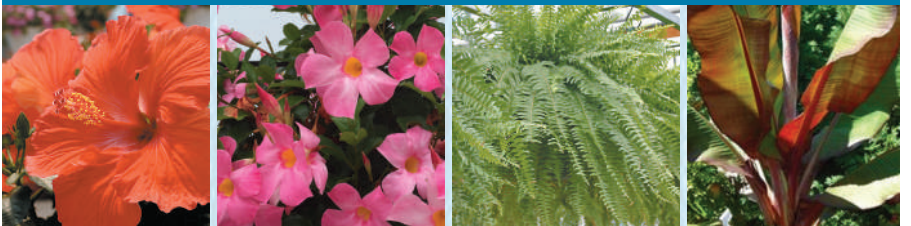
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Candle Causes \$3 Million Solomons Fire

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, has concluded the cause of last night's multi-alarm fire that caused nearly 3 million in damages was an accident.

Investigators determined a candle being used by a homeless person taking refuge inside a camper trailer located to the rear of the building ignited combustibles before spreading to the adjacent structure. The subject inside the 25-foot trailer was able to escape and temporarily fled from the area.

Investigators worked throughout the night and into the early morning hours and identified the 38-year-old man after being transported to a local hospital for an unrelated medical emergency.

Firefighters were dispatched to 13860 HG Trueman Road in Solomons around 10:45 p.m. for a building fire. Firefighters arrived to find the shopping plaza located just before the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge ablaze. It took nearly four hours and multiple fire departments from Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince Georges counties to

bring the fire under control.

According to Solomons RS&FVD Public Information Officer Norman Rea, "One firefighter was treated for dehydration and smoke inhalation." No other injuries have been reported.

Firefighters were successful in rescuing two pets from Solomons Veterinary Medical Center. In a statement from the veterinary hospital, the two pets that were hospitalized there were identified as "Twix Gunn" and "Prince Lusby." They were transported to other veterinary hospitals.

"We will be closed until further notice," the veterinary hospital reported to its customers.

The businesses affected in addition to Solomons Veterinary Medical Center were Patuxent Adventure Center, Vintage Treasures and Used Furniture, Tiki Tanning and Boutique, and HLW Electric.

The investigation continues, and Deputy State Fire Marshals will consult with the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office relating to the subject trespassing onto the property.

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Family of St. Mary's Suicide Victim Sues Walmart

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In November of 2019 Jacob Mace, an employee at the California Wal-Mart, purchased a shotgun from his place of employment and later used it to kill himself.

Mace's family, through a legal team provided by the Brady United Against Gun Violence Campaign, is suing Walmart for damages, claiming Mace's employer knew full well that he had suffered from deep depression and thoughts of suicide, even informing his co-workers of a specific plan to end his life in a gruesome fashion.

"This case is about defendants [Wal-Mart] decision on Nov. 15, 2019 to place profit over human life by negligently and/or unlawfully selling a Hatfield shotgun to Jacob Mace, despite Wal-Mart's knowledge of his mental illness, suicidal ideation, state of intoxication and one or more prior suicide attempts," the lawsuit filed in Prince George's County Circuit Court reads. "Jacob Mace foreseeably used the shotgun a few hours later to take his own life."

The civil suit includes family members of Mace from St. Mary's and Calvert counties as well as King George County in Virginia.

The suit goes on to argue that Wal-Mart had a duty, which it failed to fulfill, to follow federal and state laws governing the sale of firearms, which includes Maryland's statute to not sell to anyone with a history of violence directed at themselves or others.

No court records exist in Maryland showing that Mace had ever been arrested for a crime of violence, or threats of violence against himself or others.

It also shows he had never been the subject of an emergency petition for a psychiatric evaluation, which would have precluded him from possessing or purchasing firearms.

The lawsuit names specific co-workers of Mace who allegedly knew that Mace had a long history of mental illness, depression and instability; between Oct. 31 and the date of Mace's death, the suit claims, his family had removed a gun Wal-Mart had sold him previously to forestall him acting on his suicidal ideations.

During this period, the suit states, Mace was suffering from an acute mental health crisis.

He informed his employer of multiple hospital visits, the suit alleges, where he sought mental health treatment and evaluation; Mace report-

edly was told by a supervisor to call a suicide prevention hotline.

Mace also reportedly told a co-worker that he had planned to kill himself by slitting his wrists or buying a gun through a text message; the co-worker sent a copy of the text message to Mace's supervisor, the suit stated.

This incident occurred on Nov. 9 of 2019, before Mace went into the hospital for three days.

The co-worker and supervisor discussed putting Mace on a "blacklist," the suit stated, which was a list of employees who would be prohib-

ited from purchasing a gun from the store.

The suit claims the supervisor never followed through with a promise to put Mace on such a list.

The day of Mace's death he arrived at work, apparently inebriated from alcohol consumption, but was still able to purchase the single-shot shotgun and ammunition.

A responsible dealer, noting Mace's condition, as well as knowing of his mental problems, should have declined the sale, the suit claimed.

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Navy Moving Into Tech Port

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In 2017 the technology transfer office at Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) used federal money to establish Tech Port, a business incubator at the St. Mary's County Airport, in hopes of sparking innovation from small tech companies that could help diversify the local economy.

Four years later those innovative small businesses are being made to pack up and leave by the end of the month as the Navy is set to take over operations there.

Tommy Luginbill, outgoing director of Tech Port, said there were several reasons for the change but was saddened to see such an opportunity fade. "When people aren't used to the way you're doing business there's a lack of understanding," Luginbill said, who is resigning his position. "They [new tenants] will do good things but will they be acting in the spirit of economic diversity?"

The University of Maryland, a key financial partner in running Tech Port, recently announced they would no longer be operating the incubator for lack of funding.

Its initial package of funding was about \$1.35 million, supplementing the \$2 million from the federal government.

The contract to operate Tech Port was three years.

Last week the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved agreements with NAWCAD to begin working on projects in Tech Port, bringing in many other defense

contractors and related businesses.

Luginbill said the ability of the startups at Tech Port initially was not enough to fully fund its operations but there were, up until recently plans to bring in larger operators who could have helped make it more sustainable.

He said there was a disconnect between larger tech companies moving in while smaller ones were being made to leave; both should be able to coexist.

"I'm disappointed that the larger and the smaller entities can't cohabitate together and share innovations," Luginbill told The County Times.

According to Chris Kaselemis, director of the county's Department of Economic Development, the main partners coming into Tech Port will have a focus on defense and warfighter projects and product solutions.

These will partner with smaller technology companies that specialize in systems analysis and rapid prototyping, among other areas of expertise, Kaselemis said.

"In addition to the tremendous array of technology these entities bring, they also... help pay the majority of the lease," said Kaselemis in a presentation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County May 18.

The new agreement will last one year, Kaselemis said, which will be a mutual decision between NAWCAD and the county commissioners.

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Audit Shows Faults, Improvements in Schools Management

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A state audit reports that the St. Mary's County Public Schools system has been lax in safeguarding the personally information of employees via its computer network.

The report, issued by the Office of Legislative Audits, went so far as to say that the schools system's computer network was not properly secured.

The audit also stated that St. Mary's schools procurement practices were not "sufficiently comprehensive" and that they "were not always consistently used when obtaining goods and services under intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreements."

The audit also found that the school system could save money if it implemented different policies regarding student transportation.

"We found that certain components of the payments to bus contractors did not reflect actual costs or could not be supported, resulting in potentially higher payments than necessary for student transportation services," the audit stated.

Specifically, the audit showed that: "SMCPS could not support the appropriateness of the estimated \$3.2 million it paid to bus contractors for per-mile bus maintenance costs (\$0.85 per mile) during fiscal year 2019."

The audit was conducted during fiscal 2021.

The report also noted that the school system's arrangements with bus contractors did not include a right to audit provision.

"Such a provision would allow SMCPS to verify the contractors' actual costs of purchasing and maintaining the buses when negotiating the PVA (per-vehicle allotment), hourly reimbursements for drivers, the per-mile maintenance fee, fuel costs, and the annual administrative fees.

But the audit did show improvement in the school system's management practices, stating that it had satisfactorily addressed 10 of 11 findings in the previous audit of the system.

That audit was issued in 2015.

