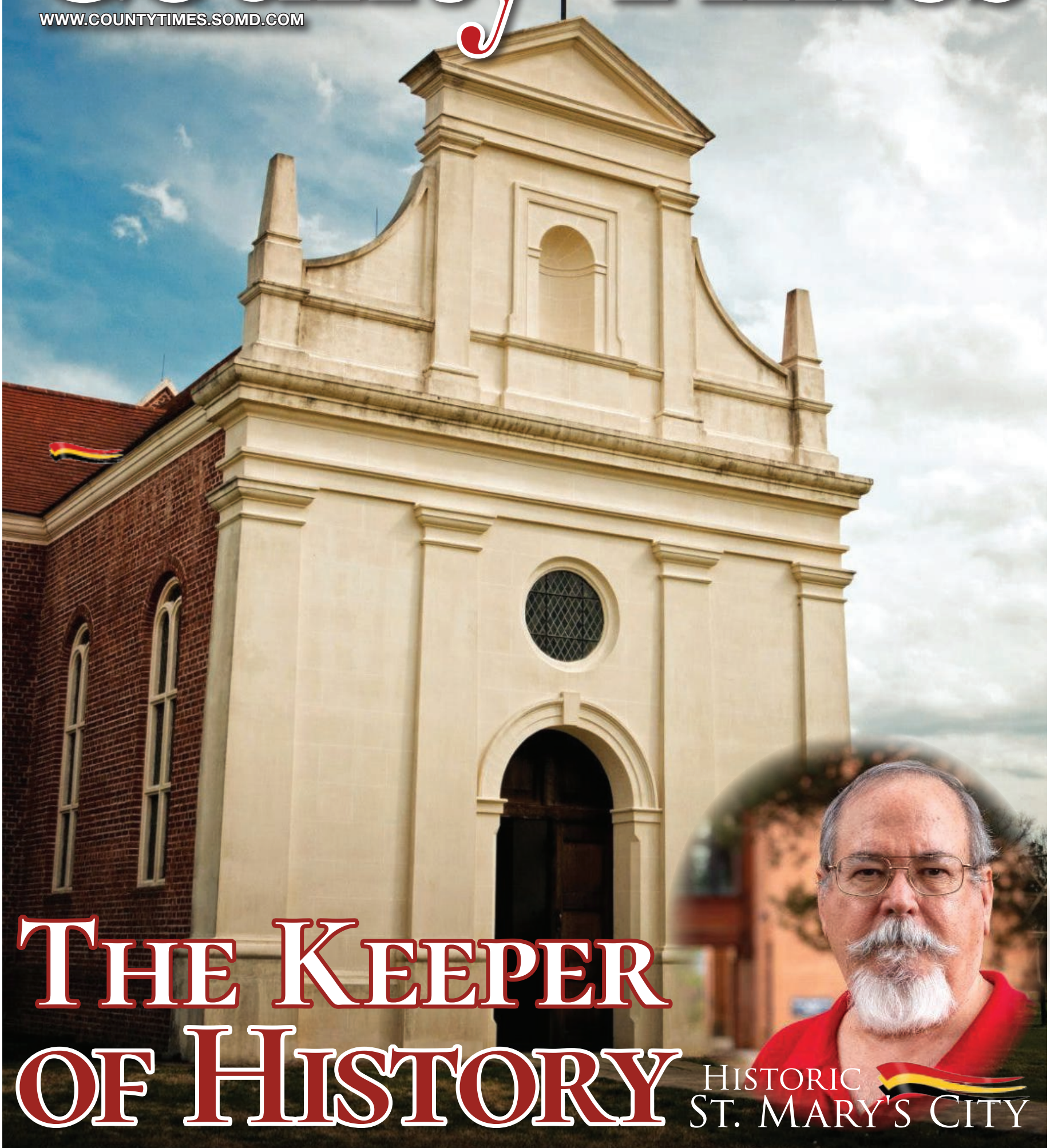


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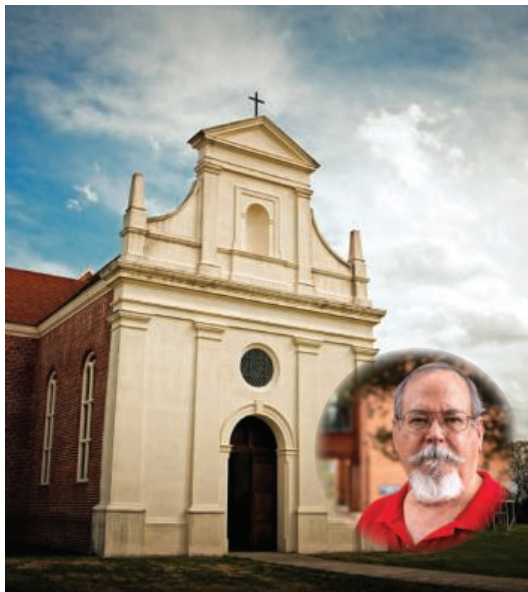
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School Employee Vaccinations Underway



Dr. Meena Brewster, right, administers the COVID-19 vaccine to Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Starting today the first phase of inoculations against the COVID-19 virus for school system employees is set to begin.

Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith announced plans for voluntary inoculations for system employees at the Board of Education's Jan. 13 meeting.

The teachers and other employees who will have the chance to be inoculated will be based on the three phases of the system's return to school plan that will be activated once local health metrics reach acceptable levels.

The number of new cases in St. Mary's continues to rise sharply with 433 such cases reported last week; the week prior there were 316 new cases.

"That is very sobering and bleak data," Smith said. "We aren't going to open the doors and have kids flood in."

About 1,000 staff members who would serve the first group of returning students, those in special programs COMPASS and SAIL, were to be given their chance Jan. 14 to get their first vaccination, according to Smith's report.

Teachers and staff in the Head Start and Pre-K programs as well as Kindergarten and grade 1, grade 6 and grades 9 and 12 were slated for voluntary vaccinations Jan. 15.

The remainder of Head Start and Pre-K teachers and staff, those teaching Kindergarten and grades 1 through 5, grades 6, 7, 8 and all high school grades, were scheduled for January 16 vaccinations.

All were set to take place at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department in Hollywood.

The remaining 300 staff members would be vaccinated on Jan. 16, about 3,000 in total.

Smith said about 65 percent of school staff responded to a survey last week about whether they would be interested in receiving the vaccine if given the opportunity; about 73 percent of those surveyed responded in the affirmative.

Just over 18.3 percent were non-committal, while 8.9 percent were not interested, according to the survey.

"Hundreds and hundreds of staff members are registered for tomorrow," Smith said Wednesday.

There were 800 staff members, out of a total of 1,200, signed up for Friday's inoculation event.

The inoculation plan for school staff comes on the announcement from Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer, that the county had entered into Phase 1B after vaccinating key hospital and health care workers and first responders.

St. Mary's County is now registering residents who are 75 years old and above, and who want the vaccine, to be inoculated.

"Here, locally we decided to move into Phase 1B because we did not want to be sitting on vaccine and we had arms that needed to get vaccinated," Brewster said.

Senior living centers, assisted living centers and group homes for those who are developmentally disabled were the beginning of Phase 1B inoculations locally.

"We're moving along and we're moving along at a brisk pace," she said.

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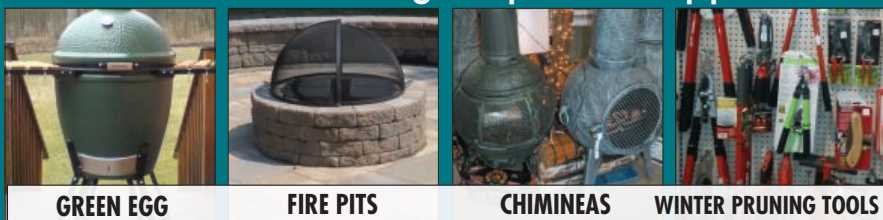


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IT Chief: Miles of Internet Cable Laid Last Year



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's chief of information technology said this week that his department working in conjunction with public works crews were able to lay more than 60 miles of fiber optic cable to provide greater internet access for residents living in underserved areas.

Chief Information Officer Bob Kelly said Jan. 12 that 650 homes in St. Mary's County now have permanent internet access, also known as broadband, where they did not before.

CARES Act funding provided internet infrastructure for the Leonardtown Library and Senior Center, Lancaster, Dorsey, Baggett and Chaptico parks, Kelly said, with activation of Wifi expected to occur by March of this year.

"That will be free Wifi over the county infrastructure at those four parks," Kelly said. "We'll turn it on when those parks are open, and we'll turn it off when it's not open."

This Wifi infrastructure could lead to security cameras on the grounds and in buildings at park sites, Kelly said.

Using the same emergency federal funding the county was able to add internet connections to the Northern Farmers Market and Regional Agricultural Center sites, Kelly said.

The largest installation of fiber optic cable, 33.5 miles, was for "middle mile" projects that provided a portion of infrastructure to mostly rural neighborhoods, Kelly reported, to include Mt. Wolf Road,

Trent Hall, Friendship School Road, Beachville and Cornfield Harbor Road, Bushwood City Road, Delebrook Road, a portion of Route 236, Cherryfield Road and St. Jerome's Creek Road.

Roads such as Bushwood City Road, Kelly said, were found to have a significant number of public school students, which made laying broadband infrastructure there a priority.

Using CARES Act funding to provide internet connectivity for virtual learning access was a key requirement of the emergency federal legislation.

"When we realized how many students lived off of that road it became obvious that we wanted to target that area," Kelly said of Bushwood City Road in particular.

Kelly said ground installation was more expensive than hanging cable from a pole.

"So, the cost of the fiber isn't so much as it is digging the hole with the Ditch Witch," Commissioner Todd Morgan said.

"Every location has a different requirement and that's the challenge," Kelly said of installing the broadband infrastructure.

So-called "last mile" projects, which actually connected underserved students and their families to the internet, were completed for 173 addresses, Kelly said, but the actual number of additional addresses with wired internet access is now more than 280.

That represented an additional 25.7 miles of cable installed.

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Former Southern Maryland Resident Killed in Capitol Siege

Babbitt had Faced Criminal Charges While in Calvert

By Dick Myers, Editor
and Guy Leonard, Staff Writer

A former Calvert resident was the woman killed inside the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6 during the siege by supporters of President Trump. She was identified by U.S. Capitol Police as Ashli Babbitt, 35, an Air Force veteran. Published reports said she lived in San Diego with her husband Aaron and before that had lived in Annapolis and Huntingtown.

Her husband told San Diego TV station KSWB that she was an ardent Trump supporter and had traveled to DC just for the rally. He said he was watching TV when his wife was shot. "She was voicing her opinion and she got killed for it," he said.

Published reports indicate a troubled past including problems in the Air Force that led to her demotion. While living here she was accused of stalking and committing violence against the former girlfriend of her boyfriend in 2016.

Calvert County District Court records show the complainant in the criminal and subsequent peace order cases, Celeste Norris, charged Babbitt, then with the married name McEntee, with using the white, mid-sized SUV she was driving to pursue and eventually ram Norris' vehicle three times while on Prince Frederick Boulevard.

Court records show that Ashli Babbitt, was already in a relationship with Aaron Babbitt, the man Norris had once been involved with.

Norris was a St. Mary's County resident in 2016 but has since moved to Calvert County.

Babbitt would later be divorced in 2019 from her then-husband Timothy

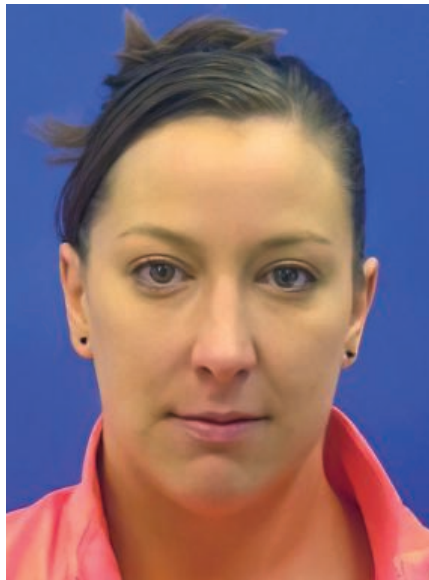


Photo from a MD Driver's License of Ashli (McEntee) Babbitt provided by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

McEntee and go on to marry Aaron Babbitt and move to San Diego, California.

The altercation in Prince Frederick occurred July 29 more than four years ago. Norris said in court documents that she was at the intersection of Costly Way and Prince Frederick Boulevard waiting to take a left-hand turn when she saw the white SUV pull into the plaza she was about to exit.

"She was waving erratically and beeping her horn and appeared to be very angry," Norris wrote in her affidavit.

Babbitt made a quick left turn, Norris said cutting off other drivers and swerving left and right in traffic, pursuing her at a high rate of speed.

Norris said she attempted to give Babbitt room to pass her by, but her alleged assailant did not, eventually

striking the rear of Norris' vehicle three times, the plaintiff claimed.

Norris pulled over to the side of the road to call 911, and she claimed Babbitt exited her vehicle as well after coming to a stop.

Norris claimed Babbitt threatened her verbally while Norris was still in her vehicle, waiting for police to arrive.

"I continued to let the 911 dispatcher know how erratic, loud and threatening McEntee (Babbitt) was being," Norris wrote. "I also let him know I was in [fear] of her as well, as she might attempt to harm me."

Babbitt would eventually be acquitted of criminal charges against her of reckless endangerment and property destruction but two petitions for peace orders filed against her by Norris would be granted.

Norris also sued Babbitt for damages in the incident in the amount of \$74,500 in 2019 but that case was dis-

missed due to a lack of jurisdiction, court records show.

