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# School Employees, FOP Team Up in Budget Hearing

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

School system employees and sheriff's office personnel, including Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith and Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, told local elected leaders that they should fully fund the requests of both to fulfill negotiated labor contracts - on the part of school employees - and to attract and retain recruits to law enforcement.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County listened to waves of speakers, including private citizens as well as school and sheriff's employees, demanding they fully fund each of the agencies' budget requests.

The county budget public hearing, open to the public now even in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, held the night of April 27 lasted a little more than three-and-a-half hours.

Rhetoric on both sides had been building for the past weeks, with school leaders saying if funding requests for an additional \$3.2 million were not met to honor negotiated agreements, drastic actions would have to be made.

These included dismissing as many as 49 teachers, closing down key programs such as STEM academies, or even the shuttering of one school.

Some commissioners responded that such claims were disingenuous, claiming that the board of education could look for cost savings elsewhere and not threaten with such dire consequences.

Also, that commissioners had continually funded the school system above required

maintenance of effort for years.

Just last year, the sheriff's office received a 23 percent increase in pay, Commissioner Mike Hewitt noted before the hearing and they're now asking for another increase of about two percent in pay.

"25 percent in two years, that's pretty good," Hewitt said at the earlier commissioner meeting.

"We support everything," said Commissioner Todd Morgan earlier in the day. "But there's only so much to go around."

Two commissioners, though, have supported spending the extra money to fund both requests, Commissioners John O'Connor and Eric Colvin.

Sarah Lorek, the choral conductor at Chop-ticon High School said commissioners should fully fund the request made by Smith, lest programs such as hers be cut.

Lorek was the school system's teacher of the year for 2018.

"I was disappointed and exhausted to once again be put in the position to fight for my role in the classroom," Lorek said in a video recorded statement. "Here's where we differ commissioners, I trust Dr. Smith, I trust central office and I trust the Board of Education.

"I trust them when they say that choices have to be made with the funds given them... they are the experts on what will and will not work."

Sarah Penrod, president of the teachers union, the Education Association of St. Mary's County, recounted the trials teachers

faced in teaching students virtually through the pandemic, which she called "just short of disastrous."

"But we made it work," Penrod said. "Our educators are making it work; can you?"

Smith testified that extra revenue held by the commissioners this fiscal year showed they could afford his request.

"A request has been made and it was met with partial funding," Smith testified. "Even when revenue is available.

The school system had no choice, Smith said, but to make cuts to other programs to honor its negotiated agreement with staff.

This was not an uncommon thing for systems to do, he said.

"Why then, are we cast as villains?" Smith said. "As ungrateful, in performing our primary role to advocate for appropriate funding?"

"Why is the response to be scorned or disingenuous?"

The school system was not asking for new positions, only funds to pay for those already employed.

The county's proposed budget calls for hiring 90 new positions, many in emergency medical response.

FOP 7 Lodge president Austin Schultz and Cameron both spoke out in favor of greater pay for deputies to be in parity with their counterparts in Charles County.

"For the first time in years, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is close to, if not fully staffed," Schultz said, stating it was critical

the commissioners maintain funding for pay parity to keep officers in the agency.

"Standing as one [the FOP and the teachers union] both our organizations are pleading with you to use the tax dollars you've already collected to fully fund our requests," said Schultz. "If our requests go unanswered the citizens of this county will be the ones who suffer by losing highly qualified public servants."

Cameron said the sheriff's office request was due to increased legal mandates, demands for service from the public and "community expectations."

"We've been able to stabilize our workforce in a very challenging time," Cameron said. "We find ourselves in a very volatile environment encouraging people to become peace officers and corrections officers.

"We must remain competitive to keep them."

The sheriff's office budget in the proposed fiscal 2022 budget is \$54.3 million, up from the prior year's \$48.4 million.

The county's allocation for the school system is also increased to \$112 million from last year's \$109 million.

The total operating budget in the fiscal 2022 proposed budget is \$293 million, which includes increases in both income and property tax revenues as well as an additional \$22 million in federal aid money, believed to be a one-time windfall.

Last year's budget was \$253 million.

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# State Trooper Identified in Fatal Shooting of Leonardtown Teen



Maryland State Police Homicide Unit investigators are continuing an investigation into a trooper involved shooting that occurred in Leonardtown on April 13, 2021.

The involved trooper is identified as Trooper Joseph Azzari, who is assigned to the Leonardtown Barrack as a road patrol trooper. He has been a Maryland state trooper for two years and seven months.

Trooper Azzari remains on administrative leave pending the



results of the ongoing investigation. This is procedure in trooper-involved shootings. The Maryland State Police Internal Affairs Division is conducting an administrative investigation. This is also procedure.

Upon completion of the criminal investigation, it will be presented to the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office for review.

*Press Release from Maryland State Police.*

# 3 Shot in Weekend Crime Spree

Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) on April 25 at approximately 8:41 p.m. responded to the 45500 block of Coronado Drive in Great Mills, for the reported shooting involving multiple victims. Two male victims were located, ages 18 and 13. Both victims sustained gunshot wounds and were transported via helicopter to area trauma centers and are listed in stable condition.

Following the initial shooting, a second shooting was reported at approximately 9:34 p.m. in the 21600 block of Eric Road in Lexington Park. Deputies located a 22-year-old male victim with a gunshot wound to the leg. The victim was transported via helicopter to an area trauma center for treatment and is listed in stable condition.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene and continued the investigations. Anyone with information on the shootings is asked to contact Detective Austin Schultz at (301) 475-4200 exten-



sion 71953 or by email at Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com.

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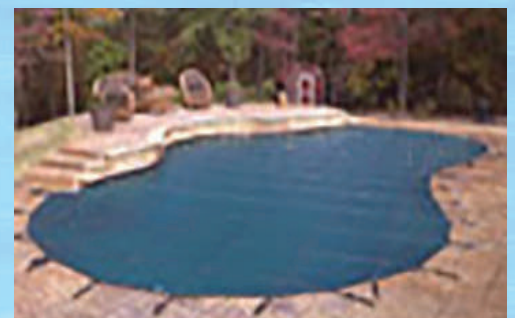
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# Morgan: Local Voting Bill Will Return

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A bill that would have fundamentally changed how county voters elect their commissioners, changing from all five being elected at-large to four being elected solely by the voters in their home district, failed to make it out of a Senate committee this year in the Maryland General Assembly.