For the latest audit, county schools pledged to create a checklist to ensure that its procurements using cooperative agreements met all state laws to ensure the purchases are cost effective.

The system is also investigating a computer upgrade to its network that would scan for out-of-place personal data and "provide remediation options."

County schools estimates this would be completed by June of next year, according to the audit.

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Crab Population Shows Healthy Female Abundance

Spawning Stock Remains at Above Average Levels

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the results of the 2021 Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey, a cooperative effort with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, which annually estimates the number of blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay.

The 2021 results showed that the spawning age female abundance increased from 141 million spawning age female crabs in 2020 to 158 million spawning age female crabs. This year's survey estimate is above the long-term average of 126 million spawning age female crabs.

"Protecting spawning age females is a critical component to maintaining a healthy and sustainable blue crab population," Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "We are pleased to report that the cooperative management efforts of our Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions have continued to conserve female crabs within a healthy range."

Scientists and managers use target and threshold abundance estimates to establish a healthy level of spawning age female abundance based on available historical information. Recently scientists reevaluated the healthy range of spawning age female abundance through a stock assessment analysis and



updated the target and threshold spawning age female abundance estimates. This year, the number of spawning age females estimated to be in the Bay is well above the updated threshold of 72.5 million, but slightly below the updated target of 196 million.

The total abundance of blue crab in the Chesapeake Bay in 2021 was 282 million crabs, a below average total for the 32 years of survey results, which is largely attributed to low juvenile abundance. The number of juvenile crabs in 2021 was 86 million, which is the lowest recorded juvenile abundance since the start of the survey. Additionally, the results showed there were 39 million adult

male crabs, below the long-term average of 77 million.

Although the specific cause of this year's low abundance of age-0 crabs cannot be identified, large variations in annual juvenile recruitment to the Chesapeake Bay are normal for blue crabs. After spawning at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, young crabs develop in the ocean over the continental shelf and rely on winds and currents to be transported back into the Bay where they settle and grow. Therefore, annual juvenile abundance is largely driven by environmental factors.

"Blue crab fishery managers will need to keep a close eye on juvenile and male

abundance over the summer through our monitoring efforts and to exercise caution moving forward into next year, as these crabs recruit to the fishery," said Mike Luisi, director of Maryland DNR's Monitoring and Assessment Division of Fishing and Boating Services.

The Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee will review the survey results and provide their scientific advice for management during their May meeting. Following their advice, DNR will begin discussions with the Blue Crab Industry Advisory Committee to provide guidance concerning the course of action for 2021 that promotes the health of the Chesapeake Bay blue crab population and its fisheries.

The Winter Dredge Survey has been conducted cooperatively by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Virginia Institute of Marine Science since 1990, and the results are reviewed annually in an effort to have consistent management efforts across the jurisdictions. Throughout the survey, biologists use dredge equipment to capture, measure, record and release blue crabs at 1,500 sites throughout the Chesapeake Bay from December through March. Detailed results are on the DNR website.

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Assault- On May 17, 2021, DFC. Budd responded to the 21600 block of Great Mill Road in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Anthony Charles Wright**, age 52 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by grabbing the victim and pushing the victim into a doorjamb, causing visible injury. Wright was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Anthony Wright

Assault- On May 18, 2021, Dep. Ryczyn responded to the 45900 block of Indian Way in Lexington Park, in attempt to serve an outstanding warrant. Contact was made with **Terrell Devante** At-



Terrell Atkins

kins, age 22 of Lexington Park. Atkins refused to exit the residence, and barricaded himself inside the residence. Atkins was ultimately taken into custody at which time he kicked a deputy on the arm. Atkins was arrested, served the outstanding warrant and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Assault- On May 18, 2021, Cpl. Pontorno responded to the 22700 block of Lawrence Avenue in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Upon arrival Cpl. Pontorno observed **Tyshawn James Hall**, age 20 of Lusby, with his arms wrapped around the victim, preventing the victim's movement. The victim further advised that prior to arrival of law enforcement, Hall shoved the victim repeatedly. Hall was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



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Veterans Remember the Sacrifices of the Fallen For Memorial Day

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As the nation approaches another Memorial Day holiday to honor servicemen and servicewomen who have given their lives serving their country, veterans and the families of those lost are the ones who know most of all what their sacrifice means.

Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist.29 B) served in the global war on terror (GWOT) in Afghanistan, first as a squad leader in the 173rd Airborne and then as an U.S. Army Ranger.

He knows about loss.

"It is tough," Crosby said about troops losing their lives in the service. "Unfortunately, I have had to experience that in certain instances.

"It's never easy."

Military service brings people from diverse backgrounds together to complete missions in a high stress environment, being in combat brings that interdependency into even sharper focus.

"You become very close," Crosby said of those with whom soldiers share hardship and danger. "When you're on deployment, they're all you have."

It's not just the military personnel who die in the line of duty that cause so much sorrow, Crosby said, but he's seen civilian auxiliaries – people brought in to help complete a mission with their special knowledge and skill – killed in war zones as well.

Incoming fire does not discriminate as to who wears a uniform or not.

K-9 units and their handlers are another casualty of war, Crosby said.

Where soldiers become close on the battlefield, dogs and their handlers can become even more so.

Crosby said he had seen handlers lose a much beloved dog in combat or other operations; many times the handlers are emotionally crushed.

"And those K-9s are every bit as American as the rest of us," Crosby said.

But the loss of comrades to the enemy or even to mishap are part of a paradox many soldiers deal with when deployed in a combat zone.

Despite their love of hearth and home and their intense desire to return there and those they love, war becomes attractive on a certain level.

"War is a drug," Crosby said. "There's no high like combat."

And there was plenty of combat to go around where Crosby was stationed, he said.

He was in Wardak Province in 2012, patrolling daily for Taliban insurgents and trying to build relationships with local villagers.

It was a place he has described as "in the middle of nowhere."

"You'd walk 100 yards off the base, and you'd be in a firefight," Crosby said.

Images of the horror of war were everywhere; troops were spared nothing.

"There were some pretty graphic moments over there," Crosby



Delegate Brian Crosby

said. "But I'd remind myself that that was what I had signed up for."

Singing up for elite units like the 173rd Airborne and the 75th Ranger Regiment also meant working with some of the best troops the United States has to offer.

Being brought into such close bonds with other people under such strain makes for strong friendships under the most difficult of circumstances.

"I miss being surrounded by the guys," Crosby said of those with whom he served. "They're just a lot of funny guys."

Crosby said he does not have problems dealing with the emotions brought about by memories of his service and those he lost but not everyone can say the same.

"I often talk to some of my former soldiers," Crosby said. "It's tough on them."

Crosby has helped get mental health resources for some of his troops, he said, sometimes that means treatment.

He remembers one instance in which he drove long-distance to stay with a former soldier having problems overnight to help them through.

When thinking of his service leading up to Memorial Day, Crosby thinks about all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, regardless of race, creed or ethnicity.

Their belief in America made them the same.

"There's no one idea of an American," Crosby said. "If you've ever walked the grounds at Arlington you'll see Christian crosses, Jewish Stars of David and Muslim crescents.

"These are people from all walks of life who have deployed and died for your freedom."

In a time when the country was starkly divided along partisan political and cultural lines, there were still people with the faith to make the sacrifice for what they believed should be a united country, he said.

"There are a lot of people who've given a lot more than you have," Crosby said.

Soldiers suffer hardships and witness terrible sacrifice, he said, but they share the pride of place that is part of being one who takes up arms in defense of their country.

"It's a different profession, to be a warrior," Crosby said. "I'm proud that I could be just a small part of that huge lineage."