A statement from U.S. Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, who has since resigned, said, "As protesters were forcing their way toward the House Chamber where Members of Congress were sheltering in place, a sworn USCP employee discharged their service weapon, striking an adult female. Medical assistance was rendered immediately, and the female was transported to the hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries."

He said, "As per the USCP's policy, the USCP employee has been placed on administrative leave and their police powers have been suspended pending the outcome of a joint Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and USCP investigation."

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Hogan Proposes \$1 Billion COVID Economic Stimulus

Will Seek Emergency Legislation

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan is proposing that the legislature pass an emergency \$1 billion COVID-19 economic stimulus.

Hogan, in a Jan. 11 press conference, said, "While Maryland's economy is coming back faster than many other states, America is going through one of the worst economic crises in our country's history."

He said his top legislative priority would be passage of what he calls "The Recovery for the Economy and the Livelihoods of Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families," or the Relief Act of 2021."

The \$1 billion package would include:

- "\$267 million in direct payments to Marylanders in need. Families who filed for the Earned Income Tax Credit will receive an additional \$750; individuals will receive \$450. This relief will go directly to more than 400,000 Marylanders in need, and no application of any kind is necessary."

- \$180 million in targeted tax relief for Marylanders who have lost their jobs by repealing all state and local income taxes on unemployment benefits, allowing them to keep more money in their pockets."

- \$300 million in immediate tax re-

lief to help 55,000 Maryland restaurants and small businesses by allowing them to be able to keep up to \$12,000 of sales tax over the next four months, which will keep much-needed cash in the coffers of those small businesses, which enables them to keep their doors open and to keep more people on the payroll."

Hogan noted, "Last month, I issued an executive order, which immediately prevented sudden and substantial increases in unemployment taxes on small businesses. This new relief act legislation will codify that emergency tax relief for all of 2021, saving small businesses \$218 million."

He added the act "will also safeguard Maryland business owners against any tax increase triggered by the receipt of the state alone or grant funds, which will help small businesses keep an additional \$40 million in their bank accounts."

Hogan said the proposed \$1 billion relief package is in addition to \$700 million already targeted for COVID economic relief by the state and significant federal CARES Act monies.

The governor said he hoped the legislature will set an example and avoid the partisan haggles that have occurred in Washington. "Maryland has been setting an example for the nation of how



Governor Larry Hogan

respectful and effective government can work across the aisle together in order to find bi-partisan, common sense solutions. My hope is that the legislature will join in and quickly push for this much needed emergency stimulus and tax relief package."

Hogan said the source of funding for his proposal is:

"Much of it is coming from the budget actions that we took earlier in the

year at the Board of Public Works."

"Some of it is coming from our reserve fund, which is doing better than we anticipated because of our recovery doing better than we expected."

"A small portion of it to pay for unemployment is coming from the rainy-day fund. I think about \$100 million of the \$1 billion."

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Farm Wedding Ordinance Goes Back To Drawing Board



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted unanimously Jan. 12 to cancel the Jan. 26 public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance that would have put more conditions on farm venues that also host weddings as a commercial use.

The ordinance will be returned to the Department of Land Use and Growth Management for further review and the hearing will be suspended indefinitely.

"There's been a tremendous amount of consternation out there about the wedding venue situation," said Commissioner Todd Morgan. "The commissioners are well aware of the issues and more importantly the effect on venues due to COVID and the economics of the environment at this present time."

Morgan made the motion to cancel the hearing and return the ordinance for more review at the evening time public forum held Tuesday.

Business owners had been fearful that the new ordinance, if adopted, would further restrict their ability to earn revenue to keep their farms and help preserve the rural character of the county.

Under the proposed ordinance, current locations where wedding are being held commercially in growth areas must submit a change of use analysis to continue to hold commercial weddings.

Commercial weddings on farms would have needed conditional use approval from the county's Board of Appeals, a major site plan and to meet several conditions.

Those conditions include notices to property owners within 1,000 feet of the property where the wedding is to take place so neighbors can attend the public hearing.

The wedding venue operators would have also had to offer a noise suppression plan, including modeling of noise by an acoustical engineer analyzing all of the activities of a wedding to ensure decibels at the property line do not exceed 65 decibels during the day or 55 decibels at night.

Wedding vehicles were also be off the site no later than 10 p.m., according to the ordinance as it was written.

The ordinance sought to control, among other issues, noise produced by wedding parties which neighboring property owners have complained of since last year, saying their right to enjoy a peaceable rural setting is being infringed.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said interest in an ordinance deeming weddings in rural areas as a commercial use began when there was a move to increase the number of events allowed from 20 to more than 30 a year.

"Remember, there's two sides to every story," Hewitt said. "We're trying to find a balance; we're trying to find a middle ground."

Earlier in the day, two commissioners sounded their disapproval of the ordinance as written.

"I don't think it's solving the problems we intended to solve," Commissioner Eric Colvin said, noting he had consulted various farm owners on the issues. "I think it's going to make things a lot more difficult for our family farms and that's not a good thing."

Commissioner John O'Connor agreed. "I don't think this is the solution we're looking for the way it's written," O'Connor said. "Solving noise issues through an expansive ordinance the way this is written is just not the answer."

Ted Warren, of St. Inigoes, whose wife owns the wedding venue Mary's Hope said: "We feel the ordinance is unfair, unrealistic and so costly to us... that we will not be able to be financially viable and continue to operate."

"You will legislate us and businesses similar to us, out of business."

Warren also said they were not consulted on the drafting of the ordinance before it was presented.

"This is a one-sided formulation of an overly burdensome, enterprise-killing government solution without a substantive and validated problem."

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County Announces MLK Holiday Operations

All St. Mary's County Government administrative offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Appointments for many departmental services will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.

The St. Andrews Landfill and six Convenience Centers will be open normal hours on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. As a reminder, Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Landfill and Convenience Centers free of charge. Undecorated trees may be placed in the designated areas at these sites through Jan. 31, 2021. Last year, the County collected nearly two tons of Christmas trees mixed with the collected yard waste and ground into mulch. Just over 5,000 tons of mulch is available annually at the St. Andrews Landfill site and is provided to the citizens of St. Mary's County free of charge while supplies last.

All three St. Mary's County Library branches (Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown and Lexington Park) will be closed on Jan. 18. Appointments to use the computers, copiers or fax machines will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19. Please visit www.stmalib.org for more information.

All Senior Activity Centers (Garvey, Loffler and Northern) remain closed due



to COVID-19 precautions.

Home-Delivered Meals will be provided Tuesday, Jan. 19 due to the holiday.

The St. Mary's Transit System (STS) and ADA will operate on a normal schedule. However, the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) will not operate on Jan. 18.

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COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Available for Residents Age 75 Years and Older

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has opened COVID-19 vaccination registration for St. Mary's County residents aged 75 years or older in preparation for phase 1B of local COVID vaccination efforts.

Registration available at: www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine

The Department of Aging & Human Services in cooperation with SMCHD is available to provide registration assistance for seniors or their caregivers. Please call the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services at: (301) 475-4200, ext. 1049 to speak with a staff member if you need help registering.

For Vaccination Appointment:

You must have identification verifying age 75 years or older and residency in St. Mary's County. Registration for a vaccine appointment is required to receive the vaccine. Registered individuals should arrive at their scheduled appointment time. Please do not arrive early as the higher volume impacts traffic flow and could result in longer waiting times.

"Having the COVID-19 vaccine available to our community's older adults of at least 75 years of age pro-

vides an opportunity for them to guard against the COVID-19 virus while bringing them a sense of relief and peace of mind," said Lori Jennings-Harris, Director of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services.

Commissioner President Randy Guy said, "St. Mary's County continues to be a regional leader in collaboration efforts. Getting through this pandemic and getting life back to normal for our residents is a priority. The Department of Aging & Human Services is a direct link to our county's most vulnerable population of seniors, and I am proud that we will do whatever it takes to care for our community members."

"Our Phase 1A mass vaccination clinics were very successful in reaching the 1A target groups of local first responders and health care personnel," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "In preparation for phase 1B, we are ready for our most senior residents in the county to get registered for vaccine appointments. Our Health Department appreciates the partnership with the Department of Aging and Human Services in helping residents aged 75 years and

older get registered. Vaccine offers us hope - a chance to prevent severe COVID-19 infection and decrease the spread of illness within our community. While we will need to continue face coverings, social distancing, and hand washing there is much to be grateful for as we finally turn a corner in this pandemic journey."

In addition to now registering residents age 75 and older for vaccination, the St. Mary's County Health Department is preparing to deliver COVID-19 vaccine for other groups that are part of future phases of local vac-

ination efforts. Additional information on local COVID-19 vaccination clinics and other eligible groups will be shared as priority categories are released by the state. SMCHD mass vaccination events will continue as vaccine supply becomes available to the local health department. For more information, visit: www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine.

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Portraits of St. Mary's County: Joe Fenwick

By Florence Ballengee
Contributing Writer
First in a Series

The idea for recapturing some St. Mary's county history from people who had lived it came to me when I came back to St. Mary's after having lived and worked in Florida for 15 years. My first glimpse of just how much had taken place since I was gone was my first ride on Route 235 on a weekday at 5 p.m.

Shortly after moving back to St. Mary's I was having a conversation with a newcomer to the county. During the course of our conversation, I found out that she worked on the base and had for four years. I told her I'd written for the St. Mary's Beacon and that I'd retired from the State's Attorney's Office and had worked for Walter Dorsey. She never heard of either.

This got me thinking about the expression "you can never go home" and I wondered if perhaps that was so. As I began to talk to people around my age, I began to think about all the history that they could teach in ordinary conversation.

Some of the people I interviewed left here when they got out of school because there were few ways to earn a living if you didn't work in the soil or on the water.

I also regretted that many of the newcomers would never know about the contributions that were made to the quality of life in St. Mary's County by some of the people who to me were an integral part of what set St. Mary's apart.

And so, I spoke with people who were born and raised here but left and then returned and I talked to people who never left.

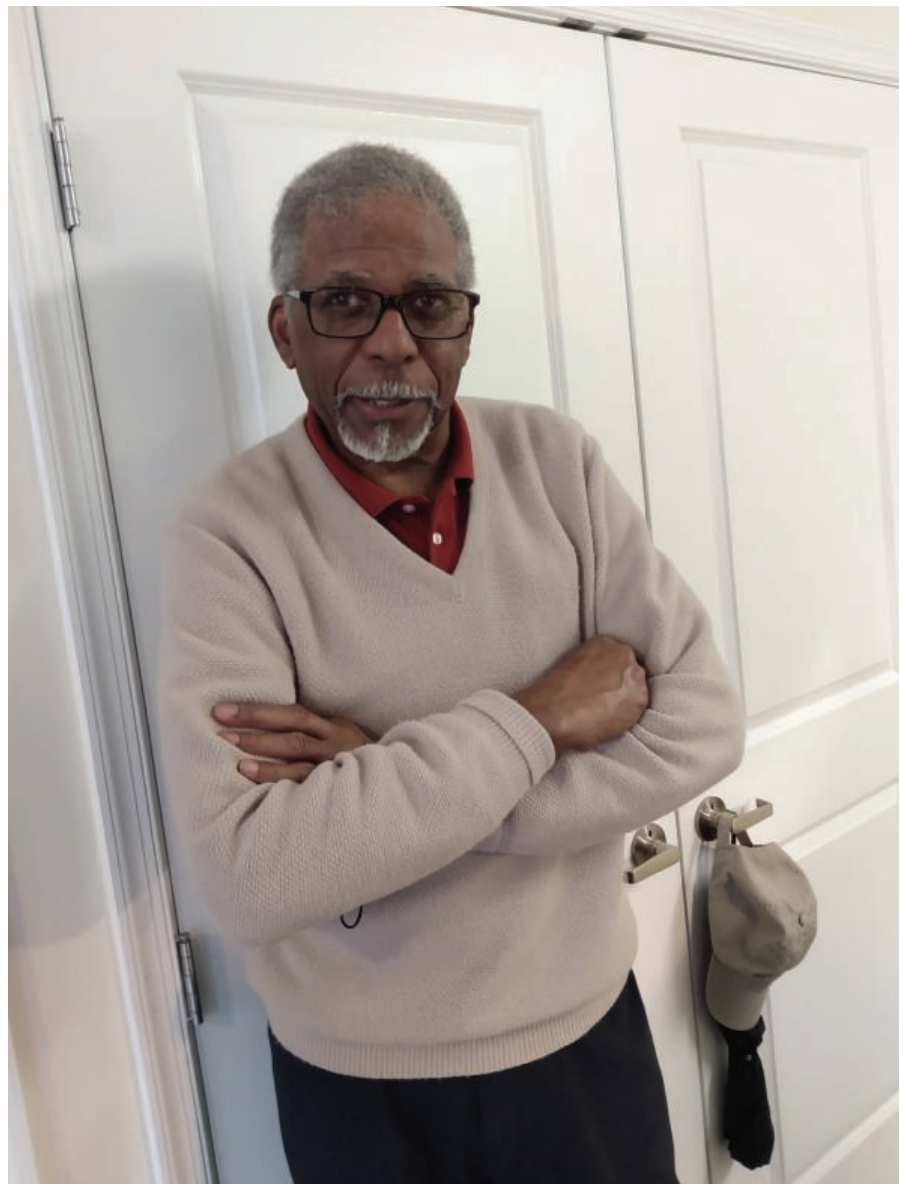
These are their stories and their accounts of their personal histories.

Joseph Francis Fenwick was born in Ridge and raised in Park Hall. His parents were James Fenwick who was born and raised in the south end of St. Mary's County and his mother was Sarah Brooks of Charlotte Hall. Together his parents raised nine children.