But, warned Commissioner Todd Morgan, HB 655, originally proffered by Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist.29B), will come back next year.

And this time, Morgan said at the Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting April 27, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Adrienne Jones will introduce the bill.

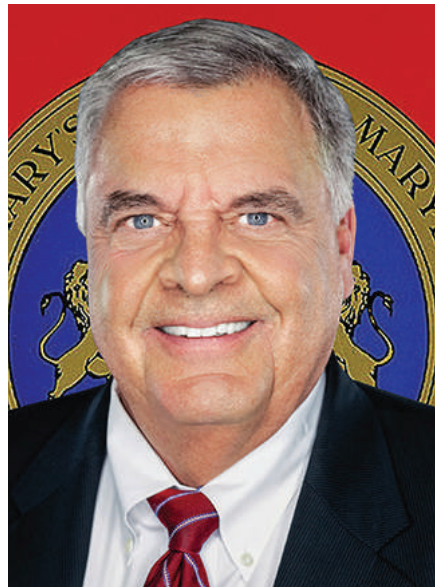
"We can't forget, House Bill 655," Morgan said at the end of the commissioners meeting. "Sen. [Bill] Ferguson [President of the State Senate] said something very important; the bill will be back next year and it will be introduced by the Speaker of the House."

"A Speaker's bill gets approved; I've never seen a Speaker's bill ever, in all the years I've been watching Annapolis, not get through the Senate."

Morgan said the message from Annapolis power brokers was simple and direct, that St. Mary's County had a year to work on its electoral "problems" to avoid the potential impacts of a bill such as HB 655 passing.

Crosby's bill enjoyed strong support and a quick rise and approval in the House of Delegates; he and his supporters testified that at-large voting diluted the will of voters in each district by being subject, at least in part, by the will of voters in other districts.

He also argued that at-large vot-



Commissioner Todd Morgan

ing was part of a bygone era of voter repression of blacks and other minorities and should be done away with.

Opponents of the bill, which included all St. Mary's commissioners as well as commissioners in other counties who were elected at large and would have been affected by the bill, was that it would make county politics more insular, encouraging districts to elect leaders concerned only for their district's interests and not the county's as a whole.

They also argued that such a drastic change to the voting plan of a county should be decided by referendum rather than legislation; an amendment to the bill that would have provided for a referendum was defeated in the House.

Morgan seemed to be quoting a recent story in Maryland Matters in which Ferguson was quoted saying the bill would get a senate vote, but there was no mention in the article that it would be a Speaker's bill.

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## Planners Approve Bed & Breakfast on Patuxent

Member Visits Site, Advised Not to Vote



Susannah's Watch Bed & Breakfast

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission has given concept site plan approval for a new bed and breakfast (B&B) in Mechanicsville overlooking the Patuxent River.

Called Susannah's Watch Bed & Breakfast, the lodging establishment is located at 27075 South Sandgates Road and will have four guest rooms.

Owner Jeffery Miller told the planners that he purchased the property from his aunt and that it had been in his family since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. He said the earliest house on the property dated back to 1681 and the existing home was of 18<sup>th</sup> Century vintage. It is 4,759 square feet in size and sits on the crest of a hill overlooking the river.

A report from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources said of that portion of the Patuxent: "The open waters that are adjacent to or part of the site are known historic waterfowl concentration areas."

Miller said he intended to raise flowers and grapes on the farmland surrounding the house.

The property is zoned Rural Preservation District /Resource Conservation Area and a B&B is a permitted use there.

The proposal did not raise any concerns among commission members, and no one called in to testify during the public hearing. But controversy arose, nonetheless.

Commission member Merl Evans reported he had visited the property, as he does for all proposals before the commission. The 12-year veteran said, "I have never not done that."

Evans said while there he encountered Miller and they had a conversation along the lines of what Miller testified to at the hearing.

Evans said he was able to fol-

low a path down to the Patuxent and the area along the river there was mostly rip-rap but there was a small clearing for access. He suggested a crosswalk on South Sandgates Road.

At that point Assistant County Attorney Neil Murphy informed Evans that he had violated commission rules by visiting the property on his own. Murphy said the rules had a procedure that required several commission members to make the visit and arrange it in advance.

Murphy also said that Evans had said things that were not in the record and he advised him that he should recuse himself from the decision.

The information caused Evans to bristle. He said he had been on the commission for 12 years and had frequently visited subject properties in cases before them. As a matter of fact, he said he felt it was his obligation to do so to familiarize himself with what was coming up.

Evans said there needed to be a way for him and others to do that. Planning Commission Chairman Howard Thompson said he had driven past the property but had not stopped. Thompson said it is his policy to do that for everything that comes before the commission.

Evans noted that if three commission members visited a site together it became a public meeting under the definition of the Open Meetings Law and had to be advertised.

Thompson agreed with Evans that they needed to have a more thorough discussion with the county attorney's office to address Evans concerns. That will be scheduled for the next commission meeting on May 10.

When it came time for a vote, Evans recused himself as he had been advised by Murphy. The approval was otherwise unanimous.

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*Press Release from St. Mary's County Library.*

# Hogan Visits Hollywood Vaccination Site



Governor Hogan on April 28 toured the drive-thru vaccination site at Hollywood VFD run by the St. Mary's County Health Department, which has the capacity to administer approximately 1,000 vaccines per day. Photo from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan

# Governor Announces 'No Arm Left Behind'

Governor Larry Hogan has launched a series of "No Arm Left Behind" initiatives, which involve every state agency, private industries, and every demographic in an all-hands-on-deck effort to make sure that every Marylander who wants a vaccine can get access to one as quickly as possible. These initiatives will target seniors, college and university students, and the state's largest employers.

"Our goal throughout this massive effort has remained the same—to provide a vaccine to every single Marylander who wants one," said Governor Hogan. "We truly are close to that light at the end of the tunnel. Those of you who have not yet been vaccinated, please go get a vaccine as quickly as you can. Do it for yourself, do it for your family, do it for your friends, and do it so that all of us can put this global pandemic behind us."

The governor announced this new series of initiatives as the state surpassed 4 million vaccinations. Maryland ranks

12th in the nation for vaccinating its total population and is outpacing the national average in all of the key vaccination metrics.