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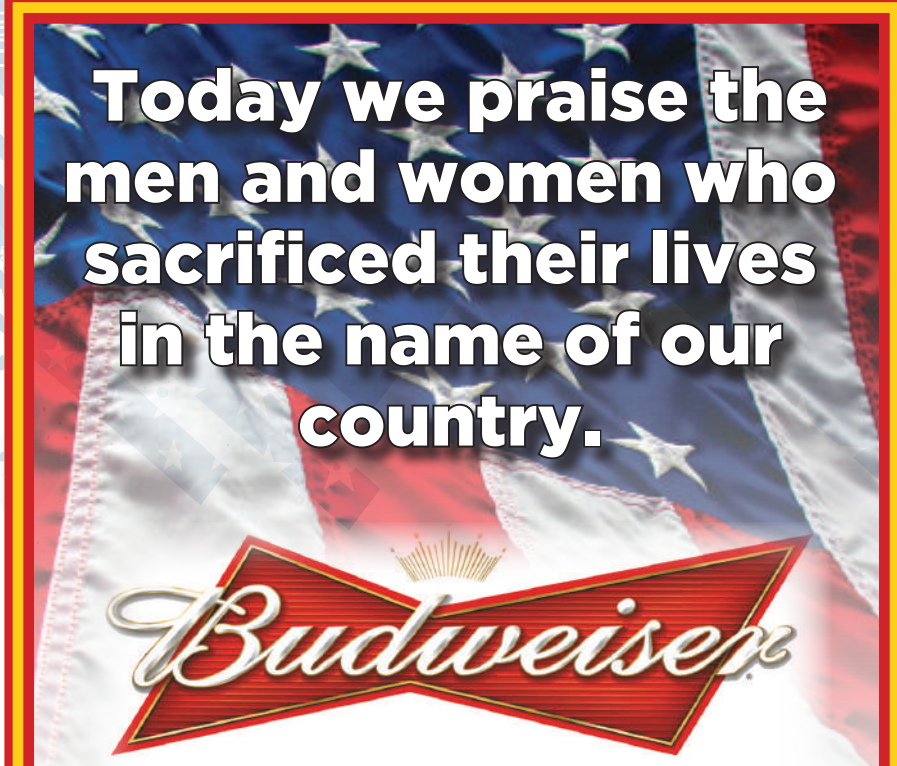
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Green Beret Says Those Who Sacrificed Made Great Country

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Mike Abell owns and operates his own home building business and when he was a young man he worked as a highly-skilled carpenter for years in the early 1980s, that is until he saw the rise of terrorism with the United States as its target.

He joined the U.S. Army and rose to have one of the most coveted billets in the service, a spot as a Green Beret on a Special Forces "A" Team.

Often on secret deployments to train troops of allied nations, or groups friendly to the United States, to fight communism, terrorism or both, Abell has seen combat in the Cold War that was decidedly hot.

Even the best soldiers lose comrades, though, and the elite are at the tip of the spear, their exploits often unknown to fellow soldiers and even less to their countrymen.

Abell said he feels and remembers the loss of friends who died for their country's freedoms; worse he said he believed the latest generation isn't being taught about those sacrifices. "I've lost some friends," Abell, 65,

told The County Times. "It gets to me, this new generation.

"They have no respect for their elders."

The wall of his office at Lincoln Contractors in Hollywood is festooned with pictures of veterans in Special Forces and other elite units, some of whom he has known, who have died serving their country.

One of them is Clancy Lyall, who died several years ago in St. Mary's; Lyall was a member of the legendary Easy Company of the 2nd Battalion, 506th PIR, 101st Airborne Division which fought in Europe during World War II.

They were immortalized in the cable miniseries "Band of Brothers."

"I think about those guys in World War II," Abell said. "Those guys had the guts.

"That generation, they made this country what it is."

For Abell, who has served and fought in the Middle East, Central America, Eastern Europe and other locales, remembering his friends in the military service and those he's lost is for everyday not just Memorial Day.

"I always think about my bud-



Mike Abell, second from left, with members of ODA 573

dies," Abell said.

Abell's friend and veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division, Andrew Stopera, often joins Abell at Special Forces reunions.

He tries to find ways to honor those the country has lost and still help those who have survived combat but are still struggling with returning home.

"We lay wreathes in front of the memorial at Arlington [National Cemetery]," Stopera said. "And we try to help out veterans, especially now since there are 22 vets a day

who commit suicide."

Abell said viewing the rows of buried dead at Arlington National Cemetery would help put into perspective the magnitude of the sacrifices made by military personnel to keep their country free.

"You should visit Gettysburg, and you need to go to Arlington and if the hair on the back of your neck doesn't stand up there's something wrong with you," said Abell.

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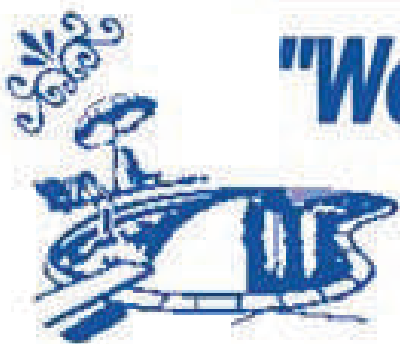
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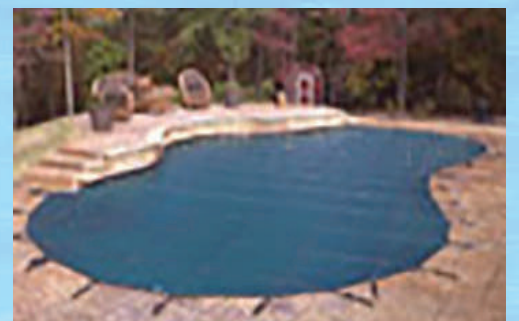
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THE MIDDLE

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

Warmer days. Cicadas threatening. The NHL and NBA playoffs underway. The Capitals choking away another first-round playoff series. The Nats with a sub-.500 record and Stephen Strasburg coming off the injured list. Kevin Costner. All signs of spring.

Wait. Who?

Kevin Costner is synonymous with spring, gloves popping and bats cracking. The actor built a baseball diamond in an Iowa cornfield at the command of a mystical voice. I would have lacked the resolve. He also played veteran minor league catcher Crash Davis in "Bull Durham," the best baseball movie ever made. While contemplating Davis and scrolling through a Twitter feed, the real Durham Bulls, minor league affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, found their way into my consciousness – Vidal Brujan, current Bull and Rays prospect, had hit a tweet-worthy home run.

Coincidence? I think not.

Bull Durham has a timeless scene where Crash, annoyed by love interest Annie's flirtations with immature teammate Nuke LaLoosh, excuses himself for the night. As he departs, Annie asks what Crash believes in. He unleashes The Gospel of Crash, a spectacular amalgamation that includes the soul, the hanging curve, good scotch, slow, wet kisses and several unmentionables - a classic, mic drop list delivered by a veteran of the diamond and the world.

As a veteran of this planet, and decades of pop culture and sports, the timeless scene holds broad appeal. What are my transcendent beliefs? In music, it is that a vinyl record is better than a downloaded single. I believe a played instrument is superior to a computer-generated beat (although I am warming to this art form). I believe an artist writes and plays their music; a person singing lyrics and to music composed by others is a performer. I also firmly believe that music – any genre - is best consumed live.

Sports: front and center.

I believe the NBA is in the midst of its greatest shooting era. This doesn't mean offenses are better – they are not. The low post game is gone – where for art thou, Hakeem

Olajuwon? – and the space between the three point line and the rim, a place where mid-range assassins used to thrive, is a barren wasteland. In the NBA, I believe travelling and carrying the basketball are like the Beltway's 55 MPH speed limit: you have to be an obnoxious offender to get caught. And one more thing: these manufactured NBA super teams...a disgrace to athletic competition. They are the inorganic, processed food of sports.

I believe the NFL is America's pastime now. The evolution of the forward pass is incredible. The loss of physicality and the frequent inability to legitimately tackle a quarterback is frustrating, but I understand the league had/has a major health and legal issue (concussions) that threatens to crimp its talent siphon. I believe field turf is superior to AstroTurf, but that football is still best on natural grass.

I believe baseball is too slow for an accelerating world. I believe there are too many strikeouts, too many players swinging for the fence. The shift isn't the problem; the inability or unwillingness of the launch angle-obsessed to beat it is. I believe in both advanced analytics and gut instinct. Is that allowed?

Playoff hockey is my favorite spectator sport. I believe this is true because it hasn't changed; it remains the fast, intense, physical and relentless game I have enjoyed for 40 years. It is like the great, steadfast oak in the ever-regenerating forest.

In youth or recreational league sports, I believe you will always find the best aspects of athletic competition. The end of the innocence arrives once money gets involved – for athletes, schools or organizations.

