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WEEKLY FORECAST

Thu 10/28	Fri 10/29	Sat 10/30	Sun 10/31
64° 56°F	66° 52°F	65° 51°F	68° 48°F
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Mon 11/1	Tue 11/2	Wed 11/3	Thu 11/4
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New Senate District Map Renumbers, Reshapes Southern Maryland

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Under a newly proposed, final senate redistricting map what was once District 29 — St. Mary’s County and a portion of Calvert County— would be renamed District 41 and would also include most of southern Charles County.

District 41 would be one of the largest districts in terms of landmass in Maryland, according to the map released last week by the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Calvert County, would be renumbered from District 27 to District 31 and would be paired with much of Southern Anne Arundel County under the new proposal.

The map effectively cuts the district ties that now bind St. Mary’s and Calvert counties; currently Calvert shares two senators — Jack Bailey — with St. Mary’s and Michael Jackson, who represents Prince George’s County.

The map dealing with delegate districts shows that District 41, St. Mary’s and the southern portion of Charles would be broken into three large delegate districts stretching from District 41A in the southern portion of Charles going south to District 41 B and then District 41 C, according to the latest releases from the state redistricting commission.

The proposed congressional district map keeps Charles, St. Mary’s and Calvert counties in District 5 along with much of the southern portion of Prince George’s County.

The chances of the state senate map being approved by a two-to-one Democrat majority in the Maryland General Assembly is unlikely however, since it would provide for an additional likely Republican senator in state government.

Bailey told The County Times that he and other legislators have already been called back for a December special session, the agenda for which has

not been officially released.

But, Bailey said, he fully expected to enter into debate over the congressional maps and overturning of Gov. Larry Hogan’s vetoes.

“What we will do is what will be in that declaration,” Bailey said. “We will be recalled to our seats from Dec. 6 to Dec. 15.

“It doesn’t look like it’s going to be an easy discussion.”

Bailey expressed his pleasure that the final map keeps St. Mary’s County whole as a senate district, with the addition of a major part of Charles County.

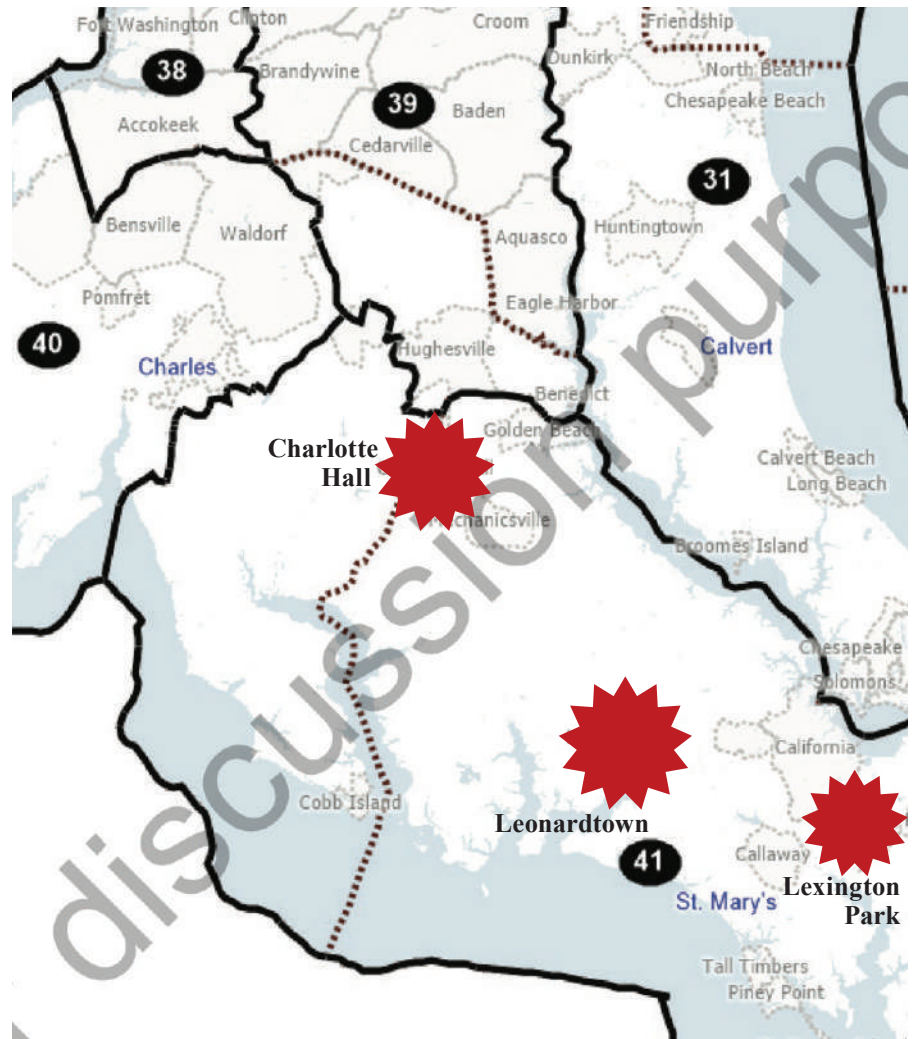
A prior map, which drew much ire and protest locally, tore away a significant economic development piece of the county, including the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, and gave it to Calvert County’s senate district, which was also merged with Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties.

“I’m so impressed they’re keeping St. Mary’s together in that [latest] map,” Bailey said.

The addition of much of Charles to St. Mary’s was likely to change in another 10 years as the population here grew, with St. Mary’s having enough population to be its own district.

“We don’t have quite enough yet for our senate district,” Bailey said.

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O'Connor Shifts Back to Running in District 3

Guy Faces New Challenger

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner John O'Connor has withdrawn from the race for county commissioner president and has refiled to run for his current District 3 seat, facing off against political newcomer Dawn Murphy in the Republican primary.

Current Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy will now face off against School Board Member Rita Weaver in the GOP primary, the latest filings at the Maryland Board of Elections show.

O'Connor said his decision to change which race he was competing in was due to several factors; Guy's decision to run again for the top commissioner seat and calls from constituents encouraging him to remain in his current seat.

"We may not always agree, but I have a tremendous amount of respect for Randy," O'Connor said. "I got a lot of calls from constituents who asked me to stay in my current seat."

"It was humbling, it was an honor as well."

In his final term as a county commissioner, O'Connor wants to cement the memorandum of understanding with the county school system to use their facilities

for parks and recreation purposes and see the advancement of amenities as a whole.

"People are leaving Prince George's County, Washington, D.C., Waldorf and their coming here," O'Connor said. "They're going to demand those services."

O'Connor also wanted to ensure the smooth operation of what he called a "fledgling career system" for emergency medical response; one that could function alongside volunteer rescue squads.

"I don't want to just drop that," said O'Connor.

The county budget, as well as the considerable surpluses it has accrued each year, were also a key concern for O'Connor.

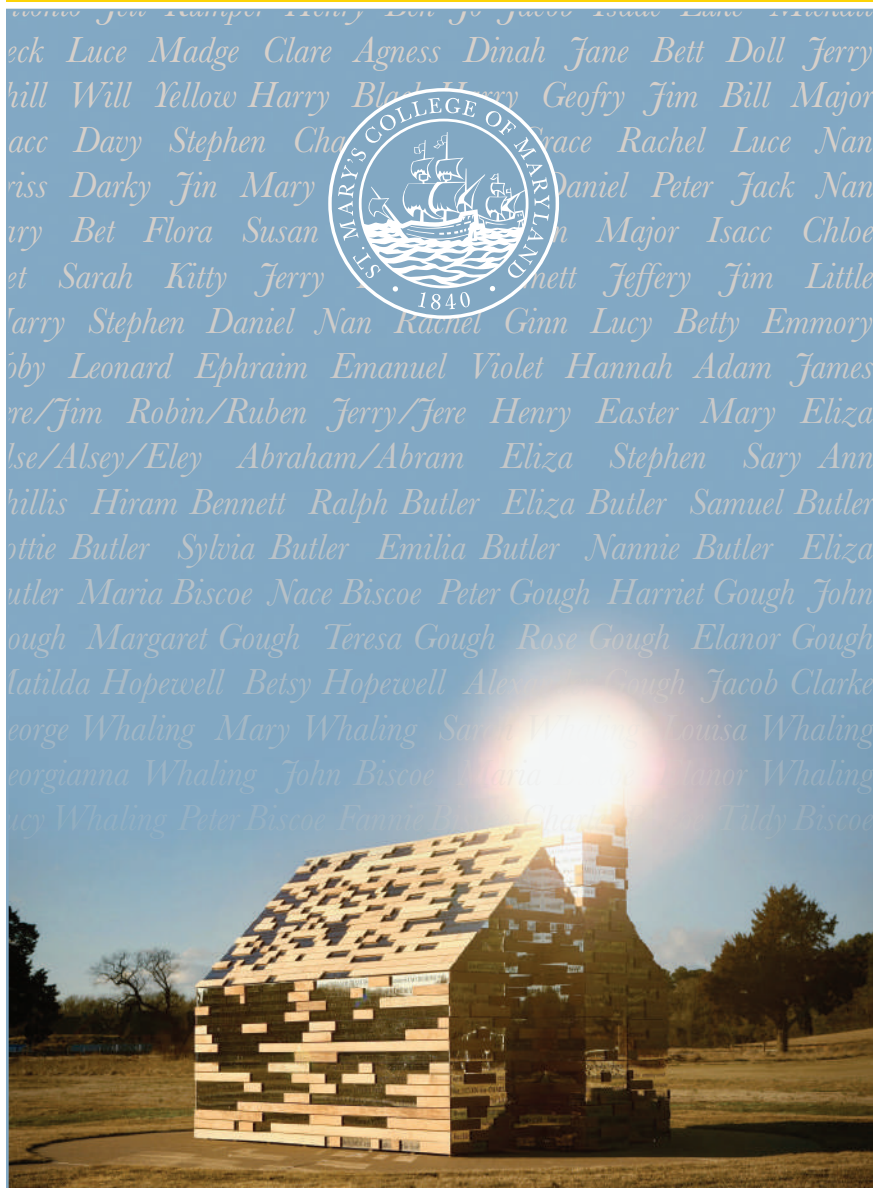
"I want to ensure our budget is balanced... so we're not creating a savings account every year," O'Connor said. "We need to make sure we're putting the citizens' money to work."

He also wanted to make managing the county's rapid growth his "top priority."

"That has to be done right," O'Connor said. "It has to be done correctly."

Weaver did not respond to requests for an interview for this article.

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- 4:00 p.m. Program at Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
- 4:20 p.m. Procession of Dignity from the Commemorative to the Waterfront
- 5:00 p.m. Waterfront Ceremony (includes reading the names of the enslaved)
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New Farmers Market Set to Open Soon

Critical Components Stalled

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Soon the farmers market that has long been located at the Charlotte Hall Regional Library's parking lot will shut down and be moved to a new site on Thompson Corner Road.

This new site has been named The Barns at New Market and provides 14 stalls in the barns for produce vendors, many of them from the Amish and Mennonite communities.

The inside space in the stalls is 16-foot wide and 14-foot deep to accommodate vendors, according to a letter from county government to producers in late August.

An eight-foot covered walkway in front of each stall is also built into the project.

But officials overseeing the project say that critical electrical components, which have been on order since May, have yet to be shipped from Mexico.

Cindy Greb, project manager with Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development, said she and others working on the project have been promised those parts will be shipped Nov. 4.



If so, she said the market will be able to open by the end of November; it had originally been slated to open Nov. 1.

"We are not losing momentum on the project," Greb said. "We are moving forward."

If the parts for a critical electrical panel are not shipped on that date, however, Greb said, she was unsure when the new market could begin operations.

"Everything else on the site will be completed," Greb said. "Everybody's ready to go."

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Suspect Sought In Hit-and-Run Death in Loveville

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sheriff's Office investigators are still looking for the person who struck a Mennonite horse and buggy Wednesday morning in Loveville, killing one of its occupants.

The County Times has learned that the deceased is Henry Stauffer, reportedly 61 years old.

The driver was seen running from the scene of the collision, according to witness reports.

Stauffer was well known in both his community and the larger county as the produce manager of the Loveville Produce Auction for the last 16 years.