- **Expanded Walk-Up Lines.** The State of Maryland is expanding no-appointment necessary opportunities at mass vaccination sites, adding walk-up lines at the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital for Baltimore City residents, Greenbelt Metro Station, and Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Walk-up times and vaccination capacity may vary, and individuals should be prepared to wait depending on demand.

- **Mobile Clinics.** The State of Maryland continues to expand the deployment of mobile clinics, utilizing both federal and state resources. The state has facilitated more than 50 mobile clinics, mostly as part of closed pods through targeted outreach and has begun to hold walk-up mobile clinics, including today at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church in Greenbelt.



# Big Conversation Looks at Healthcare Trust

By Dick Myers  
Editor

In its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the Big Conversation started with the premise that big national issues have an impact on Southern Maryland, according to Diane Davies, one of the organizers.

The Big Conversation was started by Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Parish in Lusby, but in recent years has gathered an impressive array of organizational support, largely from Calvert and St. Mary's counties, including the school systems and libraries of the two counties, College of Southern Maryland, and several African American groups. Calvert Library facilitated the latest Big Conversation, a Zoom meeting held April 23.

This year the series will be in three parts and is a follow-up to last year's topic: "Many Wounds to Heal: Health Care (in)Equity – How Does it Affect Me?"

In that session it became abundantly clear that there is distrust of the healthcare system, particularly in the black community. So, this year's three-part series will examine: "Building Trust in Our Healthcare Systems."

The first session was a Black History lesson from Steven Ragsdale, associate faculty member at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore. He has more than 25 years of experience "in developing healthcare innovations and advancing pathways to better, safer,



Steven Ragsdale

and more equitable care," according to Big Conversation organizers.

Uncharacteristically, the session focused its lens largely outside Southern Maryland, but not too far away, to Baltimore, the place that Ragsdale has researched extensively.

"Baltimore is kind of like a microcosm of the rest of the world. And you learn a lot by looking at Baltimore and the way that they built or didn't build healthcare systems," Ragsdale said.

He noted, "A great majority of Baltimore's population is black, don't earn a lot of money, mostly employed in low-wage jobs, live in segregated neighborhoods, live in poverty, and have a health expectancy different, sometimes up to 20 years, depending on your neighborhood, and the person."

Ragsdale contends that to understand the issue at hand for this year's Big Conversation, one needs to understand the humanity behind it, so he spent considerable time giving a history lesson of the city's black community from slavery to present day.

Some highlights:

- America's economic system – "Early on it's a colonial power that becomes very comfortable with developing, an economic system that is dependent on simultaneous and overlapped forms of inequality. In order to move into their own new economic system, they were replacing a feudal system. America is creating the footprint of new modern capitalism. But in order to do that, they're going to need low overhead, is what I call it. And one of the ways that they achieve that low overhead was initially by using the indigenous folks. But those folks typically didn't last very long as a labor source. And so, from 1619 to 1863, the Americas were largely dependent on this labor source -- slaves. By 1863, when slavery is outlawed in America, there were 4 million slaves."

- There were a half million free blacks, "evenly split amongst the North and the South and life for them is not very different depending on where you live."

"A lot of American companies started their foundation through profit-making on slavery. The insurance companies, Lloyd's of London, Prudential indemnified slave ships. Lehman Brothers, the banks backed the boats, train systems. Brooks Brothers actually started out as a company for clothing slaves right off the boat."

"History began to reduce to a recognizable set of systematized behaviors where you always see that people of color are upside down in the data and that those data trends never change over time."

In healthcare: "economies have always been predicated on some simultaneous and overlapped forms of inequality, forms of suppression, throughout the 18th, 19th, and all throughout the 20th century. Those disparities not only exist today, but always existed in our fabric."

- "There was mass incarceration in the 1800s where former slaves were often locked up for petty crimes and sold back to the state for a fraction of the price."

- "Maryland would be the second largest exporter of slavery behind Charleston, South Carolina."

"The largest slave sale in Maryland, where 272 men, women and children were sold by the Catholic church, by the Jesuits, in order to satisfy a debt for Georgetown College at that point in time."

- There were "44 lynching sites all over Maryland," including several in Southern Maryland.

There was much other history, but Ragsdale noted, "The reason that we're

having this conversation is because before African Americans are trying to become patients, they have this long road to become a human." And he added, "In Maryland, they're not human, they're actually property."

The blacks in Baltimore over the city's history didn't fare any better when it came to education and policing, he showed through a variety of Power Point slides.

In the late 1800's, Ragsdale said, eugenics crept into "the way that scientists saw humanity. So, they began to evolve this race-based mythology, that African Americans were less human and introducing concepts of Darwinism." He added, "Essentially they were moving from a religious culture to medicine using discriminatory practices."

One eugenics proponent concluded, "Black children were tastier and were excellent as alligator bait and that racial bias still exists in healthcare today."

Ragsdale said WB Dubois and Booker T. Washington, "as black activists, rarely could agree on anything." But he said they did agree that "healthcare disparities were the largest issue of the 20th Century. If you did not have your health and your wellness, how could you engage in economics?"

A big component of healthcare disparity, Ragsdale reported, was the lack of medical colleges that would admit blacks and the consequent shortage of black doctors.

"Last year there were less than 700 black people born in America in 22,661 medical school seats," he reported.

Baltimore's history includes it in "1910 passed the first city ordinance prohibiting black people and white people from living in the same neighborhood." He said the Baltimore Sun reported it was "to prevent a Negro invasion. So not only because blacks were born unhealthy, they were unsanitary, they were immoral, (but they also) drove down property values."

During a question-and-answer session, Ragsdale was asked if universal health care for all Americans would be a good start to addressing equity in health care?

He responded, "That's the payment system. And I think the thing that you have to ask yourself is does that universal payment system facilitate a habit, an incentive to do the right things to mitigate for healthcare disparities. (I am inclined) to say no because no matter what kind of system you have in place, economic system, your payment system, the social system always kind of takes over."

He added, "We have algorithms based on these widely accepted practice standards. But why do algorithms in Alabama, outcomes look very different than they do in Michigan or this place? Because they're taking the exact same algorithm and they're applying it in the way that they see fit."

The next in this series will be May 23 on the topic: "systemic unconscious bias and the importance of understanding its effects on society, medicine caring models, and patients."