I believe all these declarations convey a restless mind, one equally fascinated by the present world and nostalgic for the past - and with the understanding that neither was or is perfect. I supposed I'm in the middle of the time-continuum of sports and life, appreciating the present, glancing back, looking forward and trying to make sense of it all. If you've read this far, I'm guessing you're a bit stuck in the middle too. It's good to have the company.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

We had a taste of summer this past week, only to have a cold front come in with wind and chilly temperatures on Monday. The forecast for the Memorial Day weekend is cooler with probable rain on Saturday. Do not let that keep you fishing as rockfish, trout, catfish spot and perch are all on a hot bite.

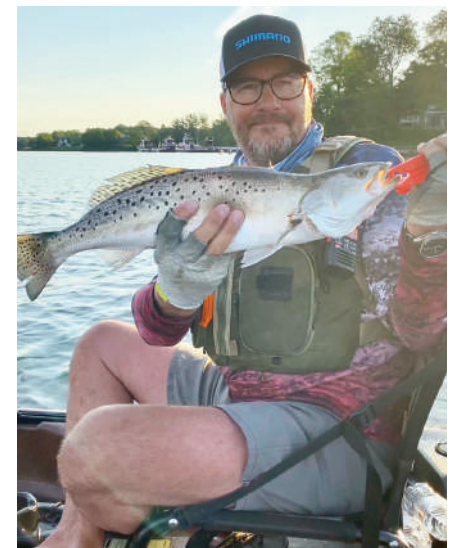
There have been good sized speckled trout in the mouth of the Patuxent, Potomac, and in the salt islands and Honga River.

Stripers are now in all the shallows for lure casters and many are keeper size of 19 inches in Maryland and 20 inches in the Potomac. All Maryland waters open next Tuesday, June 1, and the upper Patuxent is loaded with keeper rockfish.

Perch are in the creeks for lure casters (Beetle Spins, Perch Hounders). Bottom fishermen can find plenty of perch in 20 to 30 feet of water on the oyster bars.

Spot have made an early appearance in both the Potomac and the Patuxent and are mixed with perch catches.

Catfish continue to be very ac-



tive at the Bushwood Pier and most everywhere else in the Potomac. The Patuxent also has excellent catfish eager to take cut bait.

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The Big Lie: Its Danger to America

To the Editor

According to recent polls, 70 percent of Republicans still believe the big lie that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump, even though there is no proof whatsoever of any such happening.

The only real fraud appears in the propaganda of pro-Trump followers who continue to deny the truth. How many more insurrections need to occur before this nation wakes up? When will there be any sense of shame in what is transpiring? The alarm bells should be ringing off their hinges.

The Trump mindset--a weird concoction of childish upturned fingers and grim alternate reality--means that proponents of American democracy must be especially vigilant and active in the shadowy days ahead. In a 21st century that feels like a new Dark Age, the United States is in peril of repeating the grave mistakes of the German nation in the 1930s.

Nazi methods were also clear and simple: repeat the big lies over and over, however ludicrous they might be. Furthermore, never grant anything to the "other" side, never admit a wrongdoing, and never take responsibility for one's own misdeeds.

The above description is a classic statement of Trump's credo--one that has been followed slavishly by his minions. Endless shouts of "Fake News!", "Beat the enemy up!" That savage clamor is tied up in conspiracy theories and post-truth politics.

All these once unbelievable actions have become believable to a large segment of the populace. They are making America one of the most aberrant countries on earth. If we do not change that freakish course, we will soon lose our democratic soul and risk snuffing out any decency we have left.

*Joseph L DeVitis
Leonardtown, MD*



Letters to the Editor

Taking a Stand for Police Officers

This morning I made a decision. I made the decision to take a stand.

I am a police officer's wife. I am a silent force. I am a support that few know about and few want to. I'm told to "keep my head down," "don't listen to what they say," "everything will work out."

I've been told that this won't last forever when I watch the misplaced hate rising in the community, the crime rate in the community, negligence rising in the community...

I am the one sitting up all night waiting for the "everyone's OK" text. I am the one attempting to keep it together and continue my routine when my heart is on the line.

And when he is finally home safe, I am the one that helps absorb what happened during his shift. I am the one who washes the blood stains and the decomposition off of his clothing. I am the one that holds his hand when a baby dies despite his efforts or has to save a child because the parents are sexually assaulting them. On these nights we pray they are never reunited, but sometimes the system fails despite his efforts.

Nobody wants to hear these things. Nobody wants to believe they are true. Maybe in a different country or somewhere far away, but here? St. Mary's County? They happen every day.

I'm tired of staying quiet. I'm tired of the world not realizing that bad people are real. I'm tired of watching my husband wash spit off of a badge -- a badge he puts on everyday with pride.

Here are the facts that few realize. I've learned through being a police officer's wife, that on nights with more than one big event my husband is left without backup. Or, worse, no one is there to answer a call in time.

I know why. It's time the rest of the county does, too.

Commissioners do you realize that Howard County has a recruiting billboard in Charlotte Hall? Why, you ask, would another county do this? Our deputies make less money than their counterparts. Not for lack of our Sheriff's Office trying. It's because our commissioners put OUR money where they deem necessary; this year they chose turf fields.

They didn't choose the community. They didn't choose to keep us safe. They didn't choose our kids. They chose the path of least resistance. They took advantage of these deputies and the oath they took to do a civil service. An oath to serve and protect, regardless of pay.

They just want to make the same amount of money that Calvert and Charles counties do. There is no incentive for these men and women to stay in St. Mary's County. They don't have the backing of their county commissioners nor do they have the means to have backing on the force. Lack of funds to hire new officers, lack of funds to retain officers, lack of respect from the commissioners.

Everyday deputies leave this county to go to neighboring counties because they pay more. Plain and simple. This is not a scenario we want to see as a community.

Remember that next time that you call 911, the deputies are trying their damndest to get to you. They put everything out of their minds except that call and getting to you. What will happen when there isn't anyone available to take the call?

I am a police wife. I am a silent force. I will no longer stay silent. I will no longer keep my head down.

*-Amanda Fennessy
Charlotte Hall, MD*

Pet

OF THE WEEK

MEET BLACKIE

My face might be white
But my heart is pure gold
There is no shame
In growing old.
Old friends make the very best friends!



Hello everybody, my name is Blackie. My dear pals here at TCAS think I'm an EXCEPTIONAL 7 year old gentleman. I have lots of FUN ENERGY, I just love going on long walks, and then afterwards I'll try to climb into your lap to SNUGGLE! My dream now is to keep fit and live MY BEST LIFE. I'm hoping to find a LOVING HOME with a fenced yard, someone to share daily walks through the neighborhood, and a healthy yummy diet. They say I'm a WONDERFUL SENIOR who deserves a fantastic family to join me in my golden years! So please hurry and email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Volunteers Needed for Clean The Bay Day Effort

By Donna Cipolloni
NAS Pax Public Affairs

Volunteers with base access — civilian and military — are needed to participate in the annual Clean the Bay Day event June 1-3 by helping to pick-up trash and debris along the shoreline of NAS Patuxent River.

The DoD Chesapeake Bay Program aims to protect the Chesapeake for military readiness, for our communities, and for future generations. DoD installations encompass 400,000 acres across the region, making up approximately one percent of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and participation in efforts such as Clean the Bay Day demonstrates the Navy's commitment to environmental stewardship.

In 2019 (the 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID-19), volunteers picked up an estimated 425 pounds of trash, much of it comprising Styrofoam and plastic bottles. The biggest items removed were two tires, a cooler, and a

crab pot. The most unusual item was a workout bench.

"Since we started in 2014, we've collected an average of 500 pounds an event, so we've probably cleaned up about 3,000 pounds of trash [from Pax River's beaches]," said Capt. Molly Boron, PMA-208 program manager, and organizer of the Pax event.

While the wind and tide washes some of the debris up onto Pax River's shorelines, a certain amount originates from users on-board the station.

"Discarded fishing gear, worm containers, shotgun shells, plastic and polystyrene coolers, plastic cups, large capacity liquid containers, and even broken furniture are some of the recurring trash items found on our shoreline," Boron noted. "These items disrupt and harm local waterfowl, fish and turtle nesting. Consumption of small plastics fills the stomachs of wildlife, and they may eventually starve to death [from malnu-

trition]. Additionally, fishing line and crabbing gear can entangle, snare and ultimately kill both birds and marine life."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, mismanaged trash can travel throughout the world's rivers and oceans and harm physical habitats, transport chemical pollutants, threaten aquatic life and wildlife, and interfere with human uses of river, marine and coast environments.