County agricultural officials said Stauffer had been with the auction from its inception.

"He was a keystone member of that community," said Cindy Greb, executive director of the Southern Maryland Resource and Conservation Development group.

Greb has been working with both the Amish and Mennonite communities to relocate produce vendors to a newly constructed farmers market on Thompson Corner Road to replace the one that has operated at the Charlotte Hall Regional Library parking lot.



David McKay, CEO with McKay's Food Stores, said he had a long working relationship with Stauffer, purchasing significant amounts of locally grown produce for their grocery stores.

"It was extremely shocking," McKay said of learning of Stauffer's death. "I'm still in shock."

The produce auction was where McKay first got to know Stauffer, he said, and he eventually became friends with him.

"He was a remarkable, friendly guy," McKay said of Stauffer, who was part of a large, well established Mennonite family from Loveville. "He was well liked by a lot of other produce growers."

"He was a great family man first and foremost."

Those who knew him said Stauffer was likely killed while on his way to work at the produce auction site early in the morning of Oct. 27.

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Paid EMS Takes Most Calls But, Service Gaps Persist

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The corps of paid emergency medical technicians and paramedics the county has hired to supplement the staffing of local volunteer rescue squads are now responding to the majority of calls for service, said Steve Walker, director of the county's Department of Emergency Services, this week.

Walker estimated that a little more than 60 percent of calls were answered by paid staff.

But in his report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Walker said there were still problems in the newly formed system that remained to be solved.

"We're doing well... but there are some lapses," Walker said. "We see some areas where we need more service, more people running ambulances and advanced life support. We've talked to the chief in the north end [Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad] and the chief in the south [Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad] and they seem to think they can do it themselves."

Rescue squads in Ridge and the 7th District are continuing to outpace paid personnel's response



to emergencies, Walker said, but most of the work is now being done by contract responders elsewhere.

"I think a fair number considering all of this is us running 63 to 64 percent versus the volunteers," Walker said, in response to a query from Commissioner John O'Connor. "And that changes month to month."

O'Connor said there were continual lapses in service in the northern portion of the county, with mutual aid from Charles

County being called on to answer the calls close across the border in northern St. Mary's.

"There's plenty of calls to go around," O'Connor said. "What we're talking about here is 2,227 calls...it's a matter of having the personnel there to run them."

"In the northern part of the county the scratch rates... are high."

O'Connor asked what the problem was in North County that there was insufficient paid staffing to respond to calls.

Walker said his department has made requests to the rescue squad there to place more paid personnel there but has been rebuffed.

He explained that, despite the volunteer rescue squads receiving tax-payer support, they remained independent from county oversight and direction, including staffing.

"They have to authorize that at this time," Walker said, adding he believed North County needed an additional ambulance to provide more services, but he still needed a facility to station it.

A modified store front might suffice, Walker said.

"It comes down to resources; we need the staff, we need the vehicles and a place to put them," Walker continued.

"What is holding you up," O'Connor asked. "What is the one thing that is stopping you from getting career services after these calls that are not being answered?"

The answer rested with the rescue squads, Walker said.

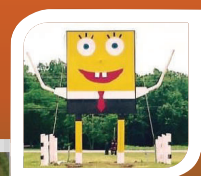
"They are independent and we have no control over them," he said. "That is what is stopping us from using their facilities."

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County Asks Hogan To Intervene in Opioid Settlement Split



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County want a split of the recently-won monetary settlement with three opioid distribution giants and one manufacturer for the impacts their drugs have had on Maryland communities.

Local elected leaders say that the proposal from Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh still puts most of the settlement money in the hands of the state; moreover, smaller and more rural counties would have to go through a lengthy process just to apply for of the settlement more than 15 percent.

"Specifically, we request that you assist us in securing a split of proceeds that gives 85 percent to localities and 15 percent to the state," the commissioners wrote in a letter to Gov. Larry Hogan on Oct. 19. "Under... Frosh's proposal all counties with a population of under 240,000 would have to apply to the state for funds in excess of 15 percent of the total settlement."

Frosh's settlement plan does not take into account that smaller counties do not have the resources to fund their own recovery from the ravages of the opioid addiction epidemic as larger jurisdictions, the missive reads.

The Maryland Board of Public Works, which comprises the governor, comptroller and state treasurer, will have to vote within a few months on whether to settle all claims with AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson, the distributors, and the man-

ufacturer Johnson and Johnson.

Bruce Poole, attorney representing St. Mary's County in the multidistrict opioid litigation since 2018, wrote an editorial in the Baltimore Sun arguing for counties to get the largest share of the settlement.

"Opioids have caused most of their damage at the local level," Poole wrote. "In Maryland, this is certainly true.

"The real damage of opioid abuse, beyond that to individuals and their families, has been an overwhelming impact on schools, police, fire, rescue, detention centers, health departments, social services and local neighborhoods.

Local governments also bore the brunt of pressing the legal challenge, while the state was not, Poole argued.

He also said that the terms of the settlement agreement dictate that if local governments do not support the national settlement, then the amount Maryland could get might be drastically reduced from \$502 million to \$276 million.

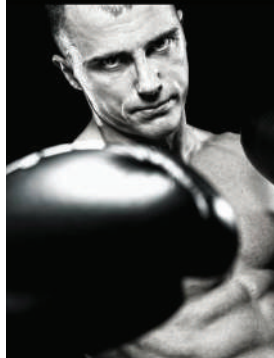
"The opioid epidemic has crushed our county," said Commissioner John O'Connor in a social media post. "Yet AG Brian Frosh wants to take all of the settlement funds and stash them in the state coffers.

"We filed this lawsuit, and the Johnny-come-lately attorney general decided to step in when the money came around. These settlement funds belong in St. Mary's County to restore the millions we have spent fighting this epidemic."

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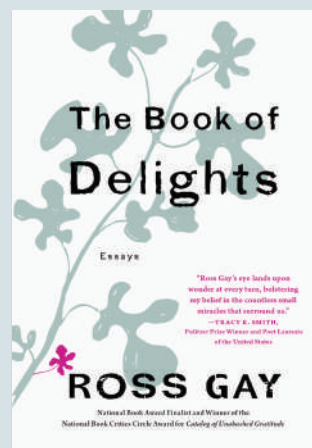
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From Nov. 1, 2021, through Mar. 24, 2022, all three museums will be open to visitors daily, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas

Day when they are closed.

The Water Taxi at St. Clement's Island Museum will cease operations by Oct. 31, 2021, for the season and resume cruises on Maryland Day, Mar. 25, 2022.

The Drayden African American Schoolhouse, the fourth division historic site, will be closed until spring 2022.

For more information about the museums, please visit Museums.StMarysMD.com.

Fatal Crash in Lexington Park

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 at 4:21 pm, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies responded to a motor vehicle crash on Three Notch Road (Route 235) near the intersection of King James Parkway in Lexington Park. Deputies arrived on scene to find a single vehicle off the roadway and into a tree with the operator receiving life-saving measures. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 2012 Toyota Sienna, operated by Mervyn Earl Hampton, age 91 of Scotland, MD, was traveling southbound on Three Notch Road toward Trapp Road. For unknown reasons, Hampton's vehicle left the roadway, struck multiple small shrubs and crashed into a large tree. Hampton was transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown where he



was pronounced deceased.

At this time, speed and alcohol are not considered to be contributing factors in the crash.

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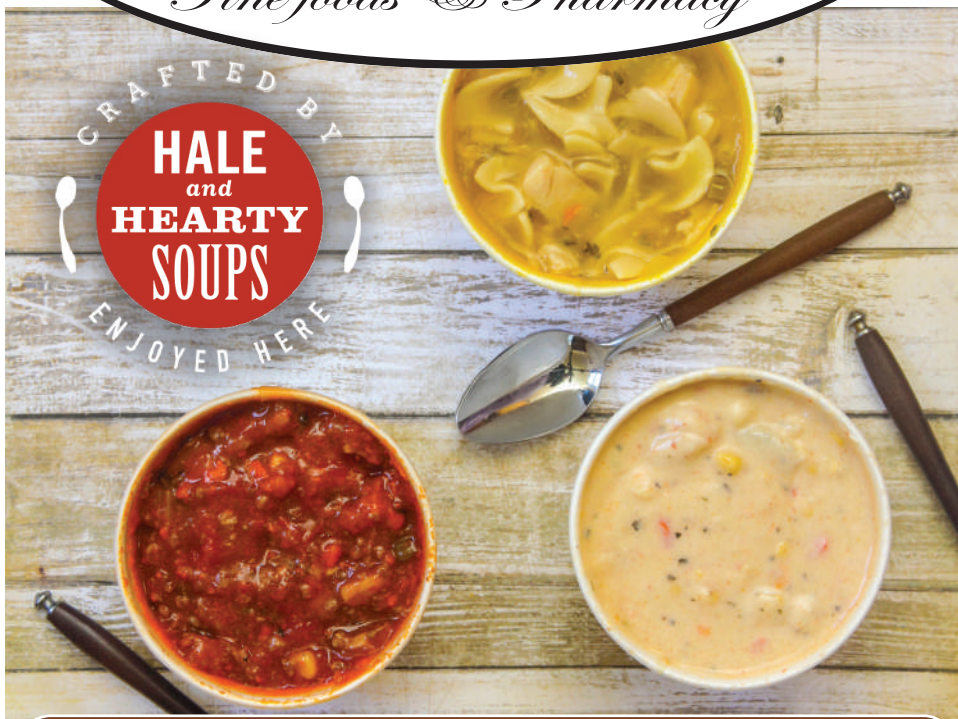
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Suspect Wanted for Escape

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of **Lekuarius Clifford Plater**, age 39 of Lexington Park, on a warrant for Second-Degree Escape from the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.



Lekuarius Clifford Plater

Plater is a black male with brown eyes, 5' 10" tall, weighing 200 lbs.

Anyone with information about Plater's whereabouts is asked to call Detective Corporal James Bare at 301-475-4200, ext. 78118 or email james.bare@stmarysmd.com.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact the 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.

On View Arrests:

Assault- On October 11, 2021, Dep. Jerew was stationary in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road, in Lexington Park, when he observed **Jermell Delontae Jones**, age 33 of Lexington Park, run up to the victim and strike the victim in head. Jones was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Theft- On October 11, 2021, Dep. Burgess responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported theft. Investigation determined **John Andrew Wilson**, age 45 of no fixed address passed all points of sale with various items from the business that were not purchased. Wilson was arrested and charged with Theft.

Assault- On October 13, 2021, Dep. Allebach responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and

Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Ambrose Matthew Kyler**, age 45 of Prince Frederick, assaulted the victim by punching the victim in the face, during a verbal dispute. Kyler was charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Assault- On October 14, 2021, Dep. Ryczyn responded to the 46300 block Munley Lane in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Cassandra Renee Furey**, age 38 of Lexington Park, punched the victim several times, causing visible injury. Furey was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Assault- On October 14, 2021, Dep. Walker responded to the 22500 block of Old Rolling Road in California, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Steffan Zachary Monger**, age 31 of California, struck the victim in face, causing visible injury to the victim. Monger was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Assault- On October 14, 2021, DFC. Raley responded to the 21900 block of Spring Valley Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Kevin Andre Alleyne**, age 28 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by hitting the victim in the ribs, and grabbing the victim's neck. Visible injury was observed and Alleyne was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

Disorderly Conduct/Obstructing and Hindering- On October 14, 2021, Cpl. D. Smith responded to the 45500 block of Coosan Court in Great Mills, for the reported disturbance. **Taniyah Da'Yon Tyler**, age 23 of Lusby, was located lying on the witness' vehicle. Tyler continued to cause a disturbance and hindered officers from responding to another emergency call. Tyler was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing and Hindering..

Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has updated eligibility criteria for local COVID-19 vaccine additional dose/booster clinics in accordance with authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Most residents who previously received Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines may now be eligible for an additional dose/booster dose. Most prior Pfizer recipients continue to be eligible for a booster dose.