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# Portraits of St. Mary's County: Sheriff Tim Cameron

By Florence Ballengee  
Contributing Writer

After 40 years on the job, most of it as a police officer in St. Mary's County, Sheriff Tim Cameron loves his job and looks forward to coming to work every day. The 61-year-old Cameron has run unopposed in two elections and opposed in one in which he was elected. Cameron, to anyone who knows him, is an educated and down-to-earth person with a positive and upbeat attitude and a tremendous sense of humor. He is what some would call a people person.

Cameron is the son of Elizabeth Abell Cameron and Roy R. Cameron. He is the grandson of William and Lydia Abell and he spent much of his childhood at his grandparent's farm in St. Inigo; Cameron is "home-grown."

Cameron lives in Morganza with his wife Angie. His wife is the daughter of a retired St. Mary's County Deputy Sheriff, Sharon Haynie. The Camerons have two sons: Scott, 21, a communications major at Salisbury and Shawn, a senior at Chopticon High School. Cameron talks about the importance of balance in his life and his work. While busy with his job and his other responsibilities with local, area, state and national organizations, Cameron made time to coach his son's athletic teams and continue his education, earning a bachelor's and master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in Management.

Cameron is an innovative and effective leader to those who know him best. His style is laid back; but make no mistake, he is clearly in charge. In addition to his many years as a road patrol officer and eventual commander of several divisions with the Sheriff's Department, his education was geared towards administration. The days when St. Mary's was a small department in a very rural area are gone. Today the burgeoning population has placed demands on law enforcement and Cameron has done his best to keep abreast of the times by implementing up-to-date technology. The result has seen St. Mary's ahead of the curve on many fronts, and the department's efforts have been recognized both state-wide and nationally. However, improving and maintaining the human element is still a strong force on his personal agenda for his department.

When the demonstrations following the death of George Floyd became violent in many areas throughout the country, Cameron had to quickly develop a strategy to handle any potential problems because there were several demonstrations planned for St. Mary's County. Because he believes that everyone has the right to be heard, he took a positive approach expecting the best and not the worst in people. One demonstrator relayed the experience in another county as



having been one of the demonstrators being met with tear gas and officers in battle gear. In St. Mary's, he said, "We were greeted with water and Gatorade". Make no mistake, there was plenty of undercover security, but it was peaceful, and the demonstrators were treated with dignity and respect and responded likewise.

When asked about campaigning for his job, Cameron said he loved it because he got to do what he loves to do and that's get out and talk to people. Cameron has said he will not run again for Sheriff. There have been significant changes in St. Mary's Law Enforcement. The changes have been necessitated by growth and the changes have been made because of Cameron's belief that the Sheriff's Department is there to serve the citizens.

The Sheriff's Office now handles the majority of the calls coming into police communications. St. Mary's deputies are more well-equipped and well-trained than ever before. They are equipped with NARCAN in the event of suspected or known overdose of opioids. Additionally, cars are equipped with AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) which gives deputies life-saving ability to assist citizens with SCA (sudden cardiac events). Time is crucial and since deputies are often first on the scene, it can mean the difference between life and death. AED's can and do increase the survival rate of SCA victims.

Along with increased training and a

culture of caring towards the citizens they serve, the Sheriff's Department has made many advances in technology. This is necessary, Cameron says, "Because the speed of information fostered by improved technology has made us more efficient but has placed significant demands on law enforcement as never before. This is due to the demand for immediate information by the public and the media."

Cameron's administration has applied and been accepted into innovative programs that center around the detection of areas of crime. Years ago, police departments accomplished this by sticking pins in a map marking crime areas so that patrols could be increased in that area. This technology is much more exact and is all digitized. Crime can be cut drastically because it gives police the opportunity to direct activity to potential trouble spots.

When asked how the county has changed in the 40 years since Cameron started patrolling St. Mary's County, he replied, "There are more people, more growth and the loss of some of our rural character... we still maintain a strong sense of community especially when challenged by adversity."

When asked to reflect on his 40 years of law enforcement history in this county and what case(s) stand out in his mind, he answered, "Every unsolved cold case homicide! No one should be able to take another person's life and not be held account-

able. The family has endured a significant loss and deserves some type of closure.

"The shooting at Great Mills High School of a 15-year-old girl is a case I will never forget. It has had more impact on me and on those around me than any other case."

While Sheriff Cameron is adamant that he enjoys his job, he recalls the difficulty of being a road patrol officer. "The time dedicated to your profession is time away from your family. Working shift work, holidays and missing family milestones is difficult at best, especially when nationally police legitimacy is being questioned. Baby boomers have raised their children, now adults, to value family and to achieve a work-life balance." Cameron says finding that balance is also the most difficult thing about being a sheriff.

Cameron's leadership of St. Mary's County law enforcement has captured the attention of the governor and of other state and national leaders. Cameron was the only law enforcement person appointed by Governor Hogan to serve on the Emergency Heroin Task Force. He has been the president of the Maryland Sheriff's Association twice and has sat on both the Maryland Commission on Correctional Training, and the Maryland Police Standards Commission. He represented the National Sheriff's Association on former President Obama's 21st Police Initiative.

Summing up what has been accomplished, Cameron cites "Data driven, intelligence led crime fighting thanks to improved technology. The expansion and program enhancements at the Detention Center and Rehabilitation Center, the establishment of an internationally recognized pretrial program, assistance with job skills and enhanced safety and security in the schools.

"There has been tremendous media attention given to those calling for the defunding of police departments. This begs the question, who will respond to emergencies, and who will protect those who are unable to protect themselves?"

At a conference at College of Southern Maryland, Sheriff Cameron responded to calls for police defunding, and it can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/thebaynet/videos/609375676357595>

Cameron's care and compassion for the community he has called home since he was born is apparent. Once a tiny police agency, slightly behind the times, in a remote area of Maryland is no more. Today under Cameron's leadership, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department is a modernized and up-to-date police agency that instead of being current is ahead of the curve in the area of technology and human services. This has captured state and indeed national attention.



# ST. MARY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

**Trespassing/Disorderly Conduct-** On April 13, 2021, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 21500 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Keith Antoine Mackall**, age 29 of Lexington Park, began arguing with customers in the business and was told to leave by an employee. Mackall refused, and continued to argue with customers. Mackall went outside with Dep. Wilhelmi and continued to cause a disturbance and fled on foot when advised he was under arrest. Mackall was apprehended and charged with Trespass: Private Property and Disorderly Conduct.