"This region prides itself in a 'salt life' culture, the luxury of enjoying clean beaches, eating what's pulled from our local waters, and water sports that assume ecologically stable bodies of water," Boron added. "Responsible use and care of these natural resources is everyone's responsibility, and whether realized or not, is in everyone's best interest."

Locations to be cleaned up will include the shoreline at East Patuxent Basin, Fishing Point, the Beach House, Hog Point, and Ce-

dar Point Beach pavilion.

"Because some of the shoreline needing attention is in high grass, I recommend volunteers wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and gloves," Boron said. "They'll already be wearing smiles because they'll know they're actively doing something to beautify our environment and protect the natural habitat from a negative ecological cycle."

Clean the Bay Day will take place on Tuesday, June 1 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 2 from 7-8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, June 3 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Boron at molly.boron@navy.mil, or Chief Yeoman Priscilla Nelson at 301-995-7064.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation states that 18 million people live, work and play in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and each of us directly affects the local streams, rivers and bay. What will your impact be?



A few of the volunteers from a previous Clean The Bay Day pose alongside the trash and debris picked up that year.

Legal Notices

THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 208 - Adopting the Budget and Setting the Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. at the Town office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on Recommended Budget and Setting the Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022. Copies of the recommended budget will be available on June 1, 2021 online at <http://leonardtown.somd.com> or at the Town Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend or send written comments by 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2021 to:

leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov

or

The Commissioners of Leonardtown
P.O. Box 1
Leonardtown, MD 20650

THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Town office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on Ordinance No. 209 - Comprehensive Plan Update to amend the future growth area section.

An ordinance for the purpose of: amending the Future Growth Area segment of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to accommodate a possible annexation of 95.79 +_ acres of land on Newtowne Neck Road.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2021 to: leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov or mail to The Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

WILLS TRUE OR FALSE

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills. Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. One of the filings is called an "Inventory". This is a listing of all the property held in sole name by the deceased when they die. If the deceased has not been an organized person it can take a long time to figure out what they owned when they died. For example, if the deceased has not left a detailed list of investments they have, often the only way to know for sure what the deceased owns when they die is to wait for the mail for at least 3 to 6 months for quarterly or semi-annual reports on dividends or interest.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. If a beneficiary challenges the Will or any filings made by the personal representative, the matter goes to judicial probate where the Orphan's Court judges decide on the challenge. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal

representative has no liability for making filings in a probate proceeding. False. The personal representative is a fiduciary—that means they are under a duty to settle and distribute the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will and the law. Fiduciaries cannot act in their own self-interest. They must make sure investments are reasonable and monitored and they must make full and accurate reports to the Register of Wills or Orphan's Court.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective. If you think you will lose your Will, then paying a small fee to the Register of Wills office to keep your original on file is a convenience to you. Otherwise, the effectiveness of a Will depends on whether it is properly executed, not whether it is filed somewhere. You can keep your Will in a safe place. But, the original Will is necessary to open the probate proceeding so make sure your loved ones can find it.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." True or False depending on how your property is titled. If all of your property is held in "joint" name with your spouse and you die then your spouse will take sole ownership of the property. And, there will be no probate because you have not held any property in sole name when you die. So, with a married couple, it is not unusual for one spouse to die and leave everything to the other spouse and have no probate. However, when the surviving spouse dies holding all the property in their sole name there will be probate.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills usually requires that a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

Please join me for a free seminar on this and other topics at my office at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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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 27

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

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 28

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) for event details.

Tuesday, June 1

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, June 2

Wayback Wednesdays

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

DAV Assistance Program

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

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

applying 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.

Food Pantry

Noon- 6 p.m.

St. Matthew's Pentecostal Church, 23755 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. 301-475-2910

Thursday, June 3

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

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In Remembrance

William Joseph Huseman,

Sr.



William Joseph Huseman, Sr. "Billy", age 100 of Hollywood, MD passed away on May 21, 2021 peacefully at his home. Born on November 12, 1920 in Abell, MD, he was the son of the late Charles William and Alice Bietzell Huseman. He was the loving husband of Ann Downs Huseman for 76 years, whom he married on March 17, 1945. He is survived by his wife Ann Downs Huseman, his sons William Joseph, Jr. "Joey" (Janette) of La Plata, MD and Walter Daniel "Danny" of Lusby, MD, five grandchildren Christopher Scott Huseman (Anita) of Adamstown, MD, Mark William Huseman (Jennifer) of La Plata, MD, Katherine Alexandra Huseman of Lusby, MD, Brandon Allen Huseman and Crystal Ann Huseman of Ft. Meyers, FL, eight great-grandchildren Nicole Marie Huseman of Adamstown, MD and Christopher Joseph Huseman of Holly Spring, NC, Anthony Thomas Meadows (Christy) of Waldorf, MD, Zachary William Huseman and Tyler Christopher Huseman of La Plata, MD, Nathanyel William Huseman, Ronilynn Grace Tackett and Haley Marie Huseman of Ft. Meyers, FL, and also many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was also preceded in death by his youngest son Ronald Allen "Ronnie" (Patricia), brothers Harry Benjamin, Sr. "Capt. Harry" and Charles Ross "Capt. Ross" and sister Elizabeth Jane Downs.

Billy was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident who attended Holy Angels School in Avenue, MD and Margaret Brent High School in Mechanicsville, MD. He then served during World War II in the U.S. Army from November 9, 1944 to July 31, 1946. During his life Billy operated a Gulf Service Station for eight years in Hollywood, MD and worked for Burch Oil Company in Clark's Landing, MD where he retired in 1991 with 30 years of service.

Billy was instrumental in starting the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Company 7 in 1956, and was elected as their first Fire Chief. He continued his membership to his passing as a Charter Member/Firefighter/Life Member for 65 years. In 1987 he was elected into the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame. Over the years he received numerous awards, held several positions and enjoyed supporting and participating in annual fundraising events such as carnivals and dinners. Billy also was a member of the Hollywood Lion's Club where he was one of their charter members on its inception on April 28, 1974 and received one of their highest honors, the

"Melvin Jones Award" in 2004. He was a member for 47 years. Billy was also a charter member of the American Legion Post 221 in Avenue, MD.

Billy loved working in the yard and his garden. He especially loved to crab and enjoyed providing crabs for his family on weekends. Billy's great love was his family – being a loving husband to his beloved wife Ann and caring for and raising their three sons. He had a very deep-rooted passion for his family and spending time together. Billy felt holidays should be celebrated with stuffed ham as one of the main dishes. He always looked forward to and enjoyed celebrating the holidays with family and relatives.

Billy grew-up as a member of the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Avenue, MD. Then in 1952 Billy moved his family to Hollywood and was a devoted member of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Parish in Hollywood, MD.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM followed by Fire Department Prayers at 7:20 PM in the Hollywood Vol. Fire Department Hall Hollywood, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be HVFD Honor Guard, Tyler Brady, Tyler In-sley, Jason Sullivan, Drew Wallace, Noah Brewer, Brian Williams, Nick Davis, and Ryan Mallett.

All expressions of sympathy, including flowers and memorial contributions, are welcome. Donations may be made to one of the following charities: Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 7 Hollywood, MD 20636, Ladies Auxiliary

Hollywood Fire Department, P.O. Box 7 Hollywood, MD 20636. Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79 Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

Ernestine C. Hewitt



Ernestine C. Hewitt "Pretty", 98, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on May 24, 2021 in Callaway, MD. She was born on May 25, 1923 in Hollywood, MD and was the loving daughter of the late Louise Hayden Clarke and Ernest Clarke. Pretty was the loving wife of the late Wellington Hewitt whom she married on April 28, 1945 in St. John's

Catholic Church Hollywood, MD and who preceded her in death on May 5, 2006. Pretty is survived by her children Timothy Hewitt (Ruth) of Allardt, TN, Diane Hewitt of Atlantic Beach, FL, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Linda Buffenbarger. Along with her siblings Eileen Burch, Louise Jarboe, Dorothy Perpich, Catherine Wallace and Ann Stefanski.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. She attended St. Mary's Academy and graduated in 1941. Pretty was a Teacher's Aide for Piney Point School. She enjoyed reading, cooking, entertaining, traveling and crosswords.