Joe's father was initially a waterman. Each day his father, mother and their oldest child, Ann, would go out in the boat. In the summer they crabbed, in the fall and winter they fished and oystered.

One tragic day while out on the water, Ann fell overboard. Joe believes she was about eight years old. Neither parent could swim, and they were unable to save their drowning child. Joe said his mother rarely mentioned it because it was so painful for her.

Joe recounts his early days of education. He attended St. Peter Claver School and later Cardinal Gibbons High School. He was taught by Catholic nuns and priests. The school system in St. Mary's County



Joseph Francis Fenwick

was segregated during his growing up years and so he attended school with all African American students as well as African-American nuns. The priests were white.

Racial prejudice was not unknown to the young people during those days. He remembers having rocks thrown at him and other events which he does not dwell on. He recalls instead being praised and encouraged throughout his growing up years by a loving mother and by the nuns and the priests at school. He credits his parents for his strong work ethic and for his later success in life. He said that his father always had several jobs to support the family and his mother cleaned houses.

When the base began hiring in 1946, Joe's father began working there but still worked doing other things to support his large family. When he was old enough, Joe worked with his father clearing land for military people who were building waterfront homes.

In 1958 Joe graduated from high school. He was the first one in his family to graduate from high school. He took a job at The Enterprise newspaper.

Joe had a close relationship with the family of Leroy Thompson, Sr.

They were a family with 13 children. Thompson was a businessman, and he recalls that the Thompson's treated him like one of their own. He began spending a lot of time at their home. He said that he believes that every family should be like the Thompson's.

The night that probably changed Joe's life began like many other nights for young men in St. Mary's County during those days. He and Leroy, Jr. were riding around the county, drinking beer, and they began to talk about their yearning for more. They knew that there was little opportunity for young people back then and even less for African Americans. They made a pact to join the Air Force and just days later both were on their way to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for basic training.

Joe went from basic to tech school at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. There, because he was African American, he was not allowed off the base or into town because of the racial strife taking place at that time. He was also sent to Alabama where he said it was even worse and again he was not allowed off base. Joe lived life by different rules than the white airmen, but he was de-

termined to "represent his people" and so his energy was directed towards learning and being good at his field which was electronic communication.

He began to be noticed by his superiors and was often the only African American but was in charge of an all-white crew at each duty station. As a result of being noticed for his diligence, he made rank quickly. His three-year assignment in Germany was filled with travel and he found the people in Germany and Holland warm and welcoming towards American military people.

Joe had several duty stations in the United States and did a tour of duty in Viet Nam. It was in Viet Nam that his training and his strong work ethic was of value to the Green Beret's. His job was to supervise a staff and a shop that repaired and built communication equipment used by the Green Berets to report Viet Cong. It was literally their lifeline.

After eight years in the Air Force, Joe began life as a civilian with jobs in Montgomery County in this field. He supervised a crew for several large corporations. At one such job he met his wife Tina, who was an inspector. They married and together raised four children. For 46 years they were happily married. Joe said that he "loved and was loved and there's nothing greater than that." His beloved Tina suffered from MS the last 12 years of her life and for three years she was bedridden. He retired to stay home and take care of her.

It was after a bad fall on some steps at their home in Howard County that they decided to buy a one-story house. He purchased a home in Valley Lee and took care of Tina for three years before she passed.

When asked why St. Mary's County, he said, "This is home." This is the home where he was born, raised and where he was educated. He still has and treasures memorabilia from his childhood and he shares a book called "In Relentless Pursuit of an Education." This book was written by St. Mary's County African Americans who lived during the century of segregation in our schools. It is available from Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions, P.O. Box 1457, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Their website is www.ucaconline.org.

Today Joe lives in a senior apartment complex in St. Mary's County and maintains a strong contact with his surviving siblings, four sisters as well as with his children.

Even with the changes in St. Mary's County for many of us, this is still home. This confirms for some that you can indeed go home even if home has changed.

Governor Hogan Announces Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission

Governor Larry Hogan today issued an executive order establishing—for the first time in state history—an independent Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission, which will be charged with drawing fair legislative and congressional maps for the 2022 elections. Throughout his time in office, the governor has led the charge for gerrymandering reform in Maryland and nationwide.

“This commission is the first of its kind in the long history of our state,” said Governor Hogan. “Unlike the partisan, backdoor manner in which our state’s political power brokers have conducted the state’s redistricting process, we want to make sure that this time the people of Maryland are actually the ones drawing these lines—not the politicians or the party bosses.”

Joining the governor at today’s State House press conference were the three co-chairs of the new commission:

- Judge Alexander Williams, Jr., retired judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- Dr. Kathleen Hetherington, president of Howard Community College
- Walter Olson, senior fellow at the Cato Institute’s Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies

The commission will have a total of nine people—three Republicans, three Democrats, and three independents—and the remaining six members will be selected from applications directly submitted by citizens. The selection of members intends to produce a commission that is independent from legislative influence, impartial, and reasonably representative of the state’s diversity and geographical, racial, and gender makeup. Apply for the commission at governor.maryland.gov/redistricting.

The governor’s executive order charges the commission with produc-

ing fair maps for both state legislative and congressional districts that comply with a set of criteria, including:

- Complies with U.S. Constitution and Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Respects natural boundaries and geographic integrity
- Does not take into account citizens’ party affiliation

The commission will conduct regional summits to allow citizens to offer comment on the boundaries of the congressional and legislative districts, along with a listening tour prior to the drawing of the maps.

Statements from Commission Co-Chairs:

“I am honored to have been asked to co-chair the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission and to participate in the important task of drawing boundaries for legislative and congressional districts in Maryland,” said Judge Williams. “I look forward to working with other members of the commission in developing an independent and fair plan.”

“I am honored to have been asked by the governor to serve as one of the chairs of the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission, said Dr. Hetherington. “I look forward to working with Judge Alexander Williams and Walter Olson on the commission as we begin our charge.”

“Fair and impartial redistricting builds confidence in our democratic system,” said Mr. Olson. “Direct citizen involvement, sunlight, and fair districting standards have proven their worth in other states. I hope everyone who cares about democracy in our state will consider volunteering to serve on the commission, making your voice heard by way of public comments and hearings, or even filing proposed maps. I’m honored to be part of a process that can make history in Maryland.”

Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Leonardtown Library Now Open

The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County announce that the first of 20 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVC) to be built in St. Mary’s County is now operational.

Located at the joint site of the new Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Activity Center at 23630 Hayden Farm Lane in Leonardtown, the charging station has two dedicated parking spaces, both with 24-hour public access.

Commissioner President Randy Guy signed a right of way agreement with SMECO last summer, granting permission to use the property for this project. Upon completion, President Guy remarked, “I am happy about this project. Electric charging stations are becoming more and more needed in the county, and this is a great step forward to meeting those needs.”

“St. Mary’s County Library is delighted to partner with the



County and SMECO to provide this service, promoting the use of efficient and sustainable resources for power on our roads. The library’s Wi-Fi extends where the charging station is located, so drop by and charge up while enjoying a digital book or music”, said Library Director Michael Blackwell.

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'Bridge to the Community' Artwork on Display



Amy Ford, branch manager of the Lexington Park Library, stands beside the "Bridge to the Community" mixed-media mural created by individuals living with disabilities. The mural is on display there through the end of February.

Grants Available for Arts Non-Profits, Schools

The St. Mary's County Arts Council (SMCAC) awards approximately \$40,000 annually to local organizations, events and schools for the presentation of arts activities in our community. Applicants for grant funding consideration must qualify as non-profit organizations presenting arts programs or projects in St. Mary's County and/or for the benefit of St. Mary's County residents.

All funded programs and projects must be open to the public and must meet specific eligibility criteria. Grant requests must be received by February 1, 2021 for programs that take place between March 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021.

Also available are the "Arts in Education Grants" which are for St. Mary's County schools as well as for "Lifelong Learning" op-



portunities for Senior Centers, Library Programs, etc. The deadline to submit for the Arts in Education Grant is February 1, 2021 for events that take place between March 1st and June 30th of 2021.

Visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com to download the applications and for additional details, the SMCAC may also be contacted by email (info@smcart.org) or phone at (240) 309-4061.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Arts Council.

Farming Video Series Releases Forestry Edition



The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) announced the release of the 'Forestry' Edition of the 'Farms in Focus' video series on Southern Maryland's key agricultural sectors.

SMADC's latest video showcases the region's forestry industry of flourishing professionally and privately managed woodlands and network of locally owned and operated logging companies and sawmills that together contribute more than \$585 million towards the state and local economy and support upwards of 3,000 jobs. The combined efforts of these businesses produce well over 35 million board feet of lumber a year.

The video follows the journey of Southern Maryland grown timber from forest glade to finished product and particularly highlights the interdependent business and personal relationships that are vital to the success and overall sustainability of the region's forestry industry.

Interviews along the way with forest stewards, professional foresters and experienced loggers illustrate how careful forest management and judicious logging ensures that Southern Maryland's forests are continuously replenished and remain vibrant renewable resources that provide not only valuable wood products, but also a treasure chest of added environmental benefits including wildlife habitat, cleaner air and water, erosion and cli-

mate control, and thousands of acres for recreational enjoyment.

The forestry video is a wealth of information for landowners and farmers who are interested in establishing or developing woodland for timber, wildlife management, protecting natural areas or other goals. David Gailey, Regional Forester for Southern Maryland, explains how foresters of the Maryland Department of the Environment Forest Service can help to assess site and soils, recommend best management practices, and provide ongoing consultation for landowners to maximize the potential of their woodland.

The 'Forestry' video and seven more previously released editions can now be viewed on the 'Farms in Focus' page at SMADC.com. The video series covers all aspects of Southern Maryland's diverse agricultural profile with a focus on the farmers, producers, the goods and the services of the region's key agricultural industries. 'Farms in Focus' is produced by SMADC (a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland), and filmed by accomplished agriculture videographers Edwin Remsberg Studios. Visit SMADC.com for more farm resources and consumer guides.

The "Farms in Focus" video series is made possible by a grant awarded to SMADC through the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF).

Press Release from SMADC

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ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

Deputies Seek Theft, Fraud Suspects



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identities of the persons shown in a theft and fraud investigation. On Nov. 9, 2020 at 3:21 pm, the suspects attempted to use the victim's credit cards to make unauthorized purchases at the California Target store. The victim's wallet had been stolen earlier that day and the suspects made more than \$1,200 in fraudulent purchases at the California Walmart store with the victim's credit cards. The male suspect also used the victim's credit card at the California Lowe's to make additional fraudulent purchases.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspects or these incidents is asked to call Deputy Robert Chase at 301-475-4200, ext. 78079 or email robert.chase@stmarysmd.com. Case # 69555-20

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact 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.

Child Abuse- On December 24, 2020, Dep. Salas responded to the 23100 block of Three Notch Road in California, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Matthew Brian Thompson**, age 34 of California, struck a juvenile on the hip, causing visible injury. Thompson was placed under arrest at which time a pill bottle, not labeled with Thompson's name, was located on Thompson's person containing suspected Lyrica. Thompson was charged with Child Abuse 2nd Degree, Assault



Matthew Thompson

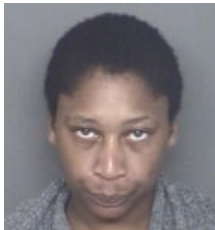
2nd Degree, and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.

Handgun Arrest- On December 24, 2020, Dep. Westphal was on foot patrol in the 21700 block of Bunker Hill Road in Lexington Park, when he observed a suspicious vehicle with the operator asleep in the vehicle. Dep. Westphal observed the operator of the vehicle, later identified to be **Robert Darell Venable Jr.**, age 33 of Baltimore, to have a handgun in the waistband of his pants. Thompson was taken into custody and the handgun recovered. Thompson was charged with Firearm Possession After Felony Conviction, Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, Handgun on Person, Loaded Handgun on Person, Regulated Firearm/Illegal Possession, and Illegal Possession of Ammunition.



Robert Venable

Theft/Resist Arrest- On December 27, 2020, Dep. Wilhelmi responded the 22700 block of Three Notch Road in California, for the reported disturbance. Upon arrival Dep. Wilhelmi observed an individual, later identified to be **Jovan Denise Fenwick**, age 27 of Lexington Park, taking items from behind the counter of the business and placing the items into a bag. Also observed on the floor was a plexiglass screen. Dep. Wilhelmi attempted to take Fenwick into custody, but she actively resisted. Fenwick was ultimately taken into custody. Investigation determined Fenwick had taken property belonging to the business, and forcibly removed the phone and hung it up from an employee attempting to call 911. Fenwick punched the plexiglass and then jumped over the counter and began destroying property belonging to the business to include a computer screen. Fenwick was charged with Theft, Disorderly Conduct, Resist/Interfere with Arrest and Malicious Destruction of Property.



Jovan Fenwick

Leonardtwn Home Destroyed By Fire



A Philip Lane home was completely destroyed in a morning blaze Jan. 10, Maryland State Fire Marshals investigators reported, totaling \$1 million in damages.

It took 50 firefighters from the Leonardtown volunteer fire company a full hour to extinguish the blaze, which started in the garage

of the home and resulted in the death of a family dog.

No other injuries were reported, investigators stated.

The fire remains under investigation, but fire marshals so far do not suspect criminal activity.