The following groups who live or work in St. Mary's County are now eligible to schedule an additional/booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine through SMCHD:

All persons who initially received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, age 18 and older (Johnson & Johnson recipients, at least 2 months after 1st dose)

All individuals age 65 and older (Moderna and Pfizer recipients, at least 6 months after 2nd dose)

Individuals age 18 and older with underlying medical conditions (Moderna and Pfizer recipients, at least 6 months after 2nd dose; if immunocompromised, then at least 28 days after 2nd dose)

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Eligible individuals do not have to receive the same type/brand of COVID-19 vaccine as their initial vaccination; each of the available COVID-19 vaccines may be "mixed and matched" for the additional/booster dose after completion of the primary vaccination.

SMCHD will verify individual age and vaccine history at the time of vaccination (bring ID and vaccine record/card). Patients will affirm they are eligible during registration for appointments (documentation/proof will not be required during registration or at the vaccine site).

For more information or to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or call the SMCHD COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4330 or St. Mary's County Library at (240) 523-3340. Please review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 Vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment.

For local COVID-19 updates, information, and data visit smchd.org/coronavirus.

Press Release from SMCHD.

eTrepid Awarded GSA Contract

The IT and cybersecurity company eTrepid, Inc., based in St. Mary's County, is pleased to announce its awarding of a General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) prime contract for Information Technology (IT) Professional Services and Related IT Professional Services and Information Technology IT Solutions.

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The General Services Administration (GSA) is where the federal government goes for full-service information technology purchases supporting over \$40 billion in sales to federal government buyers and \$932 million to state and local agencies.

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GSA has approved eTrepid, Inc. to participate as a prime contractor for awards in Special Item Numbers:

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54151S - Information Technology Professional Services and Information Technology IT Services

"Federal and state agencies put forth a great deal of time and effort to procure IT products and services through traditional means," explains eTrepid, Inc.'s CEO Thomas Blandford. "The five-year GSA MAS award empowers our e-Tech Team to deliver exceptional IT services through Small Business (SB) credits and reduced administrative costs, shortened procurement cycles, and flexible buying options, including limiting and sole source buying."

Press Release from eTrepid, Inc.

Listening to the Dolphins

Since They Are Smarter Than We Are

By Jack Russell

The dolphins are back in the news and seemingly, now, always in the Chesapeake Bay.

The Bottlenose Dolphin continues to be studied by the Potomac Conservancy. They're researching and asking citizen scientists to help since 2015. Dolphins live 40 to 60 years and are affected by degraded waterways. The Conservancy wants to know: Where in the river do dolphins go? What time of year do they use different parts of the river? How often do they visit these different parts of the Potomac? And what are they doing in the Potomac?

This past summer, partnering with Georgetown University they've developed a new way to find and monitor dolphins through the river system: Acoustics. Bottlenose Dolphins whistle and click and have their own signature whistle the same as we have our names. Maybe something can be gleaned from our neighbor from our eavesdropping.

From the Interpretive Buoy System: The Lower Potomac water temperature is about 72 degrees



Photo courtesy of Kathleen Sherman

Fahrenheit and the salinity about 13 (PSU) parts per unit this week.

Sooks, or female crabs, are plentiful now and are still bringing about \$50 off the boat. Males are scarce but are great in size as they migrate back down the river and bay. Prices to the consumer have been the highest they have ever been due to fluctuations in supply. More about the Blue Crab from the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Oyster season for shaft tongs (such

as James Harvey's custom tongs) and Patent tongs opened October 1 without much fanfare. Some early reports are of good catches. Opening prices are around \$35 per bushel in the Patuxent and St. Mary's rivers. There're a lot of oysters on the Eastern Shore. Smith Island reports the same price but more oysters to harvest with no death rate to speak of in their local waters across Chesapeake Bay from us.

Oyster dredge season opens No-

vember 1 in areas of the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay. It will take a little while for everything to get straightened out, for watermen to find where the good licks are to be found. Once dredging and tonging are in full swing, we'll have a better idea of how this year's harvest will go.

About then the holidays will be here. Thanksgiving and Christmas always were "bread and butter days" for watermen baywide. If you don't make some money over the holidays, you're never going to catch up the rest of the season. Last year the holidays were a bust — the result of the pandemic. There was a larger supply than market demand with the widespread closure of restaurants. Let's hope that changes this year.

Early indicators going into the 2021-22 oyster season, show there are plenty of oysters to bring to market. The watermen are hoping the market is ready for them.

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Halloween Activities Help Communities Reconnect

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Even COVID-19 couldn't keep Halloween down for long. When the pandemic struck communities scrambled to find ways to get candy to kids in the most fun — and safest — ways possible.

Last year community organizers like William "BJ" Hall, president of the local NAACP chapter, helped put together the Halloween on the Square event at St. Mary's Square Shopping Center on Great Mills Road.

Hall said the first event was a success and organizers are looking for the next outing to be even more well attended.

"We were trying to find a COVID-friendly way to allow kids to trick or treat," Hall told The County Times. "So, we used six-foot long PVC pipes; we used those pipes as shoots for candy. "The kids loved it; it was one of the most successful parts of the event."

But last year's event in St. Mary's Square, as well as with this year's, is about more than just getting copious amounts of candy to costumed kids, Hall said.

The gathering is a chance for local businesses and other sponsors to come out and meet the community they do business in.

It's part of Hall's strategy to provide more opportunities for young people to access businesses for more chances at better employment and training.

Hall said between 20 and 30 companies are expected to have tables at the St. Mary's Square event on Oct. 30 from 1p.m. to 4p.m.

Last year's event drew between 300 and 400 people to the free community event.

"We're planning for a larger number this year," Hall said.

The event also takes on a more special meaning for the fun it can offer, Hall said, since the Lexington Park community has been plagued for the last year with a spike in violent crime, particularly homicides and gang-related shootings that have put ordinary citizens in harm's way.

This event had the potential to remind the community there was still good to be had there.

"It's important we project some of the positive images of the area," Hall said. "And this is something that brings the community together that doesn't really involve confrontation.

"When you create these kinds of informal relationships, these businesses can reach out to the community and find out how they can help."

Lexington Park needed more community events as often as it could create them, he said.

"We need more spaces for community involvement," said Hall. "There's a lot of program development out there but it's not getting to the underserved individuals and communities."

Just minutes away from the St. Mary's Square event, and picking up when the first event ends, Lexington Park Baptist Church on South Shangri-La Drive will host its second annual Trunk or Treat event, which brings together car aficionados with children and families for celebrating Halloween.

But it's with a twist.

Halloween may be fun, but its roots are far from Christianity. So, the event will have all the costumes and candy, but it will still have a Gospel message.

"We've always done some kind of fall event," said Hallie Starcher, Trunk or Treat organizer for the church. "When COVID hit we decided to do an outdoor event and we could easily social distance with during Trunk or Treat.

"We've worked sharing Jesus into the event; we want to share who we are and share who Jesus is."

Along with games and other activities for kids, adults adorn the open trunks of their cars with all kinds of Halloween decorations all throughout the parking lot of the church.

Just like last year, Starcher plans on the Oct. 30 event to bring hundreds of visitors to the family-friendly event.

"Instead of kids going out to houses, we have cars," Starcher said. "We're planning on about 500 people for this



Last weekend Leonardtown's Trick or Treat on the Square



2020's Halloween on the Square on Great Mills Road



2020's Lexington Park Baptist Church Trunk or Treat.

year."

The event is free, she said, and popcorn and hotdogs will be available to visitors.

"Anybody can come," said Starcher.

The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The St. Mary's County Health Department is still encouraging residents to take extra precautions to avoid spreading COVID-19 this Halloween.

That included vaccinations or booster shots.

"With the holiday season approaching fast, it is important that everyone in our community takes steps to protect themselves and others from COVID-19," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "If you're eligible to get COVID vaccine or booster doses, please do so now.

While enjoying the holidays, please take some additional measures to decrease your risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 infection."

Ongoing surveillance of local COVID-19 data by the county health department continues to show high levels of community transmission of COVID-19.

Health officials still strongly recommends that all community members, vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks in indoor settings when with others outside their household and

in outdoor group settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The health department recommends that if someone in your family is feeling sick or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they should not participate in in-person Halloween activities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters. The health department advises that they should stay home unless seeking medical care or to get tested for COVID-19.

Health officials encourage wearing a well fitted mask in all indoor settings and in outdoor settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained from people who do not live together.

Costume masks with openings around the mouth and nose do not substitute for a mask for COVID-19 prevention - a well-fitted mask for COVID-19 prevention can be worn underneath most costume masks, the health department warns.

The health department also said that anyone preparing bags or parcels of candy to be distributed should thoroughly wash their hands before doing so.

Information on free community COVID-19 testing is located on the SMCHD website at smchd.org/covid-19-testing.

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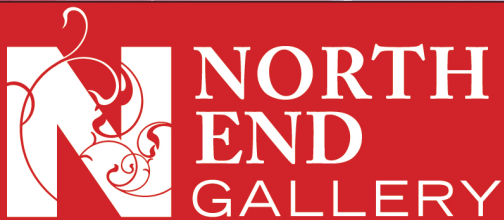


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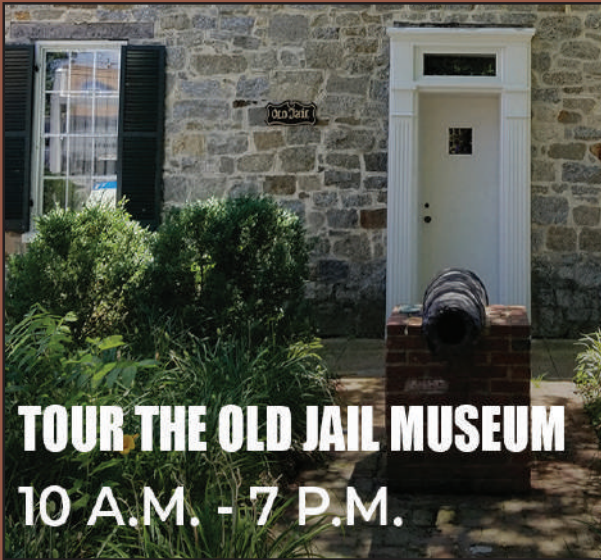
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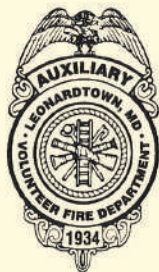
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CSM Announces Dean's List for Summer Sessions

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has released its dean's list for the 2021 summer sessions. Students who have earned 12 or more credits at CSM are eligible to be considered for the dean's list. At the end of the fall, spring and summer sessions, full- and part-time students who have completed at least six credits during the semester and have earned a term grade point average of 3.5 or better will be included on the dean's list. For more information about CSM, visit www.csmd.edu.

The following are those on the Dean's List from St. Mary's County:

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Tineka Short and Ruthanne Smeltzer

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Devanie Garnett

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Piney Point

Lacey Jones

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Press Release from CSM.

CSM Establishes 'Safer on Campus Task Force'

Will Recommend COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces a "Safer on Campus Task Force" has been established to research practices at other institutions of higher education and to recommend strategies on how CSM will implement an employee and student COVID-19 vaccination requirement by the start of the spring term, which begins Jan. 18, 2022.

"This group of representatives from across the college will take the next four weeks to study, listen, and prepare their recommendations," explained CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "In order for CSM to reopen at full capacity, we must contain the spread of the coronavirus, and the best way to accomplish that goal is to require vaccinations of employees and students. We recognize, however, that there are individuals who have valid reasons to be exempted from a requirement, and we are committed to having a process that is fair, consistent, and compassionate."

Murphy said the effectiveness of the vaccines against COVID-19 and their widespread availability allow CSM to take this next step toward increasing the number of face-to-face course offerings,

academic experiences, and other activities for students.

The Safer on Campus Task Force will provide its findings and recommendations Nov. 12.

"We strongly believe that students learn better in community," added Murphy. "We have been providing our students remote learning options for more than 20 years – which served us all well during the initial stages, and spikes of this pandemic. It is time that we provide those students who learn better face-to-face the opportunity to return to our classrooms."