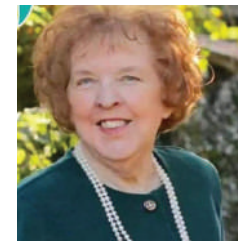
The family of M. Ernestine "Pretty" Hewitt of Valley Lee, MD will receive friends on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD; A Mass of Christian of Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM in Holy Face Catholic Church Great Mills, MD with Father Jerry Gamrot officiating. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Andrew Buffenbarger, Casey Jordan, Craig Jarboe, Brian Jarboe, Gary Wallace, and Donnie Poe.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary's County Meals on Wheels 41780 Baldrige St Leonardtown, MD 20650

and Hospice House of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Linda Marie Davis Hall



Linda Marie Davis Hall, 78, of California, MD formerly from Woodbridge, VA Passed away May 18, 2021 with her loved ones by her

side. She was born on January 2, 1943 in Long Beach California to the late Marie Frida Kuyper Davis and Ewin Barker Davis.

Linda is survived by her loving husband Cleveland Dwight Hall I. whom she married at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. on February 16, 1973; her children Sharmayne Hall Brooks (Oscar), of Harlingen, TX, Rachel Marie Hall, of California, MD, Felicia Hall Rubio (Michael), of Fort Worth, TX, Cleveland D. Hall II, of Owings, MD, and Rebekah Hall Evens

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In Remembrance

(Joel), of Spring Hill, TN; her siblings Kathleen West, of Stafford, VA, Joan Davis, of Baltimore, MD, Susan Evans, of Stafford, VA Peggy Littrell, of Portugal, and Paul Davis of Bladenboro, NC; her 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. In addition to her parents Linda is preceded in death by her two sisters Marcia Davis and Bonnie Davis.

After graduating from Gar-Field High School in 1961, Linda attended Ouachita Baptist University for 5 years where she graduated in 1966 with a B.A. degree in Journalism, and a B.S. degree in Home Economics. In 1973 she moved to the county and worked as a teacher for PG county, DC, and St. Mary's county public schools where she then retired in 2012.

Linda's favorite things in life were spending time with her family especially her children and her grandchildren, gardening, sewing/quilting, scrapbooking, genealogy, canning and freezing, reading and watching jeopardy.

Frances Jacqueline "Jackie" Goldsborough Bond

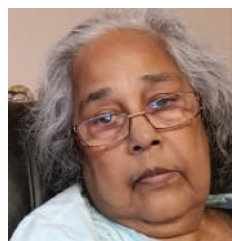
Frances Jacqueline "Jackie" Goldsborough Bond, 87, of Leonardtown, MD formerly from Hollywood, MD passed away on May 19, 2021 at her home. She was born on November 20, 1933 in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Susan Combs Goldsborough and Jack Goldsborough. Jackie was the loving wife of the late John Douglas Bond whom she married on May 15, 1954 in Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck Leonardtown, MD and preceded her in death on November 18, 1991. Jackie is survived by her children Doug Bond of Fredericksburg, VA, Susan (Bond) Dean (Dale) of Hollywood, MD, Kathy (Bond) Hayden (Hank) of Hollywood, MD, Tom Bond (Marian Mitchell) of Minnetonka, MN, Jack Bond of Hollywood, MD, and Duke Bond (Denise Cople) of Plano, TX. Along with her grandchildren Karen Mumford, Simon Dean, Robby Hayden, Julie Lowthert, Evalina Bond, John Walker Bond, Julia Bond, Emily bond, Jake Bond and Delila Bond. Great grandchildren Dylan Mumford, Breanna Dean, Jamie Dean, Ashley Hayden, Brooke Hayden, Chase Hayden and Eli Lowthert. Great-Great Grandchildren Jaxon Lowe and Bryson Tucker. She was preceded in death by her siblings Ann Combs Goldsborough and Frank Combs Goldsborough.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1952. Jackie attended Immaculata College and Strayer Business School in Washington, DC. She was a Management Analyst for the Federal Government at Patuxent River Naval Air Station from 1956 to 1993; retiring after 37 years.

Jackie enjoyed dancing, especially square dancing, and water aerobics. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Hospice, Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad, Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad, and Friends of Cedar Lane Apartments.

Barbara Dunn



Barbara Dunn, 81

Born March 23, 1940

Died May 22, 2021 with her son by her side in Leonardtown, MD.

Barbara

Yvonne Dunn better known to us as grand mom was born in Trinidad, West Indies to Ashraphi Lall and Dolly Abdool.

She attended Naparima Girls High School thereafter working for many years at an Hoyte's Electrical Supplies Company. As a single mother grand mom worked at several other places to successfully raise four boys.

She enjoyed playing Spider Solitaire on her iPad and loved to read and do crossword puzzles.

Grand mom migrated to the US in 1981 staying at her High School friend's in Texas. In 1993 she moved to Virginia to be with her son Russell where she lived a quiet life until her final days.

Grand mom is survived by her sisters Lynette Lall and Myrtle Roberts and brothers Franco and Algernon Lall; four sons Donald, Sterling, Collin and Russell.

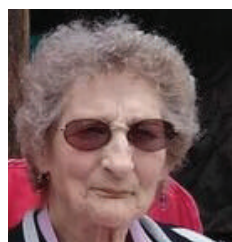
Nine grandchildren – Erin, Michelle, Chanelle, Kristal, Jade, Coryse, Emerald, Cheyenne & her newest addition on whom she promised to await – Connor.

Six great-grandchildren – Darion, Esai, Mark, Jordan, Anna, and James.

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Wilma Ann Hughes



Wilma Ann Hughes, 86, of Hollywood, MD passed away on May 24, 2021 at Hospice House of St. Mary's in Callaway, MD with her family

by her side.

Wilma Ann Hughes was born on February 19, 1935 in Kansas to Clarence A. James and Martha Lidia Rieger.

Wilma was an avid gardener. Her love for plants of all kinds and her ability to seed and propagate all flowers and trees was truly an amazing gift. She also enjoyed sewing. Wilma was raised on a farm in Ohio and learned at a very young age to survive on the

land with her sisters and appreciate the little things in life. Wilma lived a very long life through many generations of changes in our nation and in the economy. Wilma worked with the Arc of Southern Maryland as well as a Security Officer. Throughout her life she would continue to be frugal and use whatever she could to reduce waste. She loved beautiful patterns and bright vibrant colors. Wilma's spirit was one of courage, wittiness, survival, and a deep love for her family.

She is survived by her sons Doug O. Hughes, Sr. and David Lee Hughes (Missy) both of Hollywood, MD; her grandchildren, Douglas O. Hughes, II., Olivia Anne Hughes, Schuyler Estaline Hughes, Brandon Lee Hughes, Scott Cordelle Hughes, Jordan Ryan Corboo, Cory Allen Pilkerton; her great-grandchild Paisley Mae Corboo and her sisters, Phyllis Liggett (Joe Liggett), Clarice Cramer (Robert Cramer), Janice Trainer (George Trainer), Linda Hickey (Joe Hickey), Karen Johnson (Ralph Johnson). She is preceded in death by her parents: Mother Martha Lidia Rieger and Birth father Clarence A James who passed away from appendicitis while working with his horse and plow; Wilma was later adopted by her stepfather Wilford E. Wolfe.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Hospice of St. Mary's County Inc., P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Steven William Carr



Steven William Carr, 69, of Leonardtown Maryland, passed away at the MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center Saturday, May 22,

2021. He was born February 23, 1952 in Washington D.C. to Frederick William Carr and Marion Susan Carr (Klein).

Steven graduated high school in Suitland, Maryland. Shortly after he received his diploma, he decided to serve his country proud by joining the U.S. Army. He was Honorably Discharged and returned home in 1969. It wasn't long after that he rekindled with the love of his life and his soul mate Martha Holt. They spent 35 years together before her passing in 2004.

Steven supported his family by working as a painter in the Painters Union as well as having his own painting business, but painting wasn't all he enjoyed. He was always a busy man with a great work ethic. If you had the pleasure of working beside him, whether it be painting, cooking, or fishing, he was always more than willing to help you find a way to "work smarter not harder". He loved to watch his favorite team, The Washington Redskins, Street Outlaws, and muscle car racing, but none of that

could hold a candle to the amount of love he had for his wife and children.