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Editor's Note:

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

Legal Notices

Commissioners of Leonardtown Notice of Public Hearing

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Ordinance No. 201, Leonardtown Comprehensive Zoning Map, updates and revisions.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

Commissioners of Leonardtown Notice of Public Hearing

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution No. 2-20 request for Annexation of four (4) parcels consisting of 37.6845 acres +/- . More particularly described as the ST MARY'S ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, LLC PROPERTY (1), Tax Map 41, Parcel 0002, containing +20.4825 acres and ST MARY'S ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, LLC (2), Tax Map 41, Parcel 221, containing 0.5490 acres and VALLI INVESTMENTS, LLC PROPERTY, 42120 St. Andrews Church Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 0057, containing 2.147 acres and STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY, described as a variable width public-rights-of-way as shown on State Road Commission of Maryland Right-of-Way Plat No.'s 52610-52612 containing 14.5040 acres.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

IN THE MATTER OF A'MYA ARLESIA YOUNG
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO A'MYA ARLESIA CLEMONS-YOUNG
BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN
CIERRA LADALE CLEMONS

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-20-684
Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name of a minor from A'MYA ARLESIA YOUNG to A'MYA ARLESIA CLEMONS-YOUNG. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Personal choice.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 02/05/2021. 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

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE OF BUDGET AND INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PRELIMINARY DECISION TO GRANT CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE #572)

Project Name/Number: St. Clement Shores Water System Replacement – Phase II
DWBL-0979-19L

Project Applicant: St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom)

Project Location/County: St. Clement Shores, St. Mary's County

Total Project Cost/Loan: \$3,687,434 / \$3,687,434

Project Description:

Phase II of the proposed multi-phased project involves design and construction of waterlines, valves, fire hydrants, and all necessary appurtenances to replace the existing aging and deteriorated water distribution system in the existing St. Clement Shores Community area of St. Mary's County. The new system will correct water pressure and delivery problems and provide residents with safe and adequate drinking water, including fire protection.

The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission has applied for financial assistance from the Maryland Department of the Environment's State Revolving Loan Fund for the proposed project as described above. In accordance with requirements for complying with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) under COMAR 26.03.11 for such assistance, a review has been performed by the Department on the applicant's request for a Categorical Exclusion from a comprehensive environmental review under SERP. The Department has determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to COMAR 26.03.11.04 because the project constitutes functional replacement of equipment or structures. This determination is based on a careful review of the supporting documentation provided by the applicant and other documents available to the Department. In concert with this preliminary determination, the Department has also found the project to be consistent with the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy in accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1992.27, and Maryland's Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation Policy, in accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1998.04.

As a result of the above determination, the applicant will not need to prepare and/or finalize an Environmental Information Document, and the Department is prepared to approve the applicant's request for financial assistance without further environmental review.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with the above preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration by writing to:

Rajiv Chawla, Division Chief
Region I Project Management Division
Office of Budget and Infrastructure Financing
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

After evaluating any comments received, the Department will make a final decision no sooner than 20 calendar days from the date of this notice. No administrative action will be taken with respect to this proposal during this timeframe.

Walid Saffouri, P.E., Program Administrator
Engineering & Capital Projects Program
Office of Budget and Infrastructure Financing
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Curator of Maryland's First City Set To Retire

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than three decades Silas Hurry has made the study of St. Mary's City, Maryland's first capital, his life's work.

Born and raised in St. Mary's County, Hurry can trace his lineage all the way back to the first English colonists who came to these shores on the Ark and the Dove; his interest in Maryland's history pulled him towards St. Mary's City.

"I grew up in St. Mary's County," Hurry told The County Times on the eve of his retirement. "I first volunteered there when I was at Chopticon High School."

That was in 1970, putting his relationship with St. Mary's City farther back than the 33 years he worked there professionally.

He said the creative atmosphere at Chopticon High School in those days allowed history teachers to formulate classes based on student interest; one of them happened to be an archaeology class that took place at St. Francis Xavier parish in Newtowne Neck, which he called "one of the longer running digs in Maryland."

Fortuitously, the class took place at the end of the school day.

"We drove to St. Francis and had the class there and could linger as long as we wanted," Hurry said.

His volunteer work at St. Mary's City was with a contractor hired to do excavations; Hurry worked at the John Hicks site and the laboratory where artifacts are analyzed and catalogued.

His life has been spent immersed in the history of Maryland, specifically its Mother County.

After graduating from high school, he pursued his baccalaureate degree at St. Mary's College, graduating in 1977.

"The best part about that was I could work at the museum while doing archaeology," Hurry said.

He would go on to archaeological work in Michigan and New Mexico as well as studies in England, but his work brought him back home.

"The more varied your experiences are the better," Hurry said.

In 1981 he continued his archaeological work with the Maryland Geological Survey with the State Highway Administration which continues its work at places like the St. Francis Xavier parish to this day, ensuring history buried in the earth is preserved and catalogued ahead of pending road projects.

Hurry calls St. Mary's City "an amazing place" and remembers the St. John's archaeological site there has one of his fondest memories of unearthing the past.

It is also where he met Dr. Henry Miller, another top archaeologist at St. Mary's City who has been key



to unlocking the mysteries of the 17th century hub of Maryland colonial life.

Miller has called St. Mary's City a "lost city," as archaeologists still have much work to do in learning all there is to know there.

"That's where we cut our teeth on 17th century archaeology," Hurry said.

He credits Garry Wheeler Stone, an archaeologist, as teaching young historians their craft.

"He taught us how to read dirt," Hurry said of his early mentor, who taught them the importance of observing color and texture of soil and how to carefully to re-dig holes dug by the people they are studying to find out its function.

Working at St. Mary's City, particularly on the architecture of buildings now long gone, is challenging.

In more modern architecture there are bricks and floors to help archaeologists learn about how people lived, with what is known as post-in-the-ground archaeology, the ground itself is oft times both floor and foundation.

"You just have corners and you have to find out where the posts lead," Hurry said.

Finding what colonists threw away – their garbage – is often the key to telling their story, Hurry said.

Their history, because of their station in life at that time, might not be set down in writing but there are still ways to tell their story.

"The illiterate still deposit refuse," Hurry said.

Finding artifacts is one of the few ways historians can find out more about the native peoples who were here long before the English, such as the Piscataway tribe.

The native peoples had no written language, Hurry said, but the artifacts left behind, such as ornate clay pipes, give insights.

"The decorations are amazing," Hurry said, adding he is often drawn to looking at them among all the artifacts that surround him every day. "We know they were very in tune with their environment and that they had a relatively balanced existence here."

Because much of what they fash-

ioned was biodegradable, more durable goods like the clay pipes, and the biased view of 17th century English settlers, are some of the only records we have of them.

There are pieces in the St. Mary's City collection that still draw Hurry's attention, even after years of being so close to them.

"You can't walk near the lead coffins and not look at them," Hurry said of the coffins unearthed in 1992 which contained Philip Calvert, son of the first Lord Baltimore and brother of the second to hold the title, his wife Anne Wolseley Calvert and a six-month-old baby.

There are also many documents that he researches, which have been copied and scanned so they can be easily viewed on-line, much of it from trade dealings with the colony.

"There was a tremendous amount of paperwork back then," Hurry said. "All of these are facts; some are artifacts, some are facts on paper. They all provide a rich story of Maryland's founding and development."

There are still mysteries yet to be unearthed at St. Mary's City, Hurry said.

Those include the home of Margaret Brent, who was the first woman in the English colonies in North America to appear before a common law court as well as the first women in America to request the right to vote.

"We haven't looked for Margaret Brent's home yet," Hurry said.

Still, after decades of work, historians and archaeologists like Hurry have provided a more complete picture of Maryland's founding.

"We've learned a lot more about the city," Hurry said. "We do our best; there are always challenges."

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CSM Announces Wray as Keynote Speaker

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) will recognize 754 candidates for 403 degrees and 500 certificates during its 22nd Winter Commencement Jan. 15 to be held virtually during a Facebook Live event. The graduates range in age from 18 to 64 with 41 percent from Charles County, 30 percent from St. Mary's County, 22 percent from Calvert County and the remainder from out of the area. Of the associate's degree candidates, 20 percent will graduate with honors.

The keynote address will be delivered by Christine Wray, FACHE, who is president of MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. She also serves as a senior vice president for MedStar Health.

Throughout her 40-year career, Wray has held a variety of leadership positions in hospital operations and developed an expertise in healthcare planning. As president of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital since 1992, she demonstrates a deep commitment to quality and safety as reflected in the hospital's five consecutive "A" grades in The Leapfrog Group's biannual Hospital Safety Grade (through Fall 2020). Ranked first in Maryland for quality-based reimbursement for 2020, MedStar St. Mary's recently joined the MedStar Georgetown Cancer Institute. The hospital received the 2014 platinum level Maryland Performance Excellence Award, based upon the rigorous standards of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. Truven Health Analytics also recognized MedStar St. Mary's as one of the Top 100 Hospitals in the nation in 2013.

In 2014, Wray also became president of MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center. Under her leadership, the hospital has joined the MedStar Heart & Vascular Institute – Cleveland Clinic Alliance and MedStar Georgetown Cancer Institute; earned accreditation from the College of American Pathologists; and been named an American College of Radiology Breast Imaging Center of Excellence. In 2014, the hospital was also named a top per-



Christine R. Wray, FACHE, president of MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital ~ will deliver the keynote speech at CSM's 2021 virtual Winter Commencement.

former in six key quality measures by The Joint Commission. MedStar Southern Maryland achieved U.S. News and World Report National Ranking for neurology and neurosurgery in 2016.

With a strong devotion to health care and the community, Wray is active in civic affairs, serving on the boards of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, and the Chesapeake-Potomac Home Health Agency. She is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and has previously served on the governor-appointed Maryland Health Quality & Cost Council. She completed Leadership Maryland in 1998.

Wray holds a Bachelor of Arts in public health from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and a Master of Health Science in health planning and administration from The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Named Business Person of the Year by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce in 2000, Wray also received College of Southern Maryland's Leading Edge CEO of the Year Award in 2009.

Press Release from CSM.

Math Professor Receives National Award

St. Mary's College of Maryland Professor of Mathematics David Kung is a 2021 recipient of the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). The Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards honor college or university professors who have been widely recognized as extraordinarily successful and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have had influence beyond their own institutions.

According to MAA, Kung is recognized for outstanding teaching and mentorship, as well as his leadership in making mathematics more inclusive at St. Mary's College. His passion for teaching mathematics is contagious, inspiring everyone he interacts with.

"I am incredibly honored to receive the Haimo Award," said Kung. "I appreciate the work done by the committee to diversify the list of recipients. I dedicate this to the many faculty—especially those of color—whose work has gone unacknowledged over many decades. We must do better, myself included."

Additional recipients along with Kung, include David Austin from Grand Valley State University, and Elaine Kasimatis from California State University, Sacramento. "Building effective practice for teaching



St. Mary's College of Maryland Professor of Mathematics David Kung

& learning is a core value of the MAA," said Michael Pearson, executive director of MAA. "These individuals demonstrate that our work with students can also contribute to our vision of a society that values the power and beauty of mathematics and fully realizes its potential to promote human flourishing."

The Mathematical Association of America is the world's largest community of mathematicians, students, and enthusiasts.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

SMECO Seeks Nominees for Outstanding Teacher Awards

Deadline for nominations is January 29

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) and the school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties are accepting nominations for the 2021 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards for educators who exemplify excellence in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Winning teachers will receive cash awards of \$500 for their personal use.

Each year, the Cooperative and the local school systems recognize classroom teachers who excel in the STEM fields of study, which are vital to the electric cooperative industry. Outstanding teachers inspire students and enable them to become the next generation of innovators: employees who are essential to the continued success of tech-driven businesses because they bring valuable mathematics, science, and technology skills to the workplace.

Parents, students, community members, and colleagues of teachers are invited to submit nominations for these



awards; teachers may also nominate themselves. Mathematics, science, and STEM nominees must teach at a school served by SMECO. Nominees must have a current standard Maryland teaching certificate and tenure within their county. Award winners from the last five years are not eligible.

Interested teachers, or those interested in nominating a teacher, must complete the application packet and submit it electronically to the mathematics or science curriculum supervisor in the appropriate county. Application packets must be submitted by Friday, January 29, 2021. Learn more about the submission criteria, download an application, and find details for submitting materials at smeco.coop/teachers.

Press Release from SMECO.

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BECA's Virtual Scholarship Fair Coming

The Virtual Scholarship Fair will be hosted on Zoom, January 21, 2021 4:00 - 6:00 PM at <https://fit.zoom.us/j/93693268072>

- Following a brief opening session, participants will be able to enter and leave a variety of breakout rooms*.

- Many of the scholarship providers listed on the 2021 St. Mary's County Common Scholarship Application will host their own breakout rooms* where participants can meet with them individually or in small groups.

- There will also be breakout rooms* with general information on the Common Scholarship Application and Financial Aid Basics.

- This is your chance to learn about over 50 different scholarships valued at \$150,000 or more that will be awarded in 2021.

*In order to access the breakout rooms, participants will need Zoom version 5.4 or higher. For more information regarding the Zoom version you are using, please visit [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362393-Viewing-the-Zoom-](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362393-Viewing-the-Zoom-version-number)



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This event is sponsored by the St. Mary's County Business, Education and Community Alliance. (BECA) For more information, see smcbeca.org Email smcbeca@gmail.com Call 240-257-BECA (2322)

BECA's 2021 St. Mary's County Common Scholarship Application will be available at www.smcbeca.org beginning December 18, 2020. Click on the SMC Common Scholarship menu item to access the application. The application will be due by February 18, 2021. BECA strongly suggests you begin the FAFSA as soon as possible.

College Publications Director Wins Writing Award

Lee Capristo, director of publications in St. Mary's College of Maryland's Institutional Advancement/Integrated Marketing office, recently won an Award of Excellence in the 32nd Annual APEX Awards for Publication Excellence Competition. The award recognized the writing of the editor's note column in the Mulberry Tree magazine over three issues published during 2019-2020.