Currently CSM is operating in Phase 3: Reduced Operations. Many classes and student services remain virtual; however, some on-campus classes and appointments for services are available. Visitors to campus are subject to a COVID-19 self-assessment prior to entry and mask must be worn at all times while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

For more information about CSM's operational status visit www.csmd.edu/ready/covid-19

Press Release from CSM.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION ;

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property described below in the State of Maryland, sold by the Collector of Taxes for Saint Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in this proceeding:

Described as Tax Account No. 08-006873, 46623 MIDWAY DR, LOT 36 BLOCK G, SECT 1 PLAT 18/245, PATUXENT PARK and assessed to GREG WILSON.

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid although more than six (6) months and a day from the date of sale has expired.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 20th day of October, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 20th day of December 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 20th day of December 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV21-000271

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

vs.

LIPI, LLC

SERVE ON: BILL SLACK, RESIDENT AGENT
9360 OLD STAGECOACH RD
LA PLATA, MD 20646

SERVE: 35919 BAY DR
LA PLATA, MD 20646

AND

EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN
FBO FREDERICK W. DAVIS ROTH IRA

SERVE: P.O. BOX 1049
ELYRIA, OH 44036

AND

JASON P. FAHERTY, TRUSTEE

SERVE: 6360 CRAIN HWY
LA PLATA, MD 20646

AND

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

35919 BAY DR
LA PLATA MD 20646

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 35919 BAY DR described as follows: Property Tax ID 04-013344 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the property.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION ;

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property described below in the State of Maryland, sold by the Collector of Taxes for Saint Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in this proceeding:

Described as Tax Account No. 04-013344, 35919 BAY DR, LOT 4, BLOCK C, MILL POINT SHORES, and assessed to LIPI, LLC..

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid although more than six (6) months and a day from the date of sale has expired.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 20th day of October, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 20th day of December 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 20th day of December 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court for
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV21-000065

Alan Wetter

Plaintiff

vs.

Louis B. Meacham
3720 15th St. ME
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

Adelene I. Meacham
3720 15th St. NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

Dolores M. Elten
3720 15th St. NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

all known 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:

Lagoon Dr.
0-0000

and also known as Account Number 07-020147

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

Lagoon Dr
0-0000

also known as Account Number 07-020147

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 29 day of September 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 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 29th day of October, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all right of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

A View From The BLEACHERS



SUNDAY WORSHIP

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The first decision of every Sunday in the fall was made on Saturday night. Would I awake at an ungodly weekend hour to attend 8 a.m. mass with my dad, or wait for a later service, either 10:30 a.m. or noon, with my mom? From memory (dangerous and perhaps unfair to her), she was always non-committal. She never comprehended the frustration this caused, bless her non-football-addicted heart.

The dilemma, of course, was getting home by 1 p.m. The 10:30 a.m. mass would easily accommodate my deadline. A regular noon mass would cut it dangerously close; an ambitious homily or my mom turning into Chatty Cathy on the way to the car would eviscerate the thin schedule margin. Special feast days, and the promise of an extended session, were non-starters.

The magic of one o'clock, you ask? Ah, yes. That was the most common starting time for - forgive me of this sacrilege but I cannot tell a lie - my most devout form of Sunday worship: the Washington Football Team's game.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of "Football Team" during the first three decades of my life. Games simply were not missed. Short of some crisis, when the burgundy and gold took the field, my eyes were affixed to a television screen and my emotions for the subsequent three hours and mood for the next two days hung in the balance. Normal life stuff - schoolwork, chores, vacations... even church - never stood in the way. Without an ounce of guilt or subsequent regret, I even watched a game in the hospital after my son was born.

It's nothing like that anymore. When I watch, which is with increasing infrequency, it is absent any emotion. Love has transitioned well past anger and frustration to astonishing indifference.

Dan Snyder, in just over two decades, has ruined the greatest sports love of my life. For the first decade, it was easy to defend Snyder's antics - spending frivolously, recruiting Steve Spurrier, coaxing Joe Gibbs back to the NFL - as well-intended, if misguided passion of a fan-boy made owner who was managing year-to-year, swinging for the fences and shoving all his chips to the middle of the table - for good or

ill. It rarely worked, and sometimes ended disastrously, but it was never boring.

After the miserable and ill-fated Jim Zorn era flamed out (cringing while typing/reminiscing), Snyder appeared to stabilize with the hiring of Mike Shanahan, a proven, two-time Super Bowl winning coach. Then in 2012, the franchise stumbled on Robert Griffin III and mercifully seemed capable of sustainable success. But ever since Griffin's wounded knee collapsed in a playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks, it has been a slow, steady decline on the field and a Harvard case-study-worthy disintegration off it.

For the Washington Football Team, the product on the field hardly matters. The bottom line, sports teams are measured by - wins and losses - are of little consequence. An abysmal record, an under-performing defense and lack of a franchise quarterback is noise when compared to the corporate apocalypse Snyder has sowed.

Pick your abomination. A misogynistic culture? Racist/homophobic/misogynistic emails between team leadership and a now former NFL luminary (Jon Gruden)? The embarrassing retirement ceremony of Sean Taylor's number that was rushed, dubiously timed (just after the Gruden email controversy) and included photos of the family in front of port-a-johns and a herd of people standing all over the makeshift sideline memorial? The disturbing juxtaposition of a pink-adorned FedEx Field to promote breast cancer awareness while learning senior officials circulated emails of bare-breasted woman like a pack of middle school boys with a commandeered Playboy magazine? A federal criminal investigation of the team's head trainer? The WFT offers them all! Congress is now firing off letters to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell requesting information on its investigation of the WFT and the alleged 650,000 unearthed emails.

What horror could await from that vault of correspondence?

Don't answer that. I can't take it anymore. When you love something that refuses to be nothing short of a disgrace in return, let it go. No more Sunday schedule conflicts for me, mom. Any mass will do.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

IN THE MATTER OF SEQUOIA LOBA SHAROT
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO SEQUOIA AYL A RELOBA
BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN
ADRIANNA MICHELLE REBOLA-SOSA

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-765
Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from SEQUOIA LOBA SHAROT to SEQUOIA AYL A RELOBA. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: As her primary caregiver, provider, and only legal parent, mother wants to share her child's last name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 012/05/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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



Letters to the Editor

'Confederacy Was Evil'

To the Editor:

The American Legion group in Ridge, MD, is sponsoring an event to honor the Confederate States rebellion against the USA, and this is another example of why white people are viewed as racists and yet there is no logic in an American Legion post to honor American traitors except to do so as a continuing threat to the Country.

Many say that they do not want to forget history and yet that true history is

that the Confederacy was evil, it was the most ignorant cause to fight a war ever in all of human history. Black people have a hard time getting over the slavery but first the white people need to get over it, because the rebel tradition is to still give their ongoing threats to every American who knows the ugly truth for which it stands.

*James Cusick
Hollywood, MD*

Fritz Didn't 'Exonerate' Trooper

To the Editor:

I noticed the headline in your latest edition, "Fritz Exonerates Trooper." Actually, Fritz can't exonerate anyone. He can decide not to indict or prosecute but he can't exonerate. I'm not sure who can, maybe a jury or judge can.

Fritz's job is, as I understand it, to investigate as he has done in this case, and decide what to do next. In this case it appears that he decided that evidence showed that the trooper acted appropri-

ately. (From the report it seems that he did.)

The media, in this case, your paper, needs to report the facts as your article did, but not indicate that a public official has powers that are not granted under the law. Using the term "exonerate" confuses the public's understanding of how an entity like the state's attorney, in this case Fritz, works.

*David Kelsey
Hollywood, MD*

Thanks from Relay for Life

To the Editor

On behalf of the Relay For Life of St. Mary's County, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the community for your support of the 23rd annual Relay For Life that was held at Historic St. Mary's City on October 3, 2021. The combined fundraising efforts from St. Mary's College of Maryland and the St. Mary's County Relays netted almost \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society this year.

Our Relay For Life event was successful due in part to the support from the following 2021 Corporate Sponsors: Leidos, Alf Haaversen DJ services, Clark's Flooring, SMECO, Jahn Corp., Toyota of Southern Maryland, Mathnasium, Cedar Point FCU, By the Sea Travel, and Dyson's Building Center. We are grateful to our local vendors for joining us this year: Calvert Kettle Corn, Kona Ice, Same Same But Different Food Truck, Cici's Sugar Shack, Francine Hill offering Mary Kay, and Kris Rudowsky offering card-making. One more thank you goes to all those who contributed to our very successful silent auction and numerous door prizes and goodie bag contributions that we were able to provide to Cancer Survivors and Caregiv-

ers during our event this year.

The real backbone of our Relay were the members of our Event Leadership Team: Melva Abell, Jean Adams, Ron Bailey, Eunice Benson, Gabe Cannavo, Sarah Cannavo, Beth Cavanagh, Jen Earley, Carol Lowmiller, Cayce Payne, John Polcha, Renee Russell, and Polly Traynham. We are also deeply grateful to all of our Relay For Life Team Captains who did a great job organizing their teams, fundraising, and supporting our event.

All of us are trying to create a world where fewer people will hear those dreaded words, "You have cancer." We are hoping to make the 2022 Relay For Life bigger and better! We need your help and support. Please contact the American Cancer Society if you are willing to join us in the fight against cancer or if you need cancer information or services. Thank you for your support, St. Mary's County!

*Tom Cavanagh,
Relay For Life Co-Chair
Joanne Goldwater,
Relay For Life Co-Chair
Jordan Furstenberg,
American Cancer Society*

Environmental Implications of Favoring the Economy

For too long, the US government has put the economy over the issue of climate change. Both hold great importance, but I argue that the environment as a whole and the state of the planet for years to come is a far more significant and time-sensitive issue than preserving the American economy. This can be seen in several previous Trump-era policies or rather the lack thereof. Former President Trump was known for his environmental deregulation, hoping that this would improve the US economy and boost GDP. He openly voiced his support for coal miners and big oil on several occasions and completely overturned several environmental regulation policies including those meant to regulate air pollution, water pollution, chemical safety, drilling and extraction, and many more. He even pulled the United States out of the highly supported Paris Climate Agreement in which almost every nation on Earth has been in support of.

This pattern of looser environmental regulations made by those in office has the opposite intended effect. The environment itself has a significant impact on the US economy. We need the environment to provide us with food and clean water, clean air, normal weather patterns, and different cultural and recreational services. With decreased environmental regulation comes climate change approaching at a faster rate which will cause extreme weather events, higher temperatures, higher sea levels, and increased habitat and species loss among many other adverse effects. This in turn can greatly affect the economy by weakening our food supply, destroying infrastructure and factories, harming trade overseas, and increased health problems across the country which will no doubt take a toll on GDP.

Climate change for too long has been overlooked and underestimated by our government. With the Biden administration taking office, the health of the planet is being pushed higher on America's list of priorities. While President Biden has implemented new en-

vironmental regulation policies that will help protect the Earth for years to come, reinstated previously overturned Trump era environmental policies, and not to mention rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement, this is not enough. There needs to be higher carbon taxes on businesses, stronger protections on wetlands and forests, more renewable energy sources, stronger EPA oversight, and stricter laws that protect threatened or endangered species if we are to truly make a bigger difference.

Overall, the United States is responsible for an extreme amount of greenhouse gas emissions every year. The greed and neglect of our government is destroying our planet and before we know it, Earth will be long past saving and the government's addiction to preserving the US economy in the short term will be to blame. Americans cannot wait for our government to magically come to its senses. We need to vote for congressmen/women, local officials, and presidential candidates that take climate change seriously and will take immediate, drastic action. For example, deals like the Green New Deal will welcome a new economy based on renewable energy and significantly eliminating carbon emissions within the United States. But Democrats have struggled for years to get this deal passed.

In short, while the US economy is very important to the government, its citizens, and everyone in between, our environment needs our immediate attention. The US government needs to drastically reorganize its priorities and implement new climate policies that help the planet and break our chains with big oil and gas. A quote from University of Arizona professor, Guy McPherson, summarizes this perfectly, "if you think the economy is more important than the environment, try holding your breath while counting your money."

*Amber Ewing
St. Mary's College of Maryland -
Class of 2024
Environmental Studies Major*



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The Way We Are . . . And The Way We Speak



Dr. John Roache, Chairman of the Historical Society's Board of Directors is a countian through and through. Filled with unmistakable love and admiration for the County and its people, this retired country doctor possesses one fast-disappearing quality of old St Mary's County: *his accent*.