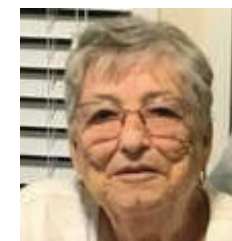
He is survived by his daughters Sandra Marie Carr (David Owens) of Leonardtown, MD, Susan Christine Owen (Michael Patrick Owen) of North Charleston, SC; his son Gerald Patrick Hartman (Gina Wance) of Roanoke Rapids, NC; his grandson Jeremy Michael Carr (Casey Lynn Burch); his granddaughters Christine Marie Williams (Brian Michael Ballew), Logan Ann Hartman, Raegan LeAnnee Hartman, Savannah Paige Owen and his great Grandsons Jaylin Michael Carr, Michael James Ballew.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents Frederick William Carr and Marion Susan Carr (Klein) and his wife Martha Carr.

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Judith Ann Toole



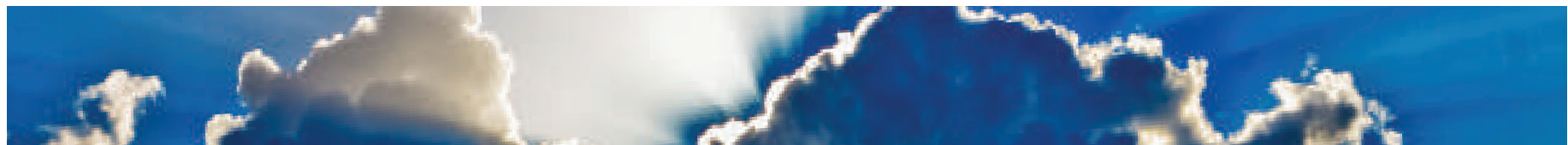
Judith Ann Toole, 76, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. She was born on

November 1, 1944 in Williamsport, PA to the late Carl Baney, Sr. and Shirley Baney.

She met her best friend and forever love John Toole, Sr. and they married on May 26, 1961. They have spent 60 years in wedded bliss. To find a true love is a blessing and if you knew them, you know they were meant to be together. They welcomed three children, John, Jr., Johanna and Barbara.

Judy was a wonderful woman who loved and cherished her husband, family and friends. She worked until her retirement in 2012 for the family's Home Improvement Company. She enjoyed this job so much, as it brought her a sense of pride in working closely with families to improve their homes. The friends she made during her career were many and she cherished them all.

Family time was always Judy's top priority. She was a doting grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed cooking for her family and especially hosting holiday dinners. She also enjoyed hosting cookouts where she served crabs that she'd caught herself. She loved to spend time out on the water crabbing, fishing, or just relaxing with the breeze blowing her hair. It was only made better when she was able to enjoy the great outdoors when she was camping with her family. As she grew older, Judy loved to gamble and go play BINGO. She would go every chance she could where she would spend time with her friends, chatting, snacking,



and hopefully winning.

To know Judy was to know a kind, loving and beautiful soul. She will be missed by many, but not as much as her husband and family. As the summer days grow warm and the sun beats down and you feel a refreshing breeze cool your skin, know Judy is there hugging you close and sending her love to you.

Judy is survived by her husband, John Toole, Sr., of Mechanicsville, MD; children, John Toole, Jr. (Betty) of Mechanicsville, MD and Barbara Thompson (Charles) of Mechanicsville, MD; ten (10) grandchildren; eight (8) great-grandchildren; and siblings, Gary Baney of Mechanicsville, MD and Diane White of TX and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and daughter, Johanna Toole.

The family will receive friends for Judy's Life Celebration on Thursday, May 27, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with a brief hour visitation one hour prior, also at Brinsfield Funeral Home. Interment will be held immediately following at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

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**Kenneth Brownson
MacKenzie III**

Kenneth Brownson MacKenzie III, 72 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on January 20, 2021 at home.

He was born on May 15, 1948 in Rhode Island to the late Barbara Norgaard and Kenneth MacKenzie Jr. He had a son, Kenneth MacKenzie (Little Kenny) that he lost in a house fire at age 7.

Kenneth grew up in East Greenwich, Rhode Island and graduated from East Greenwich High School in 1966. He attended MIT and served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1970 through 1974. He worked for General Dynamics for 25+ years repairing computers at the Pentagon and after that worked at the Office of Naval Intelligence. He enjoyed tinkering with his model train set, exploring conspiracy theories, watching westerns and the history channel.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth; his brother and sister-in-law, Bradford and Sandra MacKenzie; grandparents, Hoken Norgaard and Hope Stakpoke Norgaard and Kenneth B. MacKenzie, Sr. and Ida Deanaut MacKenzie; his aunt, Muriel Norgaard Lynch and uncle, Crisco Norgaard;

and his cousin, Gloria Howard. He is survived by his niece, Shellie (Mark) Montgomery and their sons, Jonathan (Kelsey, Theodore), Joshua (Kaitlyn, Leah), Jacob, and Joseph Montgomery; and his cousins, Paul (Carol) Howard and their daughter and granddaughter, Heather and Lauren, and Phyllis Howard, Greg Norgaard and Peter Norgaard.

Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors on June 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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Addie Mae Wood



Addie Mae Wood, 66, of Dameron, MD died at her home on May 19, 2021 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born August 27, 1954, the daughter of the late Robert Coffman Sr. and Gertrude C. Berry of Maryland.

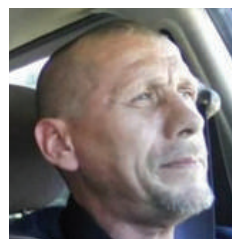
Addie was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. On May 28, 1971 she married her childhood sweetheart, Harry E. Wood "Butch" in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated almost 50 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed as a stock manager at Kmart for 36 dedicated years before retiring. Her family was everything to her. She enjoyed spending her free time with her children, (5) grandchildren and (4) great grandchildren.

In addition to her beloved husband, Harry, Addie is also survived by her children, Michael Wood (Lauren) of Ridge, MD and Michelle Miller (Johnny) of Ridge, MD, her siblings, Robert Coffman, Jr. of Selma, TX and Shirley Mottler of Lexington Park, MD, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Samantha Miller and her children Yasien and Sariah, Austin Miller and his significant other Samantha McKay, Aaron Wood and his son Cobin, and Brooke Wood and her son Mason and great grandchild Karissa. She is preceded in death by her parents.

All services will be private. Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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Michael David Lavis



Michael David Lavis, 52, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 16, 2021. He was born on October

4, 1968 in New York and was the loving son of the late, Karen (Lavis) Petit.

Michael enjoyed working with his hands and was an excellent mechanic. If your vehicle had an odd noise, Mike could diagnosis and fix it with his experience and skills. Mike loved to spend time out in the garage with the scent of oil and grease in the air. The only thing he loved more than turning wrenches was his family.

A great father, who loved his children and grandchildren deeply. He enjoyed listening to the stories the little ones would tell him and seeing happiness in his children's eyes, brought joy to his heart. He will be dearly missed and his legacy will live on for many generations.

Mike is survived by his wife, Tandra Lavis of PA; children, Shawn Anthony Collins, Brian Anthony Cave, David Michael Lavis, Laciann Marie Lavis and Timothy James Ray Lavis; and four (4) grandchildren, Bella, Brayden, Carson and Aurora.

All services will be private.

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Joseph Alvin Pulliam



Joseph Alvin Pulliam 56 unexpectedly passed away Sunday May 23rd 2021 at

home in Sioux Falls, SD.

Joey was born August 4th, 1964. To Eleanor And Louis Pulliam in St Mary's county. After raising enough hell in the county Joey and family moved to South Dakota in early 90's. He will sadly and sorely be missed by his loving friends and family. Joey who his family affectionately called "Grinder" will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor. Anyone who met Joey remembered him. He lit up the room and if you didn't see him you surely would hear him! He found pleasure in ice cold bud light, food, NASCAR, Washington Redskins, left right center, making deviled eggs, talking

shit and aggravating anybody who came around. Those who knew Joey will never forget his generosity or the love he had hidden behind that smile.