The APEX awards program recognizes excellence in publishing by professional communicators. The annual competition is open to communicators in corporate, nonprofit and independent settings. The 2020 competition had nearly 1,200 entries and 476 awards of excellence. The APEX award is Capristo's 14th in her career with St. Mary's College of Maryland.

The award-winning editor's notes can be found in the following Mulberry Tree magazines:

Winter 2019: https://issuu.com/smcpublications/docs/mulberry_tree_winter_2019/4

Spring 2019: https://issuu.com/smcpublications/docs/mulberrytree_spr19web/4

Winter 2020: https://issuu.com/smcpublications/docs/mulberry_tree_win20web/4

This award follows a number of national awards for the members of the Institutional Advancement team. Most recently, the team won Gold in the 2020 Circle of Excellence Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Educa-



Lee Capristo

tion (CASE) for the BeCounted on Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign. That same Giving Tuesday campaign won a Bronze Award in the Annual Educational Advertising Awards, along with a Silver Award for the special event Hawktoberfest.

The Institutional Advancement/Integrated Marketing office also won a Silver Award for the College's total recruitment package, and a Bronze Award for its fall 2019 open house integrated marketing campaign in the Annual Educational Advertising Awards. In the 2019 Collegiate Advertising Awards, the office won the Gold Award for the "apply now" postcard series and a Silver Award for the folder within the Admitted Seahawks Packet. All of the pieces were created and designed in-house by SMCM alumna Keely Houk '17.

Press Release from SMCM.

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET BRIAR



Animals are such agreeable friends

They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

-George Elliot

Hello, my name is Briar. I'm a HANDSOME, CUDDLY, young Dutch rabbit. Put a salad in front of me and I'm absolutely in bunny heaven! I just love to eat my veggies! Want someone to eat healthy with you and the family? I'm your guy. Need some LOVE AND HAPPINESS in the house? I like everyone I meet. Hop on that email at animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE and PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life. And remember, if there is room in the heart, there is room in the house.

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

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CSM Ranks in Top 30 in Emergency Preparedness

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has been named to the Great Value Colleges ranking of the 30 U.S. colleges that are best prepared for disasters. The only Maryland higher education institution to make the nationwide list – CSM ranked 22nd and was one of three community colleges to earn the recognition.

“The foremost goal of Institutes of higher learning is to provide a top-quality education for the generations that will lead us into the future,” reported Great Value Colleges in its recent announcement of rankings. “In order to accomplish this, students need to know that they are safe and secure in this increasingly dangerous world. Student (and faculty/staff) safety takes many forms and having a solid disaster preparedness plan is among the most important. The schools listed on this ranking have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of those that live and work on campus.”

Of CSM, the Great Value Colleges’ website cited that “several times, Administration & Society refers to the continuity of operations plan that College of Southern Maryland has



created as a strong example for other colleges to follow. Part of what makes CSM’s emergency preparedness plans strong is its After Action Report. This report allows college community members who have participated in emergency exercises or events to suggest improvements to the efforts on campus. Additionally, the college also has evacuation chairs on all of its campuses, which help people with disabilities escape emergency situations.”

“The depth and strength of CSM’s emergency response plan was certainly put to its test with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said CSM Vice President of Opera-

tions and Planning Bill Comey, who leads CSM Emergency Management Operation Team. “We are proud to be recognized for our in-depth planning; as well as for our ability to self-assess and improve our efforts to keep our students, staff and faculty safe during natural, technological and human-caused risks.”

Great Value Colleges compiles the rankings to provide pertinent, unbiased information for prospective students and working professionals to aid them in making more informed decisions as they seek to further their education. The criteria for this final ranking included: evidence of an effective natural disaster plan, number of mentions

in the methodology sources, evidence of being able to overcome the long-term effects of a natural disaster, evidence of helping students in the event of a natural disaster, commitment to improving natural disaster planning/preparedness in the future and evidence of innovative planning.

To learn more about CSM’s Emergency Operations Plan, visit <https://ready.csmd.edu/EOP.html>.

To review the full list of U.S. colleges and universities recognized as best prepared for natural disasters, visit <https://www.greatvaluecolleges.net/disaster-preparedness-plans/>

Press Release from CSM.





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Two Join CSM Foundation Board



Kelly Robertson-Slagle, left, and Samantha Stratchko have joined the CSM Foundation's board as its newest directors.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation announces Samantha Stratchko and Kelly Robertson-Slagle have joined the Foundation's board as its newest directors.

"We are thrilled to have Samantha and Kelly join the CSM Foundation board," said CSM Acting Executive Director of the CSM Foundation Chelsea Clute. "We welcome their knowledge, expertise and passion for CSM's mission to do all we can to financially support our students."

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

Robertson-Slagle is a proud CSM alumna. A La Plata resident, she currently serves as director of economic development for Calvert County government, overseeing capital investments and expanding and diversifying employment opportunities, tourism development and agriculture development and marketing the county's citizens.

Robertson-Slagle previously served as Calvert County government's business retention and business development specialist and before that, she served as director of the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at CSM. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) Program Committee, is a founding board member of the Southern Maryland Innovates initiative and is the current chair of the new Southern Maryland Regional Innovation Collaborative. She is vice chair of the Southern Maryland Economic Development Association as well as a member of the Cedar Point Federal Credit Union

Board of Directors.

Robertson-Slagle earned her associate degree in Business Administration and Management Development from CSM and her bachelor's degree in Marketing from the Robert H. School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park. She is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Maryland and a 2010 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland.

"I am a faithful alumna of CSM and look forward to doing meaningful work to help CSM's potential, new and existing students," said Robertson-Slagle. "Not only have I walked the halls of this institution as a student and an employee, but so have my children. It is a point of privilege for me to roll my sleeves up and get to work advocating for CSM so I can give back to my first alma mater and help others achieve their dreams."

Stratchko, of Calvert County, is a CSM alumna and currently serves as the assistant vice president, business development officer at the Community Bank of the Chesapeake in La Plata. She is an honors graduate of Maryland Bankers School and is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland Global Campus working toward her bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Stratchko is also a board member for the Center for Children in La Plata and the CSM Alumni Steering Committee.

"The College of Southern Maryland has played an integral role in my personal success," said Stratchko. "I am honored to now have the opportunity to volunteer and support the organization that has touched so many of our community member's lives. The students of CSM are bright, talented, creative and driven. I am so happy to work with the Foundation and utilize my resources to contribute to these outstanding students' journey."

For information about the CSM Foundation, visit <http://foundation.csmd.edu>.

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Program Executive Bids Fond Farewell to His Father's Presidential Sea King

After a 32-year career supporting the development of new technologies for the fleet, a historic Sikorsky NVH-3A Sea King helicopter assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 at Naval Air Station Patuxent River has flown its last mission — and a program executive with a special tie to the aircraft is hoping it will soon find a new permanent home where its story can be shared.

The dark-green Sea King, known universally as “614” — in reference to its military serial number, 150614 — rolled off the Sikorsky Aircraft assembly line in 1962 as a Sikorsky HSS-2 (later redesignated SH-3A). A decade later, the aircraft was assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron (HMX) 1, where it was redesignated VH-3A and served for four years as a presidential helicopter for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. After a brief stint with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HC) 6, the Marine Corps transferred 614 to the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. There it rested for seven years, after accumulating a mere 4,500 hours of flight time.

Then, in 1984, the aircraft was pulled out of storage and underwent depot maintenance, and in 1988 arrived at the then-Naval Air Test Center (NATC) at NAS Patuxent River. Given the one-of-a-kind designation NVH-3A, 614 spent the next 25 years as a testbed for innovations in sensors, avionics, radios, computer hardware and software, composite rotor blades, and more. It even hosted the Navy's first successful demonstration of satellite Wi-Fi in a rotary wing aircraft.

After 614 was stripped to its metal bones in 2013 for a cockpit modernization project that was canceled before the aircraft could be refitted, HX-21's Presidential Helicopter Maintenance Team and flight test team undertook an unprecedented effort to return the aircraft to service as a VH-3D testbed. They installed a new power plant, drivetrain, rotors, and landing gear, as well as new electrical, avionics and fuel systems, and machined more than 200 custom parts. On April 4, 2017, the fully rebuilt aircraft took



Glenn Perryman, deputy program executive officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs, stands in front of Sikorsky NVH-3A Sea King BuNo 150614, which his father flew as commanding officer of Marine Helicopter Squadron (HMX) 1. The helicopter subsequently served Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21 as a testbed for 32 years before making its last flight in October 2020

to the air once again.

For three more years, 614 flew in support of a wide range of innovative test programs at NAS Patuxent River, including secure wide-band line-of-sight communications technologies, night vision equipment for the executive transport mission, high-speed rotor and engine shaft track and balance functions, and test flight exercises with U.S. Naval Test Pilot School students. But on Oct. 22, 2020, 614 made its final flight and the aircraft now rests inside one of HX-21's hangars, awaiting the next chapter in its storied life.

While 614 is well-loved by the men and women of HX-21, the aircraft has a uniquely special meaning to Glenn Perryman, deputy program executive officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs (PEO(A)). From 1971 to 1974, Perryman's father, Col. James

Perryman Jr., served as commanding officer of HMX-1, and flew 614. In fact, Col. Perryman flew President Nixon twice on 614.

The elder Perryman served two combat tours in Vietnam before joining HMX-1 — and 614 was the first VH-3A he flew at his new squadron. (“How cool is that?” the younger Perryman remarked.) By the time he completed his squadron commander tour, Col. Perryman had made 48 flights in 614 totaling just over 66 hours' flying time. Col. Perryman passed away on New Year's Eve 2013, at the age of 80 — the same year that the younger Perryman joined PEO(A) as its deputy program executive officer.

Bringing his family history full circle, Perryman had an opportunity to fly in 614 in January 2018, not long after the newly refurbished aircraft had been returned to service with HX-21. VADM Dean Peters, commander

of Naval Air Systems Command, was also on board for that flight, Perryman recalls.

“It was phenomenal,” Perryman said. “To have the opportunity to fly in the same helicopter that my father flew almost 50 years ago, to sit in the same cockpit where he sat, is something that I'll never forget, quite frankly. Not everyone gets that kind of opportunity.”

Perryman said his father's time at HMX-1 was the source of many childhood memories for him. “The squadron dominated our lives, as you can imagine,” he said. “Wherever the president went, my dad would have to go. My brother and I thought it was the neatest thing in the world that our dad flew the president.”

It was this combination of the aircraft's unique history and his personal connection to it that spurred Perryman to action when he heard HX-21 planned to retire the aircraft. “It's a piece of history,” he said. “It has served unique missions in its lifetime — presidential helicopter, developmental test aircraft for many new technologies. Not every aircraft has this kind of history attached to it.”

Perryman believes that 614 hasn't used up all of its nine lives yet.

“It's in superb mechanical condition right now, and if it can be preserved in some way, it will last even longer,” Perryman said. “I'm doing everything I can to facilitate that. I would be happy to donate my father's log books to go along with the aircraft. I have some Nixon memorabilia, too. Wherever it ends up, I hope that it will be preserved.”

“I cannot think of a more symbolic representation of what we do at the Presidential Helicopters Program than aircraft 614,” stated Col. Eric Ropella, program manager of the Presidential Helicopters Program (PMA-274). “This aircraft gives a full, rich history as both a no-fail mission aircraft that flew Presidents Nixon and Ford, and as a test bed for delivering the newest capabilities to the presidential fleet. It seems only fitting that we try and find a place of honor for 614 and its 32 years of service here in front of the Presidential Helicopters Support Facility as a static memorial and display.”

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Videos from Aging & Human Services

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

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention 1 and 2

We have spaces available for this popular, evidence-based program which will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 19. Level 1 for beginners at 11 a.m.; Level 2 at 12 p.m. In the beginner class we will learn to do some core movements on each side in a graceful routine while applying basic Tai Chi principles. The Level 2 classes will continue to practice the core movements while learning extended movements. If you have taken the level 1 classes before, you can register for level 2. You will need reliable internet, a smart phone or computer and a Zoom account. There is no fee for this class, but a commitment to attendance and practice is necessary for success. Pre-registration is required by e-mailing Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com

First Project for Independent Sewing Club Announced

Do you like to sew? Do you want to make a project once a month and bring it by the Loffler Senior Activity Center to show staff at our monthly Curbside Reveal Event? For the month of January, make an APRON in any design or pattern you desire. Then show it to us on Wednesday, February 10. Reservation required. We will take a picture of you and your project to post on our Facebook Page, plus slip the next assignment in your car for you to work on until Wednesday, March 10 when we have our next Curbside Reveal Event. To participate and make a reservation to show your project or for more information, e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com or leave a voice mail message at 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

Chair Assisted Yoga via Zoom

Boost your immunity, strengthen your bones, reduce stress, and increase your flexibility. These are just some of the scientifically proven benefits of yoga. Join Karen Weaver on Tuesdays and Gail Wathen on Fridays through Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. for a gentle chair assisted class to help you in your pursuit of better health. Classes will consist of seated postures that focus on opening the joints, standing postures to increase strength and flexibility, and a relaxation/meditation that will help to reduce stress. Sign up for one or both days. Attendees must have an active email address, high speed internet and a computer or tablet enabled with a webcam and microphone. Space is limited; St. Mary's County residents will be given priority. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080.

Art Classes via Zoom!

The Garvey Senior Activity Center is excited to announce upcoming art workshops taught by instructors at the College of Southern Maryland. Classes will be held remotely via Zoom. Funding for this series is supplemented by the Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc. and the St. Mary's County Arts Council. The first class, Introduction to Drawing: Put Pencil to Paper, is Thursday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes instruction via Zoom and supplies. Curbside supply pick-up is Jan. 19 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Pre-register by calling the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 1080. Payment and supply pickup instructions will be given during preregistration. Ask for information about future art classes!