Keith Mackall

**Trespassing-** On April 14, 2021, Dep. Wynnyk responded to the 21800 block of North Shangri La Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported individual harassing customers. Upon arrival contact was made with **George Wheeler Jacks**, age 52 of no fixed address. Jacks had previously been is-



George Jacks

sued a criminal citation for trespassing and ordered to leave the area. Jacks returned to the scene and began harassing customers. Jacks was arrested and charged with Trespass: Private Property. CASE# 20147-21

**Assault-** On April 15, 2021, Dep. Kril responded to the 22600 block of Washington Street in Leonardtown, for the reported assault involving a firearm. Investigation determined **James Raymond Dahlsledt**, age 41 of Leonardtown, assaulted the victim by grabbing the victim's wrists and hand, causing visible injury. The victim further advised Dahlsledt grabbed a firearm off the nightstand, at which time the victim fled the residence. Dahlsledt was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.

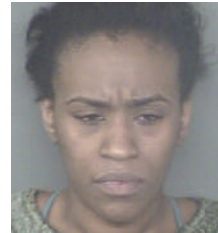


James Dahlsledt

**Obstructing and Hindering-** On April 16, 2021, Dep. Jerew responded to the 44900 block of Canvas Back Drive in Callaway, for the reported civil dispute. While on scene attempting to conduct the investigation, **Kayla Ashlee Pacitto**, age 32 of Port Republic, repeatedly disrupted the investigation by attempting to enter the residence and kicking the door to the residence. Pacitto was arrested and charged with Ob-

structing and Hindering an Investigation.

**Assault/Resisting Arrest-** On April 16, 2021, Cpl. Corcoran was conducting an eviction in the 45700 block of Guenther Drive in Great Mills, when he made contact with **Aja Keyana Renee Sewell**, age 30 of no fixed address. Sewell was not the tenant and was advised she needed to leave by the landlord and Cpl. Corcoran. Sewell refused to leave, became confrontational, and began yelling at the landlord. Sewell was advised numerous times to cease her behavior and vacate the residence, however she continued to yell and refused to follow instructions. Sewell was advised she was under arrest, and became combative and pulled away from Cpl. Corcoran and attempted to bite and spit on him. Sewell was taken into custody and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Resisting Arrest, and Trespassing.



Aja Sewell

**Disorderly Conduct-** On April 17, 2021, Dep. Wilhelmi responded to the 46200 block of Corporate Way in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Charles Edward Sharp**, age 40 of Charlotte Hall, was at the business yelling at customers and creating a dis-

turbance. When escorted off the property Sharp continued to yell at customers. Sharp was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

**Disorderly Conduct-** On April 17, 2021, Dep. N. Hill responded to the 45900 block of Indian Way in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Upon arrival **Paulette Michele Johnson**, age 29 of Lexington Park, was observed yelling and banging on the door to the residence. Johnson's actions were disturbing to numerous neighbors. Johnson refused to cease her actions and continued to cause a disturbance. Johnson was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Charles Sharp



Paulette Johnson

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

## Assault at Wawa California Under Investigation

Deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on April 24 at approximately 9:52 p.m. responded to the 23100 block of Three Notch Road in California, for the reported assault. Deputies arrived on scene and located a male victim, age 39 of Lexington Park, who was suffering from multiple stab wounds. Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene and continued the investigation. The victim was transported to an area trauma center and remains hospitalized for treatment.

Anyone with information on this inci-



dent is asked to contact Detective Trevor Teague at (301) 475-4200 extension 78128 or by email at Trevor.Teague@stmarysmd.com.

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## Identity Needed for Burglary Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person depicted in the attached video in a burglary investigation. On Friday, April 23, 2021 at 12:56 am, the suspect smashed the glass in the front door of the Papa John's Pizza on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park and entered the business. Once inside, the suspect tried to open several drawers without success before fleeing the premises.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Zachary Jerew at 301-475-4200, ext. 78154 or email zachary.jerew@



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# Ryan Named St. Mary's Teach of the Year

*For Ryan, Teaching Is an Art Form*



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

April Ryan, 36, spent almost her entire childhood and young adult life in the St. Mary's County Public School System. She loved it.

And now she says she's happy to spend the foreseeable future in it, too, this time as an art teacher.

Her dedication to her job and her effectiveness in teaching students has earned her the title of St. Mary's County Teacher of the Year; she will represent the county against other teachers competing for the state-wide honor.

She moved to St. Mary's when she was just three years old, from Tennessee, and has been here ever since.

"I had a fantastic experience going through St. Mary's County Public Schools," Ryan told *The County Times*. "The ultimate goal [for me] was to work for county schools."

"I was totally shocked and surprised to hear the announcement that I had been nominated."

Ryan graduated from Leonardtown High School in 2003, got her associate's degree in studio art at College of Southern Maryland, and then went on to get her baccalaureate degree at St. Mary's College of Maryland in 2010.

She received her master's degree in teaching that same year from St. Mary's College of Maryland as well.

This marks her fourth year of teaching at George Washington Carver Elementary School in Lexington Park; it was a group of her colleagues there who recommended her for the local honor.

"I try to be an active member of the Carver family," Ryan said. "I love making coming to school a fun

experience."

In elementary schools, students spend most of their time learning in one teacher's classroom but Ryan's position allows her much greater access.

"As the art teacher I get to see every class, every teacher," Ryan said. "That way I get to know everyone and what's going on in the building."

"I think it's important to get the perspectives of all the stakeholders in the school; we form strong bonds with the students."

Teaching studio arts means using mediums such as drawing, painting, sculpture and even printmaking and more to get children to learn to create and express themselves.

But it also means getting them to listen, pay attention, follow directions and make plans.

The in-class experience is the perfect place for them to try new things, she said.

"I want the students to explore materials they can't use at home," Ryan said. "It's just coaching them through the process and the different art materials to find out what they are capable of."

That changed completely when the school system was hit head on with the COVID-19 pandemic and had to begin teaching children in a 100 percent virtual environment.

But Ryan looked at the challenge as an opportunity to write a new curriculum to teach art virtually but also equitable and with full access to all students.

"I joined the team to write the learning program for Schoology [the system's on-line learning management program]," Ryan said. "It would allow kids to paint, draw and

sculpt at home with the materials they had but it was also about teaching basic concepts they could learn with materials."

Students who may not have had access to the best materials were encouraged to improvise and draw on anything they could including the back of an envelope if they had to.

To learn shapes, they could use arm movements or by exploring their environments at home.