Joey is survived by his wife Colleen of Sioux Falls, SD. Sons Josh Pasik (Laura) California, MD, Kyle Pulliam (Sandi) and Devan Pulliam of Sioux Falls. His favorite daughter Nikki Pulliam of Ridge, MD.

Mother Eleanor Warren (Frank) of Tarpon Springs, FL.

Siblings

Louis "Puggie" Pulliam (Stacey) Of Ridge, MD

Julie Alvey (Larry) of California, MD

Deborha "Sis" Tudor (Tom) of Tarpon Springs, FL

David "Crockett" Pulliam (Sarah) of Ridge, MD

James Pulliam (Cathy) of Ridge, MD.

Christopher Pulliam (Tobie) of Lexington Park, MD

Grandchildren, Aunts, Uncles and countless nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his Father Louis "Pops" Pulliam of Maryland. Father in Law John T Parker Jr. of Sioux Falls, SD, and Mother in Law Patricia Woodman of Ocala, FL.

Celebration of life probably won't be allowed in any reputable house of worship. Mourners and Celebrant of Joey "Grinders" passing can attend services at his favorite hang out place and second home The Wooden Nickel in Crooks, SD on June 5th at 2:00 PM. Services in St. Mary's county to be held at later date.

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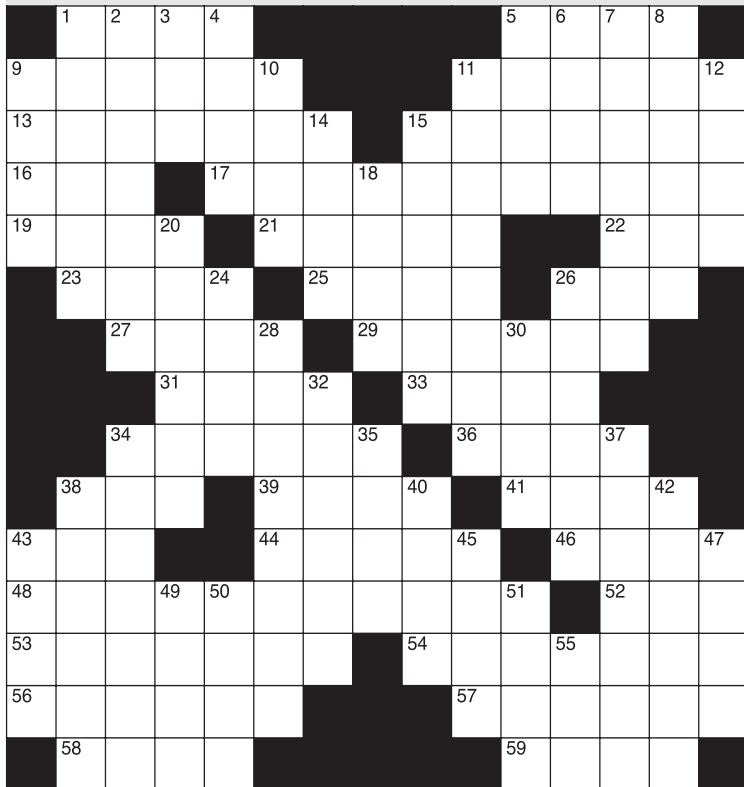
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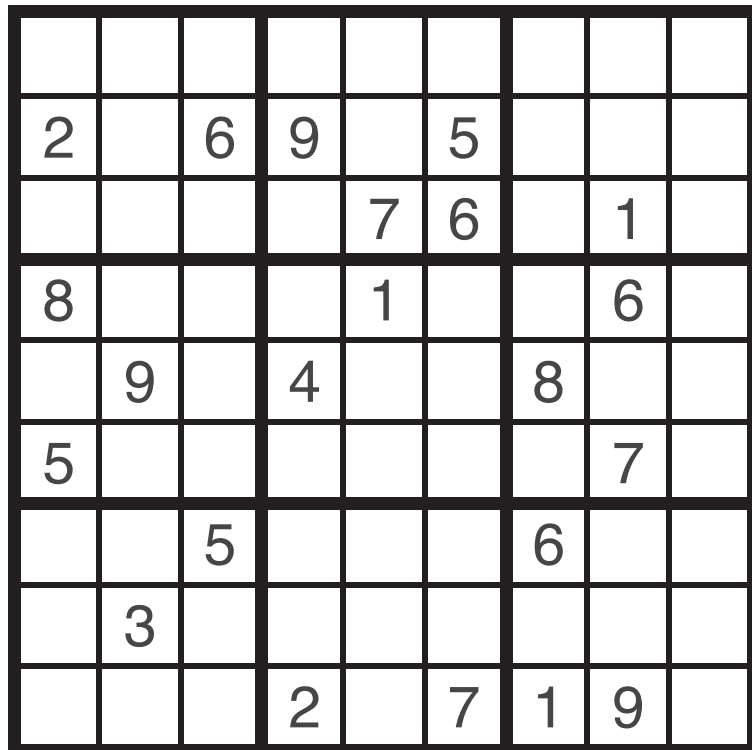
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- 5. Of she
- 8. This (Spanish)
- 12. A type of sorcery
- 14. A team's best pitcher
- 15. Port in southern Japan
- 16. Makes very happy
- 18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Consumed
- 22. "Heat" director
- 23. In all places
- 26 Made improvements to
- 30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
- 31. A type of "seat"
- 32. Wood
- 33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
- 34. Approval
- 39. Basics
- 42. Where judges sit
- 44. W. African religion
- 46. Commentators
- 47. Having many different functions
- 49. Member of a Semitic people

- 50. Flightless, fast-running bird
- 51. After the seventh
- 56. Small N. Zealand tree
- 57. Health care pro (abbr.)
- 58. Playground mainstay
- 59. Expressing relief
- 60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Beer
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Japanese beverage

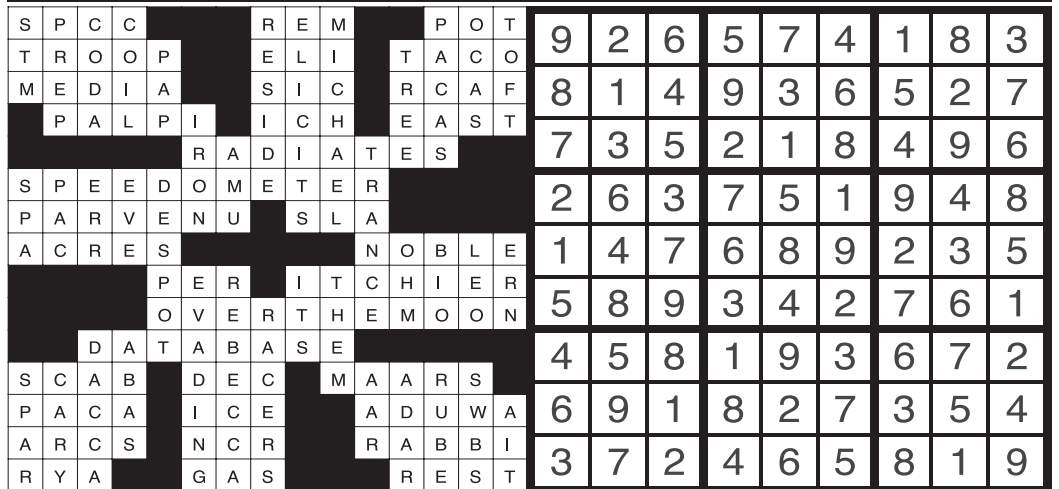
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Garden tools
- 2. Early Syrian kingdom
- 3. 500 sheets of paper
- 4. Information
- 5. Beloved comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Semitransparent glassy substance
- 9. Expedition to observe animals
- 10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- 11. Obtain in return for

- labor
- 13. Inheritable genetically
- 17. One who rescues
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Liberal arts
- 26. Shock treatment
- 27. Disfigure
- 28. When you hope to get there
- 29. Peacock network
- 35. Part of (abbr.)
- 36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- 37. Not just "play"
- 38. Former CIA
- 40. Reduced to a sloping edge
- 41. Restricted the development of
- 42. Sciences degree
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Saturated
- 45. Joints
- 47. Sailing boat
- 48. Respiratory organs
- 49. Guitarists use them
- 52. Disco act: Bee ___
- 53. First Chinese dynasty
- 54. Intentionally lose
- 55. Muslim people of China



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