Beginning Keyboard/Piano Lessons on ZOOM

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, the author of the "How to Play Gospel" book series and an experienced vocalist, songwriter, recording artist, pianist and teacher will be offering his specialized beginner classes to you in your own home via ZOOM. Pre-registration is required. You will need reliable internet, a smart phone or computer and a Zoom account (Help is

available by e-mailing Shellie- address below). Classes will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 21- Feb. 25 (6 sessions) at 1 p.m. Cost of \$100 for all six sessions includes instruction and textbook. You will need to invest in an inexpensive keyboard. (\$50-100+ available at local stores and online) if you don't already have one. Direct payment can be made to Dr. Jefferson through Paypal or by check in advance. To Register for these lessons or for more information e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com These will be group lessons and a minimum of 3-4 students will be required for these lessons to be held.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise

Arthritis Foundation Exercise with Debbie Buckler is available virtually each Wednesday at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Debbie is excited to have you work out with her. Get ready to strengthen and loosen those muscles! If you're interested in participating, please email MarieNoelle.Lautieri@stmarysmd.com, and your email address will be added to the participant list. You will receive an email each Wednesday morning with instructions so you can join the class using your computer. Debbie is an enthusiastic instructor who you will love to exercise with.

Wanted: Senior Pen Pals

Would you like to be a correspondent friend to someone from

a younger generation? Someone with whom to exchange cards and share personal experiences of historical moments (Where were you when President Kennedy was shot?) statistics (How much was a candy bar when you were ten years old?), maybe offer some pearls of wisdom you've picked up over the years. Would it be interesting to learn about perspectives of someone who is/was growing up in the digital age? Perhaps a younger person also has some information/advice that you can use! We are looking for people who would like to develop a relationship via mail with others from an era different than their own. You could be paired with a child, a teenager or an adult, but it is an opportunity to enjoy a new friendship in an old format. Contact Sheila.graziano@stmarysmd.com if you are interested in having a new pen pal. (We are preparing for up to 25 seniors to participate.)

Looking for Volunteer Discussion Leaders

If you are comfortable leading and conducting virtual meetings or classes using Zoom or similar platforms, I am looking for some volunteer leadership for discussion groups and classes such as Pain Management Support Group, Current Events, Craft Classes and other topics of interest. Please contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com to discuss serving the community in this fun and rewarding capacity.

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, January 14

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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

Friday, January 15

Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Shabbat evening services are being held online due to COVID19. Beth Israel Synagogue will hold online services EVERY FRIDAY at 7 PM. Check our website calendar (bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html) for event details.

Tuesday, January 19

Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

at 301-645-0660 or email us at admin@ccsomd.com.

Wednesday, January 20

Baby Basics for Strong Beginnings

Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, January 20 - June 16, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Baby Basics is an evidence-based program, consisting of six virtual group sessions which are facilitated monthly by our Strong Beginnings Program team. This group is for women in the early stages of pregnancy (first trimester) living in St. Mary's County who have any mental health concerns or are struggling with the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or vape products. Participants will receive a copy of the book *Baby Basics: Your Month By Month Guide To A Healthy Pregnancy*, designed to provide crucial prenatal health information and support. Group sessions will provide a safe, inclusive space where members can discuss topics concerning pregnancy. Join other pregnant women with similar daily struggles in a non-judgmental and interactive environment! Learn more or register at www.smchd.org/strongbeginnings

Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some

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

DAV Assistance Program

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

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

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In Remembrance

Isaac "Ikey" Wilson Morgan



Isaac "Ikey" Wilson Morgan, 89, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away on December 26, 2020. He was born and raised

in St. Mary's County to Ernest Morgan, Dolly Hall and his stepfather Edmond Hall. He was the loving husband of Mickey Morgan and they shared 64 years of marriage and raised 9 children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his oldest son Douglas Isaac Morgan, and great grand-daughter Anastasia Diana Louise Taylor.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Vicky Nobles, Jo Ann "Josie" Hardison (Eddie), Jeannie Davis (John), Marilyn Sandlin, Paul Morgan (Linda), Lisa Crenshaw (Greg), Kelly Brown (Moe), and Robert Morgan (Rita); 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. Also his siblings Joe Morgan (Edna), Lewis (Bunny) Morgan and Anna Morgan (Harvey) and many nieces, nephews and friends in Maryland.

Ikey loved coming home to Maryland to visit family and friends and a little piece of his heart always belonged to St. Mary's County. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, hunting, and loved playing pool and cards. Ikey was an Air Force veteran and carpenter by trade.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 4 p.m. in the Evergreen Funeral Home Dignity Chapel with burial in Evergreen Cemetery

James Kenneth Moran



James Kenneth Moran, "Kenny", 59, of Hollywood, MD passed away on January 7, 2021 in Hollywood, MD. Kenny was born on October

30, 1961 and was the loving son of Jane R. Moran of Hollywood, MD and the late James O. Moran. Kenny is survived by his daughter, Heather Moran of North Carolina, his brother Charles Robert Moran of Lusby, MD, 1 niece, 2 great nephews, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Kenny graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1980. He was a Maintenance Supervisor of Eagle Systems, Inc for 13 years until retiring in November 2015. Kenny liked to play horseshoes and listen to

Lynyrd Skynyrd. Kenny was known for his sense of humor and kind heart. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. There will always be a heartache and often silent tears. But always precious memories of the days when you were here.

John 14:27 KJV Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD; where a Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Mayor, Jimmy Mayor, Chris Adams, Jeff Lewis, Ronnie Jones, and Mike Britt.

William Melvin "Billy" Pilkerton, III



William Melvin "Billy" Pilkerton, III, 54 of California, MD passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Med-Star St. Mary's

Hospital, Leonardtown, MD due to complications of Covid-19.

Billy was born on Wednesday, October 26, 1966 in Leonardtown, MD to his loving parents William Melvin Pilkerton, Jr. and Agnes Cecelia.

Billy was the loving husband of Kimberly Ann (Pingleton) Pilkerton whom he married on May 16, 1992 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bushwood, MD. They were Blessed with two beautiful daughters Jessica Cecelia in October 2001 and Ann Mary in January 2006.

Billy is survived by his wife Kimberly Ann and daughter Jessica Cecelia, his mother Agnes Cecelia, his siblings Janet Williams (Gary Ridgell) of Leonardtown, MD, Charlie Pilkerton (Tammy) of Clements, MD, Judy Willey (David) of Hollywood, MD, Joanne Namyst (Joe) of Waldorf, MD and mother-in-law Sarah Jean Pingleton of Clements, MD. Billy also leaves behind his dog "Lady".

In addition, there are many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, God children, co-workers and wonderful friends who are left with the very fondest memories of Billy.

Billy was preceded in death by his daughter Ann Mary in January 2006, father William Melvin Pilkerton, Jr. in April 2018 and father-

in-law John Francis Pingleton in February 2008.

Billy was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1985. He began his career at Target Support Directorate, Patuxent River Naval Air Station in 1990 with Dyncorp, Inc. Upon his arrival to "Targets", Billy was assigned to the electronics technician shop. Throughout the next 20 year's Billy supported a multitude of programs in support of the Targets division. He was initially responsible for maintenance and electronics for the target support vessels and targets utilized for the Test and Evaluation (T&E) and fleet customers. Over his 20 years as a contract employee, some of the notable projects Billy supported included the Tomahawk cruise missile program, the Penguin Missile program, the Mobile Launch Platform Program for the Missile Defense Agency and many weapon effects test projects in support of NAVSEA. Billy made a career change in March 2010 when he transitioned to the civilian workforce at Atlantic Targets and Marine Operations (ATMO) Division. He worked in the T&E Operations Branch for over 10 years and was

an integral asset to ATMO. With over 30 combined years of support to the targets community, Billy was recognized as the subject matter expert for remote systems and he was known and respected throughout the targets community in his field. His knowledge and experience with the remote control systems for the navy targets program made him the "Go To" person for everything and anything regarding remote controlled target operations. During the years supporting targets, Billy was the person behind the laptop for thousands of remote control presentations for T&E and navy fleet training offshore operations. He spent countless hours onboard offshore support vessels and made countless trips all over the world in support of navy operations. With the experience Billy gained over the years, he was responsible for cross training many people in the field of remote control target systems. The impact of his accomplishments and support to the T&E and fleet customers over his 30 plus year career is paramount to the defense of the United States of America.

With all of the work related accomplishments, Billy was also a family and community oriented



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man. He was passionate about his family and he revealed this through personal stories he would routinely share with his co-workers (also known as his friends). As Jessica grew older, there were always stories of the sporting events and her activities during her progression through middle and high school. He loved to attend any event she was involved in and then provided the after event stories with the people at work. The Ocean City summer vacation was always on the list. Every year this was a family affair that he loved to attend. He was dedicated to his mom and dad throughout the years and especially as they grew older. Family meant the world to Billy and it certainly showed.

Billy always showed an interest in things that took place in the community. He was a very dedicated Director with the St. Mary's County Fair Association. His dedication and passion for the Fair defined his community spirit. No matter what was going on at work, Billy was on the books for annual leave every year for "Fair Week". It is no telling how many weeks, days or hours Billy volunteered to make sure he was there to keep the Fair running for the community to enjoy year after year.

With all of this, Billy was a person that expected no recognition. He went about each day in order to get to the next. His talents, his smile and regular "Hello" will be sorely missed but most of all Billy will be missed!

The family would like to express our deepest thank you to the heroic measures taken by Billy's care team at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. The constant dedication of FaceTime, phone calls and updates did not go unrecognized. "Not all angels have wings...some have scrubs" - Unknown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the following:

St. Mary's County Fair Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 243

Leonardtown, MD 20650

Thank you on behalf of the family of Billy. May you find comfort in the best of memories. God Bless...

Colton Tyler Kirchner



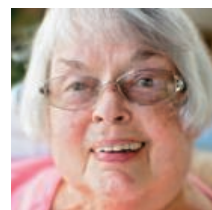
Colton Tyler Kirchner, 13, of Hollywood, MD passed away on January 2, 2021 in Washington, DC. He was born on July 5, 2007

in Leonardtown, MD and was the loving son of Anne Kirchner and Joshua Kirchner of Hollywood, MD. Colton is survived by his sister Audrey Kirchner of Hollywood, MD. He was in eighth grade student at Leonardtown Middle School Leonardtown, MD.

Colton enjoyed playing baseball, and watching the Washington National's Baseball team. He also enjoyed crabbing and fishing.

Donation may be made in Colton's name to Clements Cuties Foundation P.O. Box 992 Mechanicsville, MD 20659 or Special Love Inc. 117 Youth Development Court Winchester, VA 226

Lorraine F. Brosius



Lorraine F. Brosius went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 1st, 2021, due to kidney

failure. She was 84 years old. Born on February 21st, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Golda Heare Felix. Lorraine lived in Gettysburg, PA, for the first 18 years of her life, where she was a member of St. James Lutheran

Church, singing in the choir for 11 years. Upon graduating from Gettysburg High School in 1954, she moved to York, where she attended Thompson's Business College, and worked as a secretary for the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

On May 11th, 1957, she married the late William Bender Brosius, of Lancaster, PA. They enjoyed 56 years together until his death in 2013. Lorraine worked as a confidential secretary for the school district of Lancaster from 1973 until her retirement in 1988. She was an active member of Pearl Street United Methodist Church, singing in the choir for over 55 years, treasurer for the United Methodist Women, and the organizer of the first Peart St. Church Pork and Sauerkraut Supper, serving on this and many other committees. After retirement, she volunteered at Meals on Wheels for 19 years, enjoyed oil painting, crafting, and antique collecting.

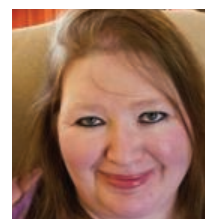
Two years after her husband's death, Lorraine moved to Great Mills, MD, to be near her loving family. She was blessed with 5 beautiful years surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and a rapid succession of great-grandchildren. She was wholly devoted to her Lord, and her family, and we are incredibly grateful for the precious time we were able to spend together.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Jeffrey W. Brosius, husband of Diane E., of Jessup, MD; a daughter, Wendy L. Duncan, wife of Luther H. of Great Mills, MD; 5 grandsons: Daniel Brosius, husband of Stephanie, and their children Eliana, Matthew, Abigail and Kimberly; Timothy Brosius, fiancé of Rebecca Ellis; Jeremy Duncan, husband of Ashley, and their children Blakely and Levi; Matthew Duncan, husband of Elizabeth (Ellie) and their daughter Charlee; Tyler Duncan, husband of Melanie, and their children Isabel and David.

Due to COVID restrictions, a Celebration of Life and interment will be held at a later date in Akron, PA. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation
4527 South 2300 East #104
Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Tamara "Tammy" Kaye Swarey



Tamara "Tammy" Kaye Swarey, 52, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away suddenly on Monday, January 4, 2021 at UM

Charles Regional Medical Center in LaPlata, MD. She was born on September 8, 1968 in Prince Frederick, MD, to John Benjamin Swarey and Melba Lee (Edgell) Swarey.

An educated woman with a drive to become the best version of herself, Tammy worked as the Assistant Director of Survey Support at NCQA. She made many wonderful friends and loved her position.

Tammy met the love of her life and companion, Russell Moore and they have been dedicated to each other for 22 years. She'd found her soul mate and planned to be by his side for many decades to come. Their love was perfect for them and the life they shared comfortable.