"Anything they had they could use," Ryan said. "You can still be creative with what you have around you."

Teaching virtually, she was careful to lead her students through classroom greetings just as she would during a normal day; it was important to keep the environment as conducive to learning as she could.

Though she loves teaching in St. Mary's County, her journey back to the schools and students she loves was a winding one.

Upon graduation she took an art teaching position at McDonough High School in Charles County as there were none open here at the time.

But she found a job opening at Spring Ridge Middle School and taught there for two years, before having her son.

During this time, she took time away from the classroom and took a position for a few years back at St. Mary's College of Maryland helping to place undergraduate students in teaching positions in local public schools.

By 2017 she was back at Carver Elementary, doing what she does best.

"It was the right time," said Ryan. "I missed teaching art."

Teaching children at the elementary level doesn't mean judging their work to a high artistic standard, she said, rather it means assessing whether they are using the principles they have been taught to be creative.

"I know at some point we'll find something in class that resonates with them," Ryan said. "I just want them to enjoy it."

At their age, she said, it's important for them to try new things.

"The question is, are they exploring the media to the best of their abilities?" Ryan said. "Are they making connections with the world around them?"

Aside from the honor bestowed on her, Ryan says she is fortunate to work in a school system that places a relatively high value on the arts - in all its forms - in a time when many school systems are focusing on standardized tests and heavily promoting science, technology, math and engineering curriculums.

She said if she worked in another system, she wasn't sure she would have been named as teacher of the year.

"I think we're really lucky to work in a school system that really works to showcase the fine arts," Ryan said. "Sometimes it's easy to overlook the benefits of art."

Those benefits are many, she said, including the ability to take directions, not shy away from risk and the ability to solve problems.

"It's about creativity and expression," Ryan said of the essence of her craft. "That speaks to art."

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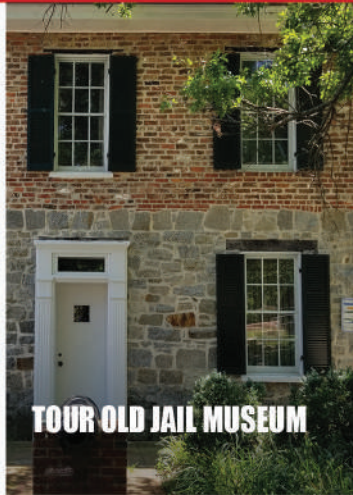
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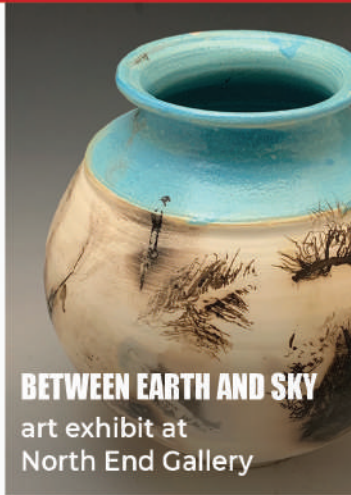
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# SMECO Honors Outstanding Teachers

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) worked with the school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties to select and honor 24 educators with Outstanding Teacher awards for their leadership in the fields of mathematics, science, technology, and engineering.

Receiving awards this year were eight math teachers, nine science teachers, and seven STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) teachers from schools in three counties. The teachers were chosen for their outstanding performance in the areas of creativity, rapport with students, enthusiasm for teaching, professionalism,

and innovative teaching methods. Each teacher receives a plaque and a cash award. In 30 years, SMECO has recognized 435 local math and science teachers.

"We're honoring some extraordinary teachers. We usually host a dinner for our award recipients, but the fact that we are able to celebrate via Zoom, using cell phones, mobile devices, and the internet, shows how important science and technology are to our lives," explained Sonja Cox, SMECO president and CEO.

"We are recognizing these teachers for their accomplishments because their contribution to educating students is important

to SMECO. Our cooperative and our community benefit from the solid foundation these teachers provide." Cox continued, "Whether they are teaching students in person or online, educators must be resourceful, flexible, and caring. These qualities have become even more essential because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And, as we have learned over the past year, a good education and experienced teachers have never been more important."

SMECO's Outstanding Mathematics, Science, and STEM Teachers of the Year for St. Mary's County are:

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• Jasmin Thompson, Leonardtown High School, Mathematics

• Paul Quade, Esperanza Middle School, Mathematics

• Jennifer Venendaal, Hollywood Elementary School, Science

• Lindsay Healy, Leonardtown High School, Science

• Nennah Byle, Leonardtown Middle School, Science

• Erin Mallory, Chesapeake Public Charter School, STEM

• Nora Blasko, Great Mills High School, STEM

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*Located at Regional Hughesville Campus*

Construction of the College of Southern Maryland's (CSM) new Center for Health Sciences building is underway at the college's Regional Hughesville Campus. Construction is currently on track for completion in fall 2022.



The Center for Health Sciences will be the second building on CSM's Regional Hughesville Campus and will serve as a central, convenient location for the college's popular health programs and instruction. It will be approximately 50,000 square feet, designed to LEED standards and will feature specialized health sciences laboratories for CSM's programs in nursing, emergency medical services, rehabilitation, wellness and fitness, pharmacy technician, medical assisting, health information management and medical coding, and medical laboratory technology. The center will also include a clinical simulation center, collabora-

tive learning spaces, classrooms, a computer lab, faculty and staff offices, a student success suite and a large multipurpose meeting room.

The Center for Health Sciences is the second phase of construction at the Regional Hughesville Campus. The first phase was the completion of a 30,000-square-foot Center for Trades and Energy Training, which opened in 2017.

Preview CSM's Center for Health Sciences here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2QDR1XaUns>  
*Press Release from CSM.*

# CSM's Robotics Team Back in Business

*Compete at Skills Tournament*

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) competitive robotics team – the Talons – participated in the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Inaugural Remote Skills Event April 16-17. The Talons were one of 13 colleges in the national weekend tournament which was Nebraska's first remote, skills-only VEX U event, hosted by UNL's VEX U team.



The Talons are currently tied with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for 42nd place worldwide, and in 34th place in programming. In 2019, the Talons placed 11th in the world in their division, fifth in the United States, and were one of only three U.S. community colleges to earn a spot at the VEX U World Robotics Championship and claim global recognition.