"When I was practicing medicine," says Dr. Roache, "newcomers to the County would sometimes say that they didn't understand me. 'The people here mumble', they'd tell me. 'We can hardly understand a word.'"

Now this situation is not unique to our chairman. No indeed. Newcomers often complain that the "old timers" here are unintelligible.

It's hard to put a finger on precisely what makes for a St Mary's County accent. The deeper one goes into the county, particularly if you venture far into the Seventh District, the more likely it is that you'll encounter someone with distinctive speech. Shades of a Southern drawl, slurred or missing "R-sounds" (what people who study this sort of thing call a "*non-rhotic*" accent). But that's not all.

There are shades of Yorkshire English as it was spoken in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Small but evident influences from African-American dialects. A flattening of tone and inflection and slow rhythms rather than the clipped

speech more prevalent in big cities.

This is entirely understandable, of course. St Mary's County was, until the Navy came along, somewhat of a backwater. Not much reason to come down – unless you were looking to fish or gather up some good oysters and crabs, of course. Families like Beitzell, Gibson, Cheseldine, Faunce, Guy, Fenwick, and so-on carried on the patterns of every day life well into the 20th Century, a counterbalance to the inevitable homogenization of language, culture, and people.

Back in 2005, Dave Fahrenthold wrote an article in the Washington Post about the slow disappearance of greater Chesapeake Bay dialects.

"Experts say that the dialects, which encoded years of memories and tradition in small communities, are eroding under pressure from expanding suburbs and a declining dependence on the bay," he wrote.

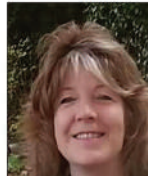
Too true.

So, along with our Chairman Dr. John Roache, let's seek out and celebrate the *non-rhotic* mumblers of St Mary's County. It's our heritage and we should not let it slip away without putting up a fight.

If you would like to learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped St Mary's County, please visit our website – www.stmaryshistory.org

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



NIGHT ADVENTURES

I hope everyone is enjoying this amazing fall weather. I know the winds have been quite fierce. When I was speaking to my brother out in Utah yesterday he told me that the winds there a day or so earlier were up to 92 miles an hour. I told him thanks for sending them our way...a bit sarcastically. Every time I put my Halloween figures, the inexpensive ones on bamboo stakes, back up, the wind starts again and knocks them all down. Since rain is called for most all day on Friday, I suppose we will have to wait until Saturday when the weather calms down to put all the creatures in the paths.

Last night, my spontaneous husband, finally found a reasonable used, much needed for him, pickup truck. He has been looking for one for quite a while, but so apparently, has everyone else. At about 4 pm he said, you want to go to Spotsylvania, Virginia with me to look at this truck, because if I get it you will have to follow me home – my appointment time is 6:30. And what I was thinking was, "You want me to drive back on dark windy back roads when I don't like to drive at night much anymore, and drive back across the Harry Nice Bridge in the wind at night, and I AM HUNGRY, because there was only time to feed Mindy before we left." I can't remember if I actually said all that out loud so off we went down 301 to 17 and through some offshoot back roads to this kind of decrepit area of one after the other used car dealers off Rt.1. Well, luckily the little dealership we went to was actually pretty nice, and the truck turned out to be in really good shape for a 2012. After the prerequisite test drive, and paperwork etc. he had a new truck that should last until the end of our lives hopefully. It is pretty, though I had quite a time trying to get in it, so some sort of step outside, or a hydraulic lift system on my side will be needed.

By about 8:30ish we were finally on our way home but decided when he stopped to put gas in the new truck that we should probably stop by the King George Walmart Halloween section since we were already going to be passing by. All I could think of was what can I get ready-made to eat on the rest of the way home. While we were



still on the dark, desolate part of Rt. 17, I looked over to the edge of the road thinking I was seeing deer, when really it was a coyote sitting at the edge of where the field meets the shoulder just watching the world go by. His or her companion was standing just a few feet behind him. I thought, Robert is never going to believe me if I say I saw two coyotes, with one just pleasantly sitting, just watching. When we finally got to Walmart, the first thing Robert says is, "Did you see those coyotes sitting by the road?!" I know we have them in our neighborhood because people capture them on their trail cam videos, and someone mentioned they saw one who had, unfortunately been hit by a car on Mechanicsville Road, I think it was. I have never seen one. These two I saw on the side of the road sure looked cute with their little pointed ears, though they were very thin and rangy.

Now we have the truck and I think we are almost set for Halloween, so I guess we are ready for the next nighttime adventure on Halloween night. We may stop by The Halloween Store later this afternoon because we are still trying to find those darn skeletons. My husband already said this morning that next year he is going to scale down The Halloween Trails, but he says that every year. He loves it and is still a kid at heart, or more like a 14 year old adolescent.

I hope you all have a fun and safe Halloween this year, I think people are extra ready to get outside and enjoy. Happy Halloween!

To each new day's adventure,
Shelby

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News

Navy's Super Hornet Readiness Recognized for Program Leadership Excellence

The U.S. Navy F/A-18E/F Readiness program won the Aviation Week Overall Excellence Award 2021 during the annual Defense Chain Conference in Washington D.C., Oct. 20. Rear Adm. Shane Gahagan, program executive officer for tactical aircraft programs (PEO(T)), accepted the award.

The esteemed Aviation Week Program Excellence Awards honors excellence in program leadership and this is only the third time in 17 years a program has won the Overall Excellence award.

The U.S. Navy's work to improve F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler readiness led a monumental effort, Naval Aviation Enterprise-wide, to enhance readiness levels to the direct benefit of the fleet and in support of national security.

"The F/A-18 and EA-18G program has consistently demonstrated a commitment to delivering inte-

grated warfighting capability that is dominant, affordable and available," said Vice Adm. Carl Chebi, Naval Air Systems Command Commander, following the award announcement.

"With the increase in readiness numbers, we have increased our lethality and survivability and our ability to respond," Gahagan said. "Intense collaboration across Naval Aviation and our industry partners, and the buy-in from the Sailors and maintainers was key to our success."

To ensure the Navy's workhorse of the carrier air wing — the Super Hornet — and the Growler remained mission capable, a number of reforms were implemented across key readiness-enabling commands, maintenance and supply depots, and other stakeholders and the Naval Sustainment System – Aviation (NSS-A) model was established in early 2019.

Prior to this focused approach, Super Hornet Mission Capable

(MC) numbers hovered around 250-260 for nearly a decade and the Navy was tasked with meeting and sustaining MC rates of 80 percent, or 341, by the end of the fiscal year, per a Secretary of Defense mandate.

The F/A-18 & EA-18G Program Office (PMA-265) stepped up to lead the readiness recovery, becoming the first to use the NSS - A model. In the course of a year, and ahead of the mandate's deadline, the unparalleled effort resulted in 379 mission capable Super Hornets – exceeding the mandated MC mark and attaining levels of readiness never before seen in the history of the program.

That 80 rate has been sustained since and many additional aircraft platforms have followed, leading to improvement across the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Gahagan said while some of the methodologies used were truly a cultural shift, the value of setting up an

environment that allows open communication among the stakeholders has become clear. Discussion and collaboration to tackle the brutal facts, find the root causes and creatively and systematically address them has been and will continue to be crucial to maintaining readiness.

Naval aviation has seen steady improvement to readiness across the board.

The Program Excellence Awards were established by aerospace and defense industry leaders in 2004 to share lessons learned and best practices throughout the industry to improve overall program performance. Nominated programs are evaluated by more than 150 subject matter experts and scored based on delivering value to the public good, their companies and their teams; dealing with complexity; organizational excellence; and defining forward-looking metrics that keep programs on track.



St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

Programs and Activities

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

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Special Veterans Events at Loffler

The Loffler Senior Activity Center will host a day of special events for veterans on Friday, November 5. The Annual Veterans Circle Celebration will take place from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Reservations are required for the ceremony and can be made by leaving a message on our reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Limited seating available for this portion of the day. Veterans are free, Civilians \$3.

Beginning at 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. there will be a Free Veterans Resource Day, which will be open to the public. (No reservations required) Several organizations will be available to share information and a presentation by the MD Department of Veterans Affairs will be done at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Sarah Miller, at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Center closed for all other activities on this day

- Presentations
- Maryland Dept. Of Veterans Affairs – 1 p.m.
 - Informational Tables
 - Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
 - Disabled American Veterans
 - Maryland Department of Labor - Veterans Services
 - Maryland's Commitment to Veterans
 - The Vet Center
 - Wounded Warrior Project
 - ClearCaptions

Nutrition Education

Donna Taggert, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician, will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center to help answer your healthy eating questions. On Monday, November 1, at 11 a.m. the topic for discussion will be Healthy Eating During the Holidays. There is no cost to attend; however, advance sign up is required. Register for the

presentation by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

Art Pottery Jewelry

Our pottery operation at the Northern Senior Activity Center is firing back up so be on the lookout for various projects! Up first is a two-part jewelry making class to be held on Fridays, Nov. 5 and 19, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., led by Pam King. The fee for this class is \$10. All materials are provided, such as clay, pins and glaze with firing fees also included. There will be various shape cutouts to choose from so you can customize your pieces. Finished art will be available for pickup on Tuesday, Nov. 23. If interested, please call the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115, to leave a reservation request message and staff will call you back.

Play with Watercolors with T. L. Ford

Come learn the basics of watercolor painting in a relaxing, informal setting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, November 9 & 16 at 1:30 p.m. No experience or drawing skills are necessary and everything you need is provided. For November, we'll be painting a gecko and a floral pumpkin. The cost for the class is \$20, payable in advance. Secure your spot in the class by calling the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

Five Element Qi Gong at Loffler

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be teaching Five Element Qi Gong in 3 sessions on Tuesday Nov. 16, Thursday Nov. 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. It is important to attend all 3 sessions to learn the entire series. Qigong is an exercise which cultivates better and stronger Qi in order to develop and maintain stronger health. Five Element Qigong is an ancient Chinese philosophy that all things in the universe are made up of five elements:

wood, fire, earth, metal, and water which represent the five major organs in the human body. Though in itself, Five Element QiGong is a stand-alone exercise which anyone can learn with no previous skills required, it also enhances and develops a deeper understanding of the Tai Chi routines, which are comprised of QiGong movements. Learn how to practice Five Element QiGong whether or not you have studied Tai Chi. Five sessions. Free. Call the Loffler reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660 and leave a message to sign up.

Taking Care of Your Mental Health: Anxiety & Coping Skills

As we age life's events can often become overwhelming. During this it's even more important to take care of your mental wellness. The Garvey Senior Activity Center has collaborated with Hope & Healing Psychotherapy, LLC to bring a series of mental health related presentations to the Garvey Senior Activity Center. On November 16 at 12:30 p.m. the topic presented is Anxiety & Coping Skills. Advance sign up and payment of \$5 is required. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to register in advance.

November Health Watch Presentation at Loffler

The topic Mary Tennyson will present for November at the Loffler Senior Activity Center is Build Up Your Immune System on November 17 at 10 a.m. Now is the time to strengthen your body's resistance to illness! Get some tips to help you stay healthy during this flu/virus season. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660 to sign up for this free talk. Limited seating available.

November Video at Loffler

The Americans in the Bulge will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, November 18 at 10 a.m.: Tour

the frozen Ardennes Forests to Malmedy, St. Vith and Bastogne and see how the surprise Nazi plan to encircle and destroy the Allied armies was foiled by the actions of U.S. forces. Visit the frozen foxholes and fog-shrouded hills of the battlefield, listen to veterans who fought there and learn how they pushed the Nazis back behind their Siegfried Line. The production uses animated maps, archival footage and first-hand accounts to explain the Battle of the Bulge. 90 min. Free. Register to see this video by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1600.

Fresh Conversations

Fresh Conversations is a four-week program sponsored by the University of Maryland Extension and the Maryland Department of Aging. It is designed to help people learn ways to maintain health and independence while having fun through socializing, sampling new recipes, discussing health topics and discovering new ways to be active. This Series will be offered at all three senior activity centers in St. Mary's County. Here are the topics in the upcoming series and times at each location:

Fuel Your Independence with Protein

- Loffler, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.
- Northern, Oct. 27 1 p.m.