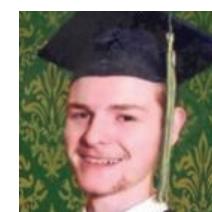
She loved to camp and found peace under a canopy of trees with the warmth of a campfire. Tammy would happily turn on her 80's rock music and dance around. She knew every word to the songs and would make sure you sang along with her. She loved to go the Moose Lodge and hang out with her friends. A great cook, she made wonderful meals for Russell, family and her friends. She always had an extra plate to share the delicious food she created.

Tammy is survived by her life partner, Russell Moore of Mechanicsville, MD; mother, Melba Lee Swarey (step-father, David Hoch) of Mechanicsville, MD; father, John Swarey, Sr. (step-mother, Tham Swarey); sister, Jennifer Lynn Fulkerson of Stephenson, VA; step-sister, Tu Nguyen of Hawaii; and many extended members. She was preceded in death by her brothers, John Benjamin Swarey, Jr., Eric Ryan Swarey and Gregory Bryan Swarey.

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Matthew Robert Eppley



Matthew Robert Eppley, 22, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away on January 6, 2021. Matthew was born on November 29, 1998 in LaPlata, MD

and was the beloved son of David and Alice Eppley.

Matthew graduated from LaPlata High School in 2016. He is a graduate of the College of Southern Maryland with a AAS Degree in Engineering Technology. He worked for Roy Rogers for five (5) years where he met so many wonderful people and friends. He was a current employee with Smartsite, LLC



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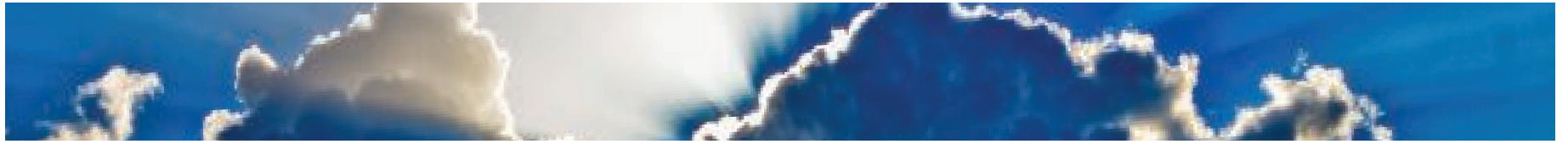
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in Waldorf, MD as a CADD Tech.

He was an intelligent and kind man. He had a passion for creating music and beats as a backing track for songs. His creativity was inspiring and he was an artist at heart. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, cruising on his skateboard and perfecting tricks. It was common to find him parked in front of a monitor playing the latest video game. He could spend hours gaming. He was a wonderful son, brother and friend. Remember his bright smile, boisterous laughter and jokester ways. Matthew will always be close by in heart, mind and memories.

Matthew is survived by his parents, David and Alice Eppley of Charlotte Hall, MD; brother, Jimmy Eppley of Charlotte Hall, MD; paternal grandparents, Robert and Carol Eppley of Parkville, MD and maternal grandmother, Margaret Roth of Prince Frederick, MD; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, David Roth.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and for everyone's safety, a Celebration of Matthew's Life will be held at a later date.

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Philip Martin Chase, Sr.



Philip Martin Chase, Sr., 78, known as "Phil", "Roach", "PC from DC", and many more nicknames, earned his wings in the early morning hours of January 6, 2021 at his home in Lexington Park, Maryland.

Philip was born to the late Mary Catherine Nolan and John Philip Chase on December 22, 1942, in Helen, Maryland. The youngest of 10 children, Philip attended Bancker School in Loveville, Maryland where he met his future bride, Margaret Gertrude Herbert. Margaret and Philip were married on April 28, 1962.

After finishing his schooling, Philip worked on the farm with his father for a few years before heading to Washington, DC to begin a career as an automobile mechanic. He loved working on cars! Cars were in his blood and he was always on call for a consultation or to make needed auto repairs for family and friends. Philip also enjoyed fishing, cooking, watching old westerns and the news, and spending time with family and friends. His favorite saying was "tic tac toe, 3 in a row."

Philip was preceded in death by his parents, wife Margaret, son Vincent "Casey" Chase, sisters Mary Catherine Ashton (Thomas), Mary Louise Hebb (Joseph), brothers George William (Mary Lucy), James Leroy (Martha), and Joseph Chase (Mary) and Richard Aloysius Chase. Philip is survived by his Children: Valerie Herbert, Annette "Babysis" Chase, and Joseph "Jody" Chase, of Lexington Park, and Philip "Man" Chase Jr. (Mary) of Virginia Beach, VA; Grandchildren: Anica Harris, Katrina Chase, Tamika Chase, Lakeya Stewart (Daniel), Shanita Chase, Tyree Ford and Azelia Hancock; Great Grandchildren: Antonio Butler, J'Naiya Butler, Amir Rich, Amari Jackson, Amonte Jackson, Amiyah Jackson, Christina Stewart, Carson Stewart, and Courtney Stewart; and Goddaughter Stephanie Gibson.

Philip is also survived by brothers, John Edward and Lewis Edward (Carolyn) of Baltimore, Paul Eugene Chase of Washington, DC, and John Gray of Mechanicsville and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Family will receive friends on Friday, January 15, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until time of service (noon) at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, Maryland. Services will be led by Elder Juanita Butler. Interment to follow at First Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 21075 Hermanville Road, Lexington Park, Maryland. Timothy Chase, Murray Claggett, Billy Dyson, Benjamin Chase, Joseph Chase, Jr., and Stanley Armstrong, Jr., will serve as pallbearers. Antonio Butler, and Gregory Golding will serve as honorary pallbearers.

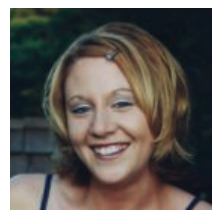
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Leighann

Burroughs-Tuemler



Leighann Burroughs-Tuemler, 37, of Bryans Road, formerly of Hollywood, passed away at her residence on December 28th.

She was born on March 18, 1983 to Jimbo and Debbie Burroughs.

Leighann grew up in St. Clement Shores with her two sisters, cousins, and many friends. After graduating from Leonardtown High School in 2001, she worked various jobs before following her true passion and becoming a licensed cosmetologist. She loved doing hair and makeup, making people feel their best. She

had an eye for style & beauty and had truly found her calling.

Leighann had two daughters, who she loved whole heartedly and were her world. She loved watching them grow up and was so proud of all their accomplishments.

In addition to her parents, Leighann is survived by her daughters, Karleigh Rae Tuemler and Victoria Rose Tuemler, sisters, Kim Sterbenz (Ken) and Stephanie Souders (Nick), nephews, Matthew Sterbenz, Patrick Souders, and Keegan Sterbenz, nieces, Savannah Souders and Kenley Sterbenz and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved her very much.

In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 60611, www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org, in memory of her father, James (Jimbo) Burroughs.

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James (Jimbo) Burroughs



James (Jimbo) Burroughs, 65, of Hollywood, passed away peacefully at Medstar St. Mary's, with his loving family by his side, after a

brief, hard fought battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

He was born in Leonardtown on August 24, 1955 to Richard and Bessie Burroughs. The 5th of 9 children, he grew up surrounded by love and family, instilling values in him that he carried forever. He married the love of his life, Debbie Guy Burroughs, on October 28, 1976. Together they celebrated 44 years of marriage, raising 3 beautiful daughters and building the foundation on

which their family has grown.

After graduating Chopticon High School in 1973, he began working in Washington DC for the Architect of the Capitol. He enjoyed working there for many years before beginning as an Aircraft Worker for DynCorp. He worked at Force Warfare (VX-20) at NAS Patuxent River, quickly moving up to the position of Aircraft Mechanic. He left DynCorp after a few years and began working for ManTech. He supported the Presidential Helicopter and Joint Strike Fighter programs in the R&M department before moving to the FireScout Program at Webster Field, where he was still working at the time of his death. He loved his job very much and all the friendships he made there.

Jimbo loved the outdoors. You could always find him hunting, crabbing, fishing, working in his garden or yard, or tending to his goats or chickens (aka the Funny Farm). He spent many, MANY years on the ball field, playing softball (pitcher) for numerous county teams throughout the years. He enjoyed watching hunting shows and horse racing. He loved NASCAR. He was a die-hard Earnhardt, Sr. and Earnhardt, Jr. fan. Most recently, he enjoyed cheering on the young guns like Chase Elliott. He loved the Baltimore Orioles but also enjoyed watching the Washington Nationals, and the Washington Redskins (they will always be the Redskins to him). He really enjoyed watching his grandson play baseball and basketball the most!

Jimbo was one of the good ones. He never met a stranger and anyone he met was instantly a friend. He loved unconditionally and was one of the most selfless, humble people you will ever meet. Family was most important to him. That was obvious the moment you met him because his family was always the center of conversations. His grandchildren were the apple of his eye and they

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Debbie Raines

The love in our family flows strong and deep.

Leaving us memories to treasure and keep.

Love and miss you Sis.

Pete, Sharon, Judy, Randy

Charlie, Sue, Keffie and cousin Sandy





could do no wrong! He was Poppy to not only his grandchildren, but to all little kids who had the pleasure of knowing him. He always had a huge smile on his face and a big hug for everyone. He most enjoyed hanging out in his garage with family and friends talking, laughing, and making memories we will hold onto forever. He loved music, all genres, but mostly bluegrass.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie; daughters Kim Sterbenz (Ken), Stephanie Souders (Nick), and Angel Higgs (Andrew); grandchildren Matthew Sterbenz, Karleigh Tuemler, Patrick Souders, Victoria Tuemler, Savannah Souders, Kenley Sterbenz and Keegan Sterbenz; sisters Margie Rickerson (Keith), Linda Ann Sievers (Bill), Debbie Adkins (Danny); brothers Roger "Guts" Burroughs (Debbie), Charlie Burroughs; and sister-in-law Linda Burroughs; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends who love him very much. He was predeceased by his parents, daughter Leighann Tuemler, sister Jean Burroughs, and brothers Junior Burroughs and Phillip Burroughs.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Ricky Norris, Tom Guy, Guts Burroughs, Ryan Dean, Kevin Buckler, Bradley Guy, Nick Souders, and Ken Sterbenz. Honorary pallbearers will be: Buster Dean, Charlie Burroughs, Bill Sievers, Danny Adkins, Keith Rickerson, his precious grandchildren, and all his nephews.

In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 60611, www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

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Martin "Leo" Bradburn



Martin "Leo" Bradburn was born at home on April 15, 1945 to Thomas "Webster" Bradburn and "Bertha" May Ridgell Bradburn in Hol-

lywood, MD.

He is survived by his siblings, Ann Hammett (Connie), of Charlotte Hall, MD and Pat Woods (Steve), of California, MD and is preceded in death by his sister, Betty Hoff, Minot, ND, and brother, Tommy Bradburn, California, MD.

Leo is survived by his daughter Karla Garrison (Willie) California, MD, Step-children, Ricky Burch, of Great Mills, MD, John Burch,

of Hollywood, MD, Sherry Smith (Kenny), of Great Mills, MD, and Michael Burch (Sue) of California, MD.

Along with his grandchildren, Chris Tapponnier, Elizabeth Burch Mills, Eric Burch Mills, Amber Burch, Richard Burch, Selena Burch and Kenny Smith. Great -Grandchildren, Faith Burch and Javazio "Jay" Smith.

Leo was a "Hollywood Boy", to him there was no place in the world he could ever want to live that was any better than Hollywood, MD.

He was named after his Grandfathers, Martin Bradburn, and Leo Ridgell and was the youngest son of five children. He was a huge prankster and loved joking and kidding around. When he successfully pulled off a prank, he was delighted. He would laugh and have a huge grin on his face and say, "just kidding!" that boyish attitude would remain with him throughout his life and his wife, Doris Anne, of 38 years, lovingly, jokingly and fondly called him "my old boy." Leo had a nickname for his wife too; he always called her "Momma."

He graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1963, and worked at the Navy Exchange on base for a short while. Later he opened his own business in Hollywood, Leo's Auto Body. He enjoyed repairing and painting automobiles and excelled in his business. He worked in construction for a period of time and was a heavy equipment operator. Later, in 1989, he opened another business, Top Gun Auto Repair at his home in Hollywood. His grandson Chris, spent a lot of time with Leo at his home and at his shop and later worked with him as a mechanic repairing automobiles. Leo worked in his trade until a serious illness made that impossible for him to continue.

Leo enjoyed his hobbies...restoring old Farmall tractors. He was an avid reader of anything that had to do with Farmall tractors and old automobiles. He would lie down on the kitchen floor and read the local newspaper to his wife, in the evenings while she would be preparing dinner, catching up on the events of his beloved St. Mary's County. Not only was he a "Hollywood Boy", he was a "County Boy" too. He also loved playing with his old bulldozer whenever he got the opportunity.

Occasionally Leo would leave St. Mary's County for a vacation to the Outer Banks, NC Pennsylvania, or Myrtle Beach and for many years, he and his wife, would hop in the car every Saturday night and ride to the Tappahannock, Virginia to eat at his favorite restaurant, Lowery's.

Leo was not an extrovert, and most often did not go out of his way to strike up a conversation. If engaged in conversation he would readily prove to be an articulate and knowledgeable on many subjects and an interesting conversationalist. He enjoyed the company of others, but was often reserved and shy. Many events and holidays were celebrated at his home. He preferred, and was more comfortable with a small group of people, and was not found of large gatherings. Leo was a quiet and private man, a deep thinker, with a kind heart. If someone was in need he would be the first to lend a helping hand.