The Talons staged for the April event at CSM's Velocity Center in Indian Head. The team is participated a series of matches played on a square field where they maneuver their robots to place balls in goals and connecting rows across the field.

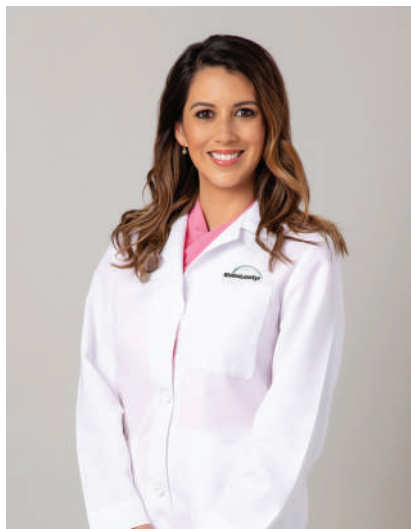
The international and national VEX U competitions and skill events are

sponsored by the Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation, whose mission is to increase student interest and involvement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Participating teams build robots to compete in a series of challenges through VEX U that involve maneuvering game elements and completing tasks. Each year, VEX U creates a new game to challenges students to design robots to score the most points against their opponents. Because each game is different, students must critically think through new design iterations and strategies as they master the game.

*Press Release from CSM*



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# Pet

## OF THE WEEK

### MEET POPPY



A dog will teach you Unconditional Love. If you can have that in your life Things won't be too bad.  
-Robert Wagner

Hi there, my name is Poppy. I'm a DAPPER 9 year old gentleman who likes to go for FRIENDLY walks around the shelter to check on everyone while they are at their desks, just to say hello! I'm at the shelter because I was becoming less tolerant of the small child in my home. You can understand that! I'm getting older and don't take to rough housing like I once did, so I can get a little grumpy with all the commotion. My wonderful pals here at TCAS say I may do well with older polite children and I seem to LIKE OTHER DOGS, even bigger dogs! In my last home I played with the Labrador. Looking for BIG DOG ATTITUDE but only have space for a little dog? I may be the PERFECT one! Email [animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov) ASAP to make an appointment to meet me today! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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

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# St. Mary's College Partners for Dual Engineering Degree

St. Mary's College of Maryland has partnered with Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, to offer an engineering dual degree program. The program, considered one of the country's premier engineering programs, is now in its 48th year at Washington University.

"While the St. Mary's College students that are most likely to be interested have a focus in chemistry, math, and material sciences, the dual degree program is open to all students independent of major," said Erin De Pree, SMCM associate professor of physics. "The advantage for an applied physics major is that we are accepting some of the upper-level engineering courses as replacements for student capstone experience at St. Mary's College. This will make it easier for students to complete their requirements in a timely manner."

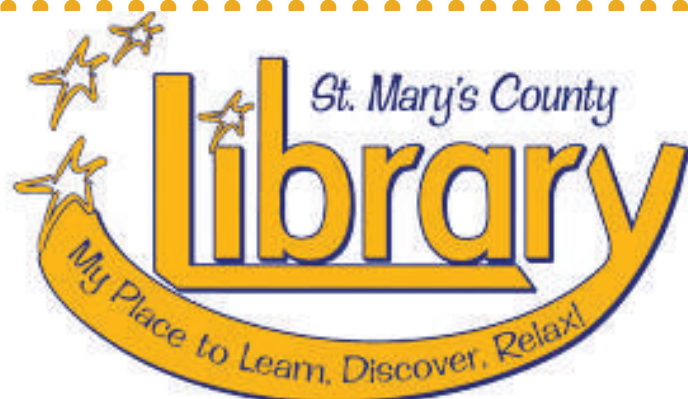
St. Mary's College students should apply to Washington University in their junior year. There is no application fee and no additional testing is needed. According to Washington University, clear eligibility criteria result in a dual degree admission rate of nearly 90 percent. That criteria includes students taking specific

courses that contribute to both liberal arts and engineering degrees, achieving a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA in all coursework and in STEM coursework, and an endorsement from students' pre-engineering adviser.

Those admitted to the engineering dual degree program have two tracks from which to choose: 3-2 Option: Earning a St. Mary's College bachelor's degree and a Washington University bachelor's degree or the 3-3 Option: Earning a St. Mary's College bachelor's degree plus a Washington University bachelor's degree and Washington University master's degree.

According to Washington University, students in the dual degree program benefit over simply transferring because dual degree staff and student leaders make a point of fostering a special cohort within the engineering community. And once students connect with one another through enrollment and orientation programming, dual degree students maintain a supportive network until graduation.

*Press Release from SMCM.*



### Smartphone Photography Contest

Join us for our first ever Smartphone Photography Contest beginning on Monday, May 10. Do you take the best pictures in St. Mary's County? Do you love showing your photography skills off on Facebook and Instagram? St. Mary's County Library invites submission of photographs taken with a smartphone for entry into our Smartphone Photography Contest. The contest is open to anyone in our community in the following age groups: Teens (ages 13 to 17), and Adults (ages 18 and older). Please read all guidelines on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) before submitting entry materials.

### STEM Fun: Monster Mouths

Learn about pistons and pressure as you engineer a wacky creature that can open & close its mouth on Tuesday, May 11 from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Register

on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to reserve a supply kit and receive the link to the live Zoom event with STEM coaches from FutureMakers. Register once per child needing a supply kit; kits will be available for pickup beginning Thursday, May 6. The live program will also be recorded for later viewing.

### Mindfulness for Stress Management

Learn tips and practices for improving your well-being through mindfulness on Wednesday, May 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Do you find yourself feeling distracted, stressed, or overwhelmed often? How do you refocus and cope with these emotions? Join Erin Jewell of University of Maryland Extension and learn how mindfulness practices can help you improve your overall well-being. Rather than having a mind full, learn to be mindful! Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).



### Ask a Master Gardener Virtual Plant Clinic

Have questions about growing vegetables, soil conditions, mystery insects, invasive weeds, or heirloom plants? Ask a Master Gardener! Wednesday, May 12 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Logon with your plant samples and questions to get answers! Please note, this is not a formal presentation. Come with your questions! Register on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org).