Register for this series by leaving a message on the reservation lines of your choice as soon as possible: 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 (Garvey); 1600 (Loffler); 3115 (Northern).

Loffler Book Club News

The next meeting of the Loffler Book Club will be Friday, November 12, at 2 p.m. We are reading *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V. E. Schwab. If you are interested in joining our casual, peer-led discussion group, contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

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, October 28

Blood Drive at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
25500 Point Lookout Road
Leonardtwn
10a.m. to 4p.m.

From burn victims to individuals with chronic diseases, trauma survivors to cancer patients, the selfless gift of blood has no substitute!

Advance registration is requested. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 to sign up, or make an appointment online: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-reults?zipSponsor=MedStarStMarysHospital

Saturday, October 30

Disabled Veterans Information Seminar

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lexington Park Rescue Squad
21685 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd.

Seminar to assist military veterans & spouses with VA claims

7th Annual STEM / STEAM Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
10a.m. to 2p.m.

This is a FREE, family-friendly event where hands-on learning, as well as demonstrations in robotics, rocketry, and many other fascinating areas of STEAM, will be available. This year's theme is Health and Wellness. Food trucks will be on site. We hope to see you at this fun-filled event.

Halloween On The Square

St. Mary's Square Shopping Center
21600 Great Mills Rd.
Lexington Park
1p.m. to 4p.m.

Halloween On The Square. Children 12 and under. Last year's event was great and this year's is looking to be even better!
No Rain Date.

First Friendship Church Yard Sale

First Friendship Methodist Church
13723 Point Lookout Road,
Ridge
8a.m.

Rain or shine to be held in the church hall, which is attached to the Church across and one block south of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. The Yard Sale is sponsored by the First Friendship United Methodist Women to benefit local outreach programs.

Sunday, October 31

Halloween Graveyard Tour

All Saints Church
21569 Oakley Road
Avenue
2p.m. to 6p.m.

Come meet our "greater congregation" at All Saints' Church graveyard, learn about the history, the hopes and dreams, and sometimes the tragedies of your friends and neighbors. Admission free. Cookies and cider for sale. Masks and social distancing REQUIRED.

Monday, November 1

SOMD Vegan Restaurant Week

Location: St. Mary's & Calvert Counties
8a.m. to 7p.m.

Back by popular demand, ALL diners are invited to enjoy animal-free dishes during this local celebration of creative and compassionate culinary delights:

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

- Botanic Deli—Café
- Ruddy Duck Alehouse
- IL Piccolo Morso
- Good Earth Natural Foods

Follow the Facebook event page for menus and updates

Friday, November 5

St. Mary's County Woman's Club Clothing Drive

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
9:30 am to 12:30p.m.

The purpose of this event is 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 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.

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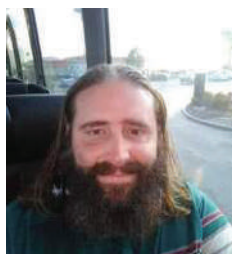
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In Remembrance

Roy Sims



Roy Arthur Sims, 44, of Centralia, IL passed away on October 1, 2021 in Decatur Morgan Hospital, Alabama.

Roy was born on May 6, 1977

in Maryland to the late Gaines A. Sims and Julia A. Sims.

Roy is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County.

Roy was a waterman for Inland Marine Service doing what he liked to do, working on boats and being out on the water. He loved to play video games and wrestling with his brothers and nephews. Family was everything to him, he enjoyed being a big brother and spending time with all of them.

Roy is survived by his siblings, Christina Sims (Garrett) of MD, Allen Sims of IL, Michael Sims (Sarah) of MD, Charles Barnes of OR, Harold Barnes Jr. (Kate) of Virginia, and Quincy Barnes of IL., as well as his many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Gaines Allen Sims, mother, Julia Sims and

sister Angela Barnes.

Family will receive friends on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a funeral service at 12:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650. Internment will take place immediately following the funeral service at Charles Memorial Gardens.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Charles Joseph Wood



Charles Joseph Wood, "Bob", 83, of Abell, MD, passed away on September 29, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on June 28, 1938

in Morganza, MD, he was the son of the late Catherine Mignonette Russell Wood and the late Johnson Bartholomew Wood, Sr. Bob was the loving husband of Mary Margaret Owens Wood, whom he married on August 3, 1963 in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Avenue, MD, and who

preceded him in death on October 15, 2010. He is survived by his son Robert J. "Bobby" Wood (Patty) of Leonardtown, MD, daughter Laurie A. Muir (Mark) of Bushwood, MD, brother Richard E. Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, son-in-law Steven J. "Steve" Bailey, Sr., as well as seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his daughter Catherine F. "Cathy" Bailey, his siblings Mary Margaret "Doots" Tarleton, Catherine "Kitty" E. Clarke, Francis G. "Clinker" Wood, Barbara Anne Wathen, and Johnson B. "Snookums" Wood, Jr.

Bob was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident and worked as a construction worker for Gordon H. Ragan Masonry. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, crabbing, and going on vacation with his family.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Avenue, MD where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM with Father Stephen Wyble officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Bushwood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be grandchildren and great grandchild Steven J. Bailey, Jr., Robert J. "Rob" Wood, Jr., Owen M. Muir, and Caleb R. Dittman. Honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren and great grandchildren Amanda N. Wathen, Samantha I. Wood, Lauren E. Wood, Meaghan T. Nealis, Molly E. Houseman, Ryan M. Wood, Raelyn S. Wathen, Alaina C. Bailey, Ella G. Bailey, Eli F. Nealis, and Micah Nealis.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh District Vol. Rescue Squad at P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 and A.C.T.S (A Community That Shares) at P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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

Joan Darr



Joan Darr, 85, of Valley Lee, MD passed away to a better place on September 24, 2021, at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital, in Leonardtown,

MD.

She was born on February 16, 1936, in Frostburg, MD to the late Walter Byron Abbott and Evelyn Jennie Klipstein Abbott.

Joan was the best wife, mom, grandma, Gigi, and friend anyone could ask for. She was a wonderful

cook and a delicious baker. Her presence will be sorely missed by all who loved her.

Joan is survived by her three daughters: Terry Kyle Moomaw (Teddy) of Roanoke, VA, Patty Jo Moon (David) of Stafford, VA and Stacy Ann Kyle of Springfield, VA; her stepchildren Gregory George Darr and Stacey Beth Edmonds; her grandchildren: Nathan (Meghan) Moon, Mandy Burton (Timmy), Molly Saunders (Philip), Abby Moomaw, Madeline Furmage and Morgan Furmage; two great grandchildren Connor Moon and Teagan Moon; and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Ronald Darr.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Second District Volunteer Rescue Squad, Valley Lee, Md. at <https://sdvfrs.org/>; The Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, Lexington Park, Md. at <https://www.lpvrs.org/> and Autism Speaks at <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

All services will be private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Myron John Cutchember



Myron John Cutchember of Ridge, MD, passed away on Thursday, October 14th, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital. Myron was born in Leonardtown, MD on March 5, 1968, to John "Kelly" and Viola Cutchember.

The "baby" of the family, he had four sisters: Sandra "Dukie", Cheryl, Gale and Joyce. "My Girls" as he affectionately called them, each had a very special relationship with him. They all were his elder and held dear their roles as his protectors, friends, confidants, and cheerleaders.

Myron graduated from Great Mills High School in 1986 where he played the tuba in the marching band. He fondly reminisced of his marching band days—the trips, competitions, and most of all friends—to anyone & everyone. After high school, Myron studied Physics and Computer Science at Towson State University. However, an office job would never have made Myron happy as he was always working on his feet and with his hands to build, repair and maintain the buildings and machines we take for granted. Much like his father, Myron could fix anything!

Myron's first job was with Bob Taylor Engineering where he worked between school and other career endeavors off and on for about 15

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years. Myron worked as a Drill Rig operator, lab technician, field technician and project manager for the Taylor's and was a favorite amongst dozens of area construction firms. He continued his career with soil and concrete engineering at Soil Consultants in Virginia. He later shifted gears to work as a Dog Trainer for Applejack K-9 Academy in Charlotte Hall. While this career was probably his favorite, the hours were extraordinary. While searching for a new challenge and in his last engagement in the Pittsburgh area, Myron was a Maintenance and Production Manager at Ibis-Tek in Leetsdale, PA—a manufacturer of ballistic glass, advanced lighting, specialty vehicles and other products serving the defense, law enforcement, government agency and municipal sectors. Upon returning to MD in 2020, Myron worked with his brother-in-law, Douglas Somerville, on various construction projects.

Myron married Coleen (Riley) Cutchember in March of 1999. They had two sons, Donovan and Patrick. Myron was so proud of his sons' athletic prowess and enjoyed coaching them in flag football in their younger years. Later, he gleamed with pride as they ran for touchdowns and wrestled in championships. His favorite pastimes with his boys were fishing and watching the Pittsburgh Steeler's football team!

Myron valued his lifelong friendships with Robbie, Sam, Anne Marie, Marvin, Taryn, and Daniela. Not everyone has enough personality to have this many lifelong, ride or die friends, but Myron certainly did! Of course, they fell in and out of touch over the years but true friendships like these could pick up any day and after any amount of time.

Myron is preceded in death by his father, Kelly Cutchember, who passed away February 2021. (They are sharing a conversation over a stuffed ham sandwich and talking about the chores that need done at the church right now!) He is survived by his mother Viola Cutchember, a very special friend Michelle Williams; children, Donovan & Patrick; his girls Sandra aka "Dukie" (James) Reid, Cheryl (Michael) Brown, Gale (Douglas) Somerville, and Joyce (Stuart) Goodwine; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many friends and relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that contributions be directed to a memorial <https://everloved.com/life-of/myron-cutchember/>

Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home.

George Michael Sultage, Jr.

George Michael Sultage, Jr., 43, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away



on Monday, October 18, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. His final days were spent at home surrounded by loving family

and friends.

George was born in Altoona, PA on May 15, 1978 to George Michael Sultage, Sr. and Bonnie Jean (Rumbarger) Sultage.

George was raised in Bellwood, PA. and graduated from Bellwood-Antis High School in 1996. Following graduation, George attended Pittsburgh Technical Institute obtaining dual Associate in Specialized Technology Degrees in Computer Aided Drafting and Computer Systems Management. George moved to Maryland where he met the love of his life, Michelle. George and Michelle were married on July 8, 2005. They shared a beautiful love story like no other, were blessed with over 16 wonderful years of marriage, and welcomed two beautiful sons, Hunter and Bryce.

George spent most of his career working in the commercial glass and facades industry where he was well respected due to his wealth of knowledge and multifaceted experience. His work ethic and dedication were unprecedented, and he made many lifelong friends across the industry. George most recently held the position of Director of Sales for Press Glass, Inc., a leading architectural glass fabricator in Europe and in the United States. In George's own words, "it was both a challenge and a joy bridging the gap of two continents to grow the business. It was an incredibly rewarding experience and I wish I could be here to see it through." Additionally, George was a member of the Mid-Atlantic Glass Association.

He was an incredible man with an infectious personality, gorgeous smile, and undeniable charismatic charm who loved and cared deeply. George delighted in talking to people and he never met a stranger. Whenever a situation arose, George was always willing to help a friend in need. He enjoyed traveling and seeing the beautiful landscape of our country. George liked good food and was an amazing cook. He immensely enjoyed preparing meals for his family and posting pictures of them to social media to make his friends a little jealous.

George enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid outdoorsman who savored time spent in nature and sharing his love of the outdoors with his boys. He loved fishing and cruising on his

boat in the Atlantic Ocean and the Maryland waterways including the Chesapeake Bay, and the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. George was passionate about hunting and relished his time spent in the woods teaching Hunter everything he knew. George also won first place in the intermediate free style "A" class at the Pennsylvania State Archery championship in 1996. Growing up, George experienced many wonderful years boating and camping at Raystown Lake in Pennsylvania. As an adult, he enjoyed going back to visit to reminisce and to make new memories with family and friends.