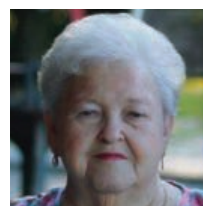
Leo was born at home and never spent time in a hospital for anything until he was 58 years old. He overcame open heart surgery, high blood pressure, diabetes, and stage 4 metastasized colon rectal cancer. Sadly, Alzheimer's and dementia were an illness he was unable to overcome. He was a man who was loyal to his friends, and loved all of his family.

Due to COVID- 19 a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10:45 AM in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD with Father Keith Wood officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Ricky Burch, John Burch, Michael Burch, Chris Tapponnier, Tommy Bridgett, and David Gardiner.

Contribution may be made to the Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 79 Hollywood, MD 20636, St. John's Catholic Church 43927 St. John's Road Hollywood, MD 20636 and St Peters Catholic Church 3320 St. Peters Drive Waldorf, MD 20601.

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

Anne Lee Myers



Anne Lee Myers, 85, of Callaway, MD, passed away on January 9, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on February 22, 1935, in Greenville, KY, to the late Edgar Lee and Mary Clarke Lee.

Anne moved from Kentucky to Southern Maryland in 1955. She was employed her entire career as a Sales Clerk in the retail industry.

She enjoyed working with people and serving her customers until her retirement in 2006. She was a talented musician and played the organ and piano for many years for Victory Baptist Church. Her hobbies included listening to Blue Grass music and going to the festivals, pitching horseshoes, and playing video games. She also enjoyed completing word search puzzles, Rummy, watching the older television shows and game show network, and adult coloring books. She was a delicious cook and hosted many family dinners, including all the holiday dinners. Her banana pudding and gravy were a family favorite. She was a devoted and loving mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed spending her time visiting with her children and grandchildren.

Anne is survived by her children: JoAnne Phillips (Marvin) of Chester, VA, Stanley Williams, Jr. (Joanie) of Hollywood, MD, Phyllis Spalding of Leonardtown, MD; Vivian Bruner (Michael) of Callaway, MD; John Williams (Caren) of Hughesville, MD; Wayne Williams (Brenda) of Trappe, MD; Raymond Myers (Amy) of Lexington Park, MD; 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her siblings: Jewel Lee, Robert Lee, Virgil Lee, June Key, and Mary Jo Gregory; her grandson, Kyle Knight, and her great grandson, Christopher Ayala.

Family will receive friends for Anne's Life Celebration on Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be celebrated by Pastor Theresa Palmer and live streamed at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens.

Serving as pallbearers will be Alan Phillips, Michael Phillips, Shawn Downs, Richard Starr, Joe Williams, and Ray Myers. Honorary pallbearers will be Dallas Downs, Jackson Downs, Cole Downs, Makayla Moaney, Mahlyia Moaney, Bell Ayala, Trey Phillips, Kamron Phillips, and Jacob Hashley.

The family will accept flowers and/or memorial contributions to Valley Lee Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692 and Hospice of St. Mary'. P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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How to Respond When Risk Tolerance Is Tested

When you begin investing, you'll generally assess your comfort with risk, as your investment choices will be guided at least partially by your risk tolerance. But once you actually experience the ups and downs of the market, this tolerance could be tested.

Risk tolerance may appear less bothersome in the abstract but seem quite different in reality. For example, you might initially think you wouldn't be fazed by short-term market downturns, no matter how severe. However, when the financial markets really decline, as happened when the COVID-19 pandemic struck last March, you might find yourself being more concerned than you thought you would be.

Before you change your investment strategy, it's important to understand the potential tradeoffs. By limiting your downside risk by investing less aggressively, you may also limit your upside potential. You might need to change your strategy in other ways, such as saving more or working longer. That said, the tradeoff involved in reducing your downside risk may be worth taking, if it helps you cope better with wild market swings, as the best strategy may be one you can stick with through the inevitable ups and downs of the markets.

Because market fluctuations are a normal part of investing, here are some additional suggestions that may help you focus on your long-term strategy.

- **Look past the immediate event.**

While the market's pandemic-driven fall was sudden, its recovery was also fairly quick. Eight months after its March meltdown, the market had regained all the lost ground and reached a new record high. During the midst of what appears to be a real threat to your investment

portfolio, it can be difficult to anticipate a more favorable environment. Yet, while past performance can't guarantee future results, every historical market decline has been followed by a recovery.

- **Understand that the Dow isn't your portfolio.**

When the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the other major market indexes such as the S&P 500 fall precipitously (or shoot up), it makes headlines. But the Dow and the S&P 500 only track the performance of large U.S. companies and while their performance may be an indication of the U.S. economy, they aren't going to track the results of your portfolio, which should ideally include a personalized mix of large-company stocks, small-company stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments.

- **Keep your emotions out of your investment moves.**

The market will fluctuate constantly - but you should always try to keep your emotions in check. Excess exuberance when the market rises, or extreme despondency when the market falls, can lead you to make poor decisions. Specifically, we may buy when we feel good (when the markets are up) and sell when we feel badly (when markets are down). Your heart and your emotions may drive your financial goals - creating a comfortable retirement, sending your kids to college or leaving a legacy for your family - but when you invest for these goals, you should use your head.

Your risk tolerance is a key part of your investment strategy. But by taking the steps described above, you can gain a broader understanding of how risk fits into your overall picture - and a better understanding of yourself as an investor.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



TAKING A GOOD, LONG WALK

One of the things I love about winter, besides feeling cooler than my normally warm internal body temperature, is going for long walks with my husband. So far, this year, we have only done that twice. We normally like walking around the lake at Gilbert Run Park off Rt. 6, though we have taken the path at Chaptico Park as well. Since we haven't been walking much lately, we have only been taking the right path around the lake which has a much wider path and has very minor grade changes, though to me the little rises feel like mountains at this early stage. The left path which goes over the long bridge and by the buildings is quite a bit more challenging; the path is narrower and studded with tree roots. It also has some steep grades and large swampy areas you have to navigate. We need to work back up to that side slowly. You still can't go around the entire lake since one of the bad storms wiped out the bridge at the midway point. The first day my phone's step tracker didn't pick up half the trail. We were a little down when we thought we had only walked 1.5 miles. We knew that wasn't right. Luckily, a few days later the correct mileage of 2.9 miles for the same trail was recorded. Hey, we want credit for every step - we were much happier after that.

Years ago, I used to love to hike around the St. Mary's River State Park Trail in Leonardtown. The original trail is 7.5 miles, but I understand that now there are more offshoot trails. When I was there by myself I would normally just take the left trail down to the small bridge. That was a really nice walk, and invariably I would pass many really long black snakes whom I let have right away. You really had to look up in the trees there because the snakes would be lazily wrapped around branches. But I would get through with my dog Buttons at that time. I loved sitting down at the bench near the bridge, where I would listen to smooth jazz CD's on my Walkman radio/cassette player and write in my journal. Then it was time to wrap it up and go get my sons at school.

There was the one-time however, I took the right trail and came upon this man in camouflage who looked like he was fully armed. He was jumping from tree to tree and talking about Vietnam. I was startled, but since Buttons didn't growl at him, I figured he was alright, said hello, chatted about I'm not sure what for



a bit, and kept going on to the dam berm.

And then there was the time, my best friend since college, Bethany, and I met up at IHOP in the morning, and somehow I talked her into walking the entire trail with me that day. I was already prepared with cheeses, salami, crackers, and water in my old jeans backpack. There were a few problems with this idea: #1) I had never walked the entire trail before this, and assumed that the trail was just a nice path around the lake, #2) It was the dead of winter and had been raining a lot that week, and #3) that we both had small children we needed to pick up. You can probably guess that this was a plan for disaster. Somehow, the sign that said the trail was over 7 miles must not have ever registered in my brain. And I didn't know how much further off the trail we would need to walk to go around the swampy areas. On top of that, our newfangled, at that time, cell phones had no signals. By the time we got a signal it was late afternoon, Bethany's husband was upset because he got a call about their son, I was late to daycare and we had been through swamps, a cold rain, and were exhausted. I don't think we ever went on another hike together after that. You would have thought Bethany had learned not to listen to me after the time I talked her into walking with me from St. Mary's College of MD, on road, off road, in and through barbed wire to Monk's Inn for an afternoon of pinball and beer. Again, my sense of distance was off by miles. It's amazing she is still my friend.

At least Mindy enjoys the long walks with me and the smells along the way. And I have a husband who steers me from my own bad ideas, most of the time anyway, unless we have bad ideas together. Two people who are more "the forest than the trees" people can get into all sorts of mischief. A pair made in..... hmmm?

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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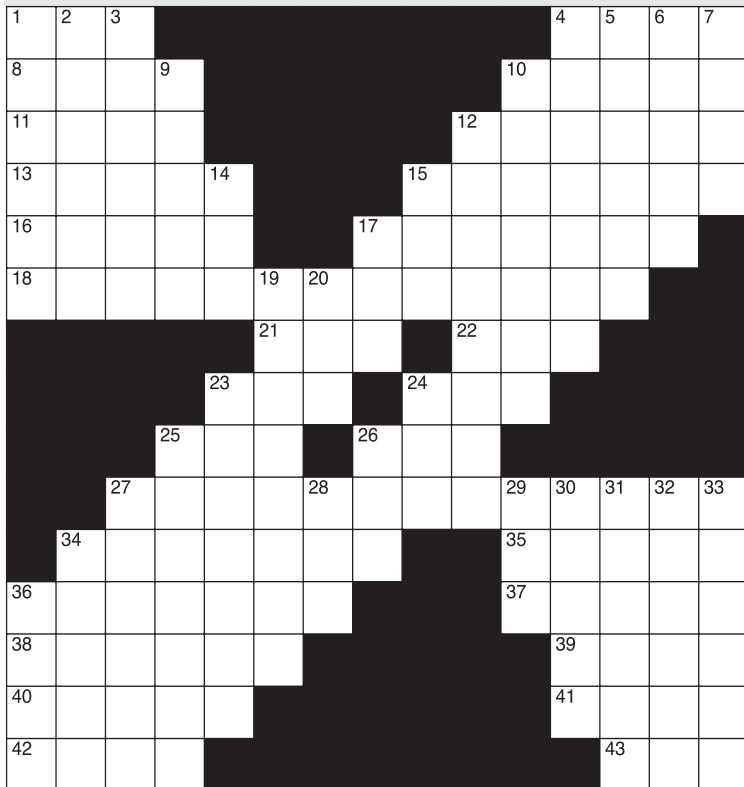
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GAMES & PUZZLES



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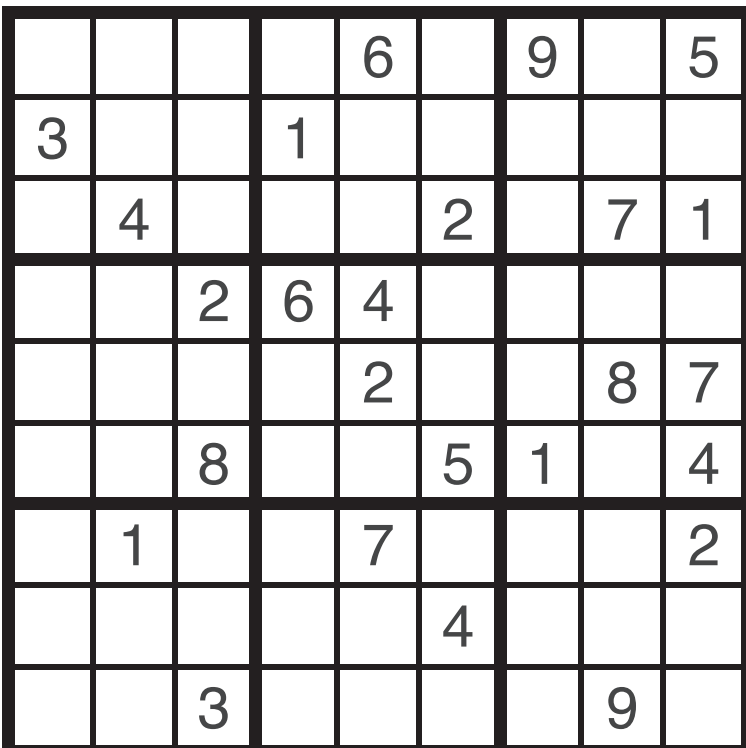
- 1. Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
- 4. Silicon Valley's specialty
- 8. Gather a harvest
- 10. Famed mathematician
- 11. No (slang)
- 12. Students use one
- 13. Type of molecule
- 15. Play make-believe
- 16. Large barrel-like containers
- 17. Touching
- 18. Treats allergies
- 21. Calendar month
- 22. Single
- 23. Cease to live
- 24. Brew
- 25. What ghosts say
- 26. Geological time
- 27. Focus
- 34. Discomfort
- 35. A citizen of Iran
- 36. Trip

- 37. Imitate
- 38. Makes happy
- 39. Double-reed instrument
- 40. Body parts
- 41. Transgressions
- 42. One-time emperor of Russia
- 43. Time zone

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used in treating bruises
- 2. One who cultivates a small estate
- 3. One who supports the Pope
- 4. Annuity
- 5. Geological period
- 6. Grab onto tightly
- 7. Kept
- 9. Chinese city
- 10. The most direct route
- 12. Type of tooth
- 14. ___ kosh, near Lake Winnebago

- 15. Popular veggie
- 17. Supervises interstate commerce
- 19. Foolish behaviors
- 20. Witness
- 23. Gives
- 24. Expression of creative skill
- 25. A way to prop up
- 26. Midway between northeast and east
- 27. Winter melon
- 28. Supernatural power
- 29. Target
- 30. Threes
- 31. A type of poetic verse
- 32. They make some people cry
- 33. Kindest
- 34. Forman and Ventimiglia are two
- 36. A way to liquefy



LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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