George had an enormous impact on everyone who knew him. He was a man of great faith, dignity, and strength and was determined to make the world a better place. He was so incredibly proud of Hunter and Bryce who emulate these same qualities. George was easy to love, hard to break, and impossible to forget. The great legacy that he leaves behind will surely never be forgotten. George can rest well with our Lord knowing that his contributions to society undoubtedly made a difference. He was adored by his family and friends and will be held forever in our hearts.

George is survived by his loving wife, Michelle Elaine Sultage; sons, Hunter and Bryce Sultage of Mechanicsville, MD; parents, George Sr. and Bonnie Sultage of Tyrone, PA; father-in-law, Edward Zamaitis of Mechanicsville, MD; aunt, Donna Boutiller of Tyrone, PA, and several special cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John Sr. and Helen Sultage, maternal grandparents, Charles and Ruth Rumbarger, and twin sisters (stillborn).

The family will receive friends for George's Life Celebration on October 30, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service on October 30, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Paul Goodwin at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, P.O. Box 49143, Baltimore, MD 21297 (online at hopkinscancer.org) or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650

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

Allen Ray Richards

Allen Ray Richards (Al) of Loveville, Maryland entered eternal life and was born again on October 19, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

"Yea, though I walk through the



valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" Psalms 23:4

Born September 6, 1947 in Cleveland,

Ohio. Al was the son of the late Lawrence and Addie (Snyder) Richards. He graduated from West Tech High School. In 1967 he was enlisted in the Navy and proudly served aboard the USS Forrestal CVA-59. It was in 1970 while stationed at Patuxent River Naval Base, Al met the love of his life, Linda Marie Tippett whom he would go on to marry on August 21, 1971. Once married, together they moved to Ohio. After the Navy while living in Ohio, Al worked as a carpenter. He also worked for the Sliding Door Factory, Tip-Top Bakery and Daily's Juice. In October of 1979 after relocating back to Maryland, Al began working for Dyncorp for several years. He then went on to work for The St. Mary's County Health Department. While working at the Health Department, Al received several awards, including the Governor's award.

Al had a strong faith with the lord, he was an active member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. He taught Sunday School for 25 years, sang in the choir and was a life member of the United Methodist Men.

For all who knew Al, knew he loved to tell a joke. He was always prepared and looked for the next person to tell, whether it was a newly found joke or an old one but good one. He could always be seen with a smile on his face. He never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

One of Al's favorite hobbies was camping with his family and grandchildren. He also enjoyed cooking, whether it was making dinner every night, or making cakes for birthdays and even a few wedding cakes. He also very much loved to hunt, fish and garden.

Al is survived by his loving wife Linda, together they shared 50 years. His sons, Chad (Brandy) Richards of Loveville Maryland, Christopher (Tiffany) Richards of Mechanicsville Maryland, His sister Sue (John) McAleer of Ohio, Brothers, Terry Richards of Ohio, Gary Richards of Ohio and Robert Richards of Ohio, Grandchildren, Taylor Richards, Nathan Richards, Brody Richards, Gabriel Richards, Alivia Richards and Linken Richards. As well as many nieces and nephews, extended family and his church family. Al is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Addie Richards, and his brother Bill Richards.

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In Remembrance

Serving as pallbearers are Patrick Hurley, Christopher Richards, Lee Bowles, Donnie Miller Jr., Nathen Richards and Brody Richards

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Terry Richards, Gary Richards, Robert Richards, Alvin Tippett Jr., Paul Tippett Jr. Brian Morgan, Troy Tippett, Justin Miller, George Armiger and Chad Ellis.

Family will receive friends for Al's Life Celebration on Friday, October 29, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with prayers recited at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be celebrated by Rev. Stephen Humphrey on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mount Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mount Zion Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659, Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, 111 Stewart Avenue, Beth Page, NY 11714 and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 100 Painters Mill Road, Suite 800, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

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

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Jo Ann Cook



Jo Ann Cook, 77, went home to be with the Lord on October 18, 2021. She was born on March 31, 1944 in Washington, D.C. to Homer Allen Davison,

Sr. and Evelyn Crowther Davison. One of five children, she grew up in Avalon, Virginia. A simple childhood of living "down home" was the backdrop of wonderful stories she enjoyed sharing with her siblings and children.

Jo Ann graduated from Oxon Hill High School in 1962, married Albert Cook Jr. and raised her family in Oxon Hill, volunteering in her children's school and recreational activities as well as driving a school bus for Prince George's County. In 1978, the family moved to St. Mary's County and Jo Ann became a sales lady for P.S. Bowling's in LaPlata. She took great pride in her work and was soon promoted to an Associate Manager. Her career there lasted over 20 years, later working at Dr. Sauerburger's Ophthalmology office in Waldorf, as well as part-time jobs at Hechinger's and BJ's Wholesale Club. Her smile could light up the room and she had many loyal clients

whom she considered friends.

To have known Jo Ann is to have known a strong, devoted mother to her son and daughter and a doting grandmother to her grandbabies. She was a woman of many hobbies but her favorite thing to do was spend time with her family.

Jo Ann is survived by her son, Marshall Cook (Barbara) of Mechanicsville, MD and daughter, Wendy Slay (Luke) of Hughesville, MD; her brothers, Homer Davison, Jr. of Waldorf, MD, and Harry Davison Sr. of Hughesville, MD; and her grandchildren, Tara (John) Murphy, Gregory Cook, Steven Cook, Brian Cook, and Samuel Slay, and her great-grandchildren, Alexander Cook, and Layla and John Jr. Murphy. She was preceded in death by her parents and two younger brothers, Robert and Glenn.

The family will receive friends for her Life Celebration at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 on October 26, 2021 with Visitation from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with Prayers at 7:00 pm officiated by Reverend Kevin Cullins. Her Funeral Service will be held on October 27, 2021 at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. at 11:00 am with interment immediately following at, Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Rd, Waldorf, MD 20601.

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

All arrangements made by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

Diane Lynn Kodluboy



Diane Lynn Kodluboy, 77, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully on October 16, 2021 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center.

She was born on August 10, 1944 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to the late David Lowell Nelson and Bonnie Beatrice (Linn) Nelson.

Diane graduated from Johnson High School in St. Paul, MN in 1962 and married her husband, Leonard, later that year. They raised three wonderful children until his passing in 2003. They were happily married for 41 years. Diane moved to Southern Maryland about 12 years ago to be closer to family. She enjoyed being socially active and would regularly attend the activities at the Loffler Senior Center. She was an avid reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles. She loved to play cribbage, card games and Scrabble. She was a huge fan of the Green Bay Packers

and Elvis Presley. She loved animals, bird watching and always had a dog or cat as a pet. She was a very sociable lady and never met a stranger she didn't like. However, her greatest love was her family.

Diane is survived by her children Leonard S. Kodluboy, Jr. (Deborah) of Hudson, WI, John D. Kodluboy (Amy) of Lexington Park, MD and Bonnie L. Gray of West New York, NJ; her grandchildren Leah Maxon (Cory), Robert Kodluboy (Claire), Katie Kodluboy and Calley Kodluboy; Christine Allen (Joshua), Joseph Kodluboy and Carson Kodluboy; her great-grandchildren Christopher, Emmy, Russell, Adeline, JoeJoe, and many extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Leonard Kodluboy, her parents Bonnie and David Nelson and her brother David Nelson.

Diane will be laid to rest alongside her husband at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's.

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

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Jeanne Patricia Ismail



Our beloved sister, Jeanne, fulfilled God's undertaking and was gracefully called home on October 17th, 2021, when she peacefully

rejoined our parents in eternal life. As a devout Roman Catholic, Jeanne received her Last Rites, administered to her by Rev. Frederick Close, just hours before her departure from this realm.

Jeanne was surrounded by her siblings and god-daughter during that time.

Born on March 15th, 1951, Jeanne had immigrated in 1989 and became a Naturalized Citizen of this country. She began her service to the local community in Wong Lee Restaurant and Mei's Hair Care. She advanced herself to become a Certified Geriatric Technician where she worked at the St. Mary's Nursing Center for nine years. Her contribution to society continued as a Nursing Technician at the MedStar St. Mary's Hospital when she retired in 2017.

Being innocent, always filled with happiness and empathy, Jeanne forever put others ahead of herself. She took great joy in providing for those with all that she had and then some. During her lifetime, she was an avid

shopper, continually seeking that elusive bargain.

Jeanne was preceded in passing by our parents, Hilda Maria Socorro (Antonio) Ismail and Albert Harold Ismail as well as

brother-in-law, Guilherme Anthony Delgado.

She is survived by many relatives, here and abroad.

Her immediate family members are: Sisters: Diane (Ismail) Delgado, Annabelle (Ismail) Stark and Geraldine Ismail

Brothers: Anthony Ismail and Christopher Ismail

Brother-in-law: James Stark
Sister-in-law: Sandra (Au-Yeung) Ismail

Nieces: Caroline Delgado and Jasmine (Stark) Hoopengardner, her husband, Michael

Nephews: Jonathan Delgado, his wife, Kim; Brian Stark, his wife, Danielle; and Justin Ismail

Grand-nephews: Jasen Delgado and Jorden Delgado

Grand-niece: Penelope Hoopengardner

Jeanne will be truly and deeply missed by all those she touched with her kind and gentle soul.

A Funeral Mass for Jeanne will be celebrated on : All Saints Day November 1st, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 AM (DST) at St. John's Francis Regis Parish, 43900 St John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636.

The Mass will be officiated by Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt and Rev. Frederick Close as co-celebrant. The Requiem will be livestreamed and recorded at that time on St. John Francis Regis Parish - Home | Facebook Note: Creating a new account or logging-in will not be required at all. Just scroll down to the video section on the home page and select the video for that time.

Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the : St. John's Revitalization Fund. In Remembrance of Jeanne Patricia Ismail

Robert Bryan "Bobby" Wimberly, Sr



Robert Bryan "Bobby" Wimberly, Sr, 70, passed away peacefully following a long illness (COPD and Asbestosis), on Thursday October 21, 2021 at Med-

Star St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD. He was born July 13, 1951. Bobby was the son of the late Margaret Ann "Peggy" McMurray and grandson of the late William Bryan Knott and Alice Josephine "Aga" Taylor Knott.



He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Lou Wimberly and his children: Travis Michael Wimberly and Jason Patrick Wimberly, both of St. Inigoes, MD; and his granddaughter, Summer Nicole Wimberly. He is preceded in death by his son, Robert Bryan Wimberly, Jr.

Bobby is also survived by his brother, Randolph Luther Wimberly (Bonnie) of St. Inigoes, MD; his aunt, Betty Lou Johnson (Bunk) of Virginia Beach, VA; nieces, Shelby Louise Wimberly and Bridget Ann Wimberly of St. Inigoes, MD; cousins, Darcy Coles (Randy) and Benji Johnston, along with many extended family and friends.

Mary Lou was Bobby's high school sweetheart, whom he married in 1970 at the St. Mary's County Courthouse. They later renewed their vows in 1990 at St Michael's Church in Ridge, MD. Bobby graduated from St. Michael's School, Ridge, MD in 1965 and from Great Mills High School, Great Mills, MD in 1969. He completed the State of Maryland Bricklayer's Apprenticeship in 1972. His sponsor for the apprenticeship was Gordon H. Ragan. Bobby also completed the U.S. Coast Guard Sea Captain's Course and obtained his license.

Bobby's work took him all over the state performing the masonry needs on schools, government buildings, and other masonry projects. He built the house of their dreams with the help of Mary Lou and his son, Jr. by his side. After the loss of Bryan, Jr, the Lord blessed Bobby and Mary Lou with 2 more wonderful sons, Travis and Jason.

Bobby loved and enjoyed quail hunting. He regularly fished and crabbed after being taught by his grandfather and passed those skills onto his sons. He also treasured hunting snapping turtles, Bobby was constantly searching for them in muddy water being sure to grab them by the tail to catch them. He liked to sit on the porch and listen to country music and tried his best not to miss the swap shop each morning on the radio. Bobby absolutely loved to dance and had trouble sitting down while the music was playing. He was an avid cook and delighted in having many friends and family members in for a celebration, which usually ended with a good "Pitch" game.

Bobby cherished gathering his family so they could all travel to the Shenandoah mountains enjoying the outdoors and canoeing. He also loved his trips to Virginia Beach, VA to visit with family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD

20680; Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520, Ridge, MD 20680; and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, PA.

Manuela Claudia "Mani" Stansbury



Manuela Claudia "Mani" Stansbury, 59, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on October 16, 2021.

Born March 12, 1962 in Germany, she

was the daughter of the late Josef Hatzel and Erica (Hahn) Hatzel.

Mani was a 1981 graduate of Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, OR. She moved to the east coast with her husband Lonnie in 1998 and they settled in Mechanicsville, MD in 1999. Mani was the Office Manager for Cullins Truck Tarping Systems in Clements, MD for nineteen years. Her hard work, dedication and friendship with her employer and coworkers was invaluable.

Mani was very giving, caring and compassionate toward all. She was always willing to help anyone at anytime. She loved all dogs and took great care of her own as well as any other in need. Whether it was nurturing a sick or injured dog back to health, or just providing weekend dog sitting services, she was more than willing to lovingly do so. No matter what the reason, any dog crossing paths with Mani was a lucky dog, and they knew it. She enjoyed camping and took great pride in her gardening. Mani's faith was never ending. Her belief and love for God was her strength.

Mani is survived by her husband, Lonnie Stansbury, whom she married on January 21, 2000 in LaPlata, MD; Lonnie's sons, Lonnie Stansbury, Gary Stansbury and John Stansbury all of Florida; her sisters, Sylvia Adams, Faith Hatzel, and Acacia Hatzel all of Oregon; and her "pups" Dixie and Rebel.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions in Mani's name may be made to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929 or online at <https://secure.aspc.org>.

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

TRUE OR FALSE – PROBATE AND LIVING TRUSTS

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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 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.

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.

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. Attorneys and Personal Representatives are entitled to charge approximately 3.6% of the assets going through probate as a fee.

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." False. If property is held in joint name with your spouse and you die, the surviving spouse takes ownership and there is no probate. However, if one spouse held property in sole name, you die without a Will and you have a spouse and children, then the estate (property held in your sole name) will go 50-50 to the spouse and the children. The only way your estate will go solely to your spouse when you die is if property is titled jointly with rights of survivorship or between husband and wife or you have said so in your Will.

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 requires a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

The only clear alternative to probate is a Living Trust. True. With a Living Trust, all property of the deceased has been placed into the name of that person's trust so that when they die there is no property held in sole name, so no probate. The person creating and funding the trust is called the Grantor and the Grantor may also be the Trustee. When the Grantor/Trustee dies, a successor trustee is appointed under the trust to take over. Having a Living Trust is the only way to avoid probate. But, the Living Trust provides other benefits. First, it is private, transfers to beneficiaries are immediate (no waiting 8-12 months) and there are no legal fees upon such transfers. With a Living Trust all property is accounted for when creating the trust so there is no chaos trying to figure out what a person owns when he or she dies—it's all set forth in the trust. The Living Trust also offers protection is a Trustee is incapacitated. In that event, the successor trustee simply uses all the assets in the trust for the benefit of the incapacitated person without having to do more. Can there be probate even if a person has a Living Trust? Yes, if the person has forgotten to place property into the name of the trust, that property must go through probate. However, a different form of will, called a "pour over" will is used in the probate process. This will states that the Living Trust is the guiding principal for the disposition of assets.

The probate process needs to be understood by anyone considering whether or not to create a will or a living trust. The question I am most often asked is whether there is a monetary cutoff used to figure out whether a person should choose a will over a Living Trust. My answer is no. Many of my clients choose to have a Living Trust simply because it makes transition after death easier on family members and loved ones. Clients call the Living Trust the last act of love and affection they can leave for their children because it makes transition so easy after death.

Whether you choose a will or a Living Trust, I hope you will choose something to provide guidance and protection to your family and loved ones.

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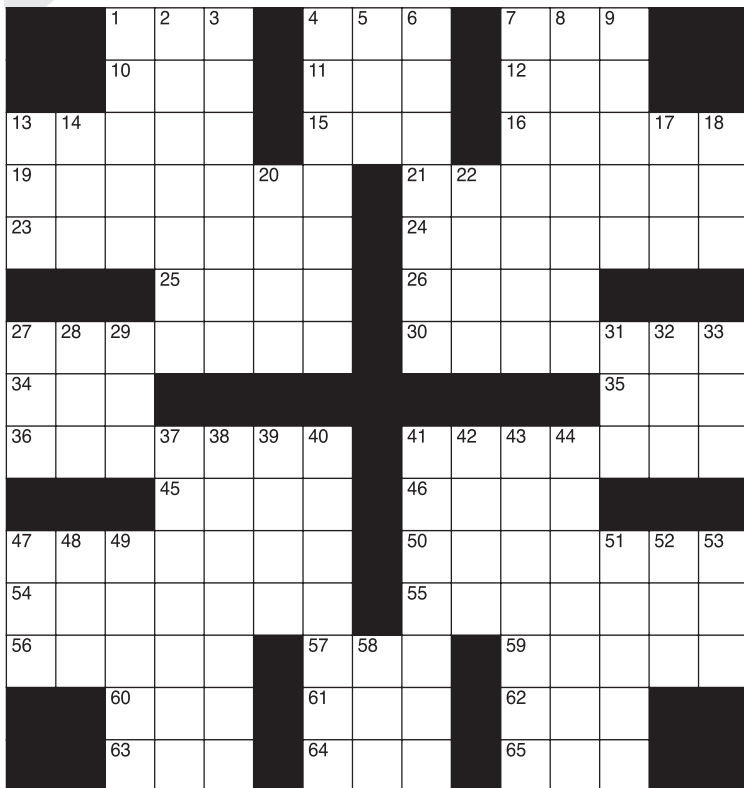
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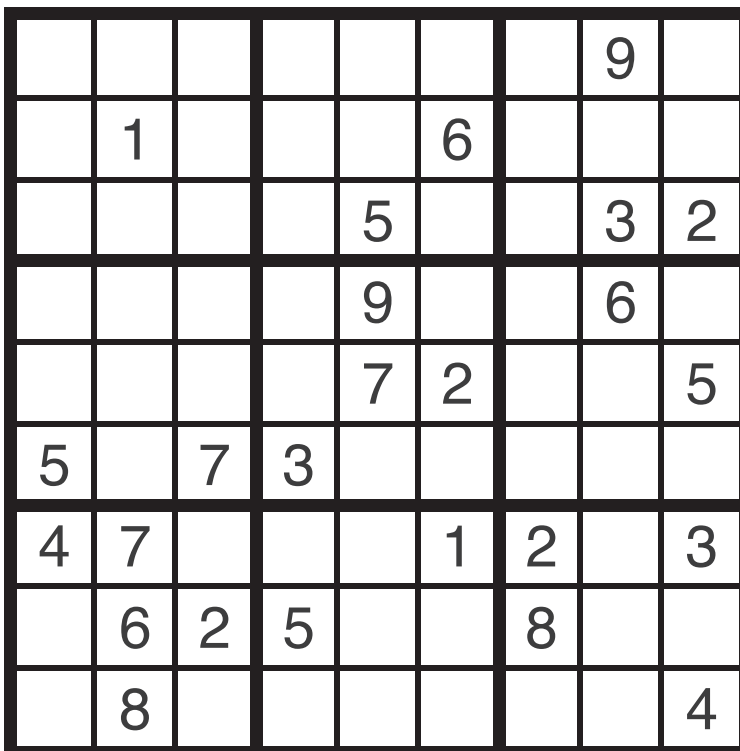
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- 7. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 10. Antidiuretic hormone
- 11. South American plant
- 12. Adult female bird
- 13. Type of snake
- 15. Soak in water
- 16. Emerge
- 19. Church tower
- 21. Having solidified from lava
- 23. Eye parts
- 24. Natural
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Require to live
- 27. Obstruct
- 30. Immobile
- 34. Expression of satisfaction
- 35. Moved quickly
- 36. Popular cocktail
- 41. Dish detergent brand
- 45. Waxed finish
- 46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
- 47. A place to get clean

- 50. Able to be rescued
- 54. Large, open grassland
- 55. Expressions for humorous effect
- 56. Hindu goddess
- 57. Beverage container
- 59. Long narrow hilltop
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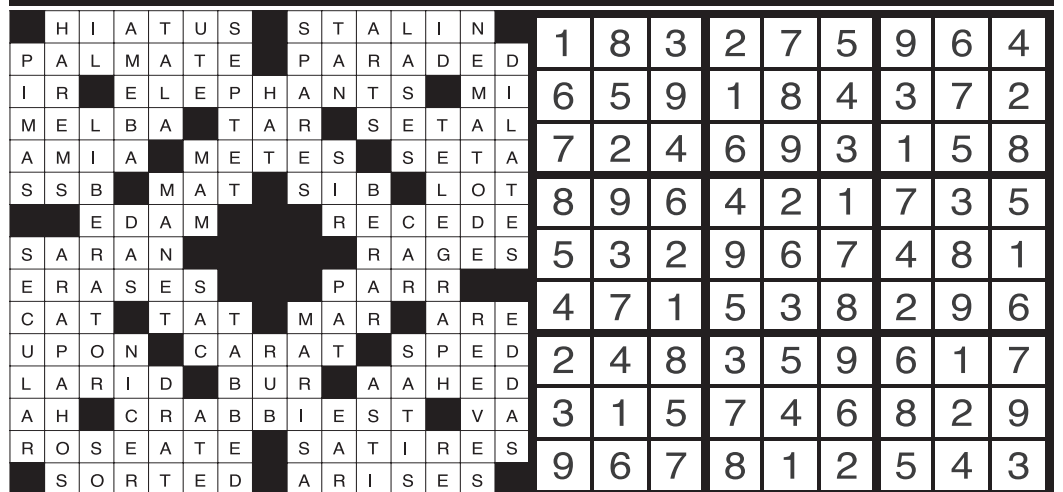
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- 2. Gland above the kidneys
- 3. Hat
- 4. Predict
- 5. A team's best pitcher
- 6. Countries
- 7. Substitutions
- 8. Peruses again
- 9. Popular food
- 13. Reciprocal of a sine
- 14. Of or relating to the ears
- 17. ___ juris: Independent

- 18. Keyboard key
- 20. Fat from a pig
- 22. AC manufacturer
- 27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
- 28. 22nd star of a constellation
- 29. Scoundrel
- 31. A way to save money
- 32. Boy or young man
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Egg-laying mammal
- 38. Salt of citric acid
- 39. Barbary sheep
- 40. Actress ___ de Mornay
- 41. Gambling hotspots
- 42. Wing-shaped
- 43. Basked in
- 44. Poison
- 47. Beats per minute
- 48. Macaws
- 49. Military vehicles
- 51. Elderly woman
- 52. Body part
- 53. Midway between east and southeast
- 58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)



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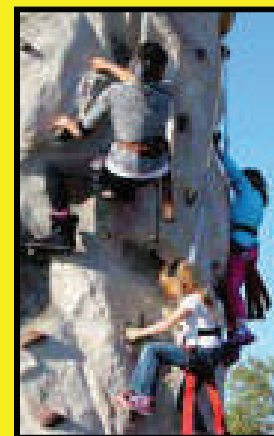
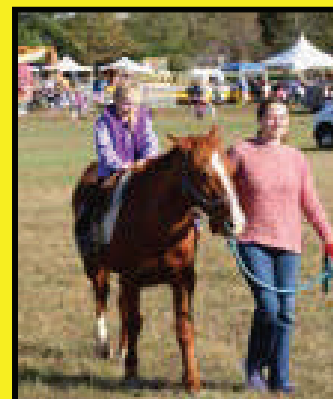
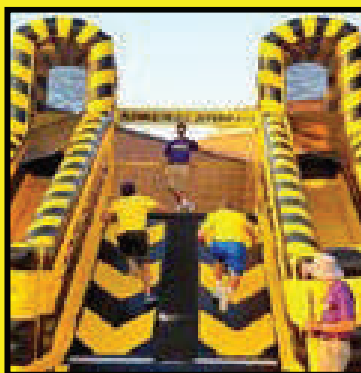
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