### Outdoor Storytime at Piney Point Lighthouse

Stories, songs, and activities for children with their adult caregivers, outdoors at Piney Point Lighthouse

(44720 Lighthouse Road Piney Point, MD 20674) on Saturday, May 15 from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Siblings welcome; please register once per family group. Rain date: May 22. This activity will take place outdoors. Participants should bring blankets or chairs for comfort, and follow social distancing practices during the event. After storytime, explore the lighthouse and park. This event is weather-dependent; in case of bad weather it will be postponed or cancelled. Masks are encouraged during the outdoor storytime, and required to enter any buildings at the Museum & Historic Park.



# Quade and Pilkerton Double at Potomac

*Grady Ends Hatcher Win Streak*

Derick Quade was again the class of the field as he took his second consecutive win in the 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner last Friday night at Potomac Speedway. The win for Quade, steering his Longhorn no.74, would be his overall 33rd career win at Potomac for the defending division champion.

The redraw placed Quade on the pole for the start of the event and he would make the most of it by pacing all 20-circuits. Eventual runner up Kyle Lear got to second on the 9th lap and would chase Quade for the duration, but would fall two car lengths short at the stripe. "The crew gave me another great car here tonight and we wouldn't be here without them." Quade stated post race. "We still have some tweaking to do on this car because we think we can get it better." Billy Tucker, Chuck Cox and Brian Hankins completed the top five. Heats went to Lear and Quade.

In the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model feature, 2020 track champion Jeremy Pilkerton drove to his 2nd win of the season aboard his Rocket no.8. Pilkerton and last week's RUSH tour winner Kyle Hardy waged hand to hand combat during the contest with Pilkerton prevailing for his 5th career class victory. "Kyle is one of the best in the business and I knew we had to beat him to the front first if we had a chance to win."

Joey Love, Chuck Bowie and Timmy Booth trailed at the finish. Heats went to Hardy and Pilkerton.

Winchester invader Mike Grady Jr. started on the pole and would lead every lap of the 15-lap Street Stock main, collecting the \$200 bounty on PJ Hatcher. As Grady lead, Hatcher climbed from his 7th starting spot to challenge, but would fall one spot short at the finish, ending his incredible 10-race win streak. Defending champion Deuce Wright was third with

Marty Hanbury and Dylan Rutherford rounding out the top five.

In support class action, Defending division champion Buddy Dunagan took his first win of the season in another thrilling 15-lap Hobby Stock feature, Justin Hatcher ended Greg Mattingly's three race win streak with his first win of the season in the 15-lap Strictly Stock feature with Terry Hartlaub scoring his first career track win in the nightcap 15-lap Roadster contest.

## Limited Late Model feature finish

Derick Quade, Kyle Lear, Billy Tucker, Chuck Cox, Brian Hankins, Sam Archer, Todd Plummer, Wayne Bryant, Richard Culver, Cory Higgs, Jonny Oliver, Brandon Long, Boo Lawhorn

## RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

Jeremy Pilkerton, Kyle Hardy, Joey Love, Chuck Bowie, Timmy Booth, Megan Mann, Ed Pope Jr, Cody Stamp, Ben Scott, Mike Raleigh, Matt Tepper

## Hobby Stock feature finish

Buddy Dunagan, Eric Hanson, Wyatt Hanson, Colin Long, Hilton Pickeral, Troy Kassiris, Mason Hanson, Austin Lathroum, Billy Crouse, Watson Gordon, Owen Lacey, James Rainey, Mikey Latham, Stephen Suite

## Strictly Stock feature finish

Justin Hatcher, Greg Mattingly, Nabil Guffey, Casey Sheckles, John Hardesty, Daniel Knodle, Richie Gibson, Jesse Lockhart, Brian Johnson, Scooter Tippet, Cameron Harris, Natalie Davis

## Street Stock feature finish

Mike Grady Jr, PJ Hatcher, Deuce Wright, Marty Hanbury, Dylan Rutherford, Mike Bladen, Ben Pirner

## Roadster feature finish

Terry Hartlaub, Richard Incoe, Jason Jarvis, Lonnie Hobday, John Burch, Earl Whitehouse IV, Joey Suite, Brook Bowles, Kyle Randall DNS- Justin Bottorf

*By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway*

## A View From The BLEACHERS



# Draft Day

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

A baseball rolls up to a pair of little feet to introduce itself. A hand grasps the stitched sphere while young eyes examine it with a curiosity that will morph into an obsession. In the backyard, a football is grabbed around the laces and hurled toward an awaiting father. The perfect spiral sends parent and child airborne in excitement. A young heart is hooked. Thump, thump, thump: A basketball's rhythmic bounce echoes off a driveway. A determined soul stares at a hoop high in the air. Is this the day? A deep breath is drawn in. Hands slip under the ball and from just inches above the ground a burst of energy sends it skyward. The ball clears the rim and passes through the net with an intoxicating "swish." A first made basket marries player to game.

Moments happens. Dreams form. A sports journey begins.

Years pass. Parents shuttle to and fro. Sacrifices are made – by player and family. Road trips mean early morning departures, convenience store lunches, take out dinners and unfamiliar hotel beds. Laundry rooms adopt the perma-stench of smelly jerseys. Dirty cleats ensure mudrooms earn their name. Well-worn basketball sneakers create a bedroom odor only a young athlete could love. There are so many practices. So much gear. Injuries happen; ace bandages, ice packs and stitches follow – whatever it takes to get back on the field. Games quickly change from pure fun to competition. Wins start to matter – a lot – and losses sting. Youth league, high school and college – seasons become a blur; a special few are memorialized with a trophy – league, conference, county, state or national...champions.

The arrival, so to speak, comes in a fancy suit or on a couch with family and friends, not in uniform while between the lines. After a long final evaluation, interviews, rumors, trades and, for some, an agonizing wait, an athlete's name is called. The emotions flood – joy, relief, gratitude. Tears flow and families embrace. A player hugs a commissioner, a team's hat is slipped on and cameras flash on a bright stage. The kid who gripped that baseball, hurled that spiral or made that modest basket so many years ago, who

went to all those practices, taped up all those nagging injuries, took to coaching, and benefitted from committed family and consistent opportunities finally made it to "The League."

Draft day.

This story lands in The County Times and in your hands on NFL Draft weekend. As each name is called, a long journey ends and a dream is fulfilled. The same pattern repeats for all major sports leagues. The details of individual stories vary, but the plot is familiar. Whatever legitimate cynicism is carried about big-time college sports, boosters, agents and other dark aspects of the business ("amateur athletics"), the moment when a young athlete reaches a sport's pinnacle is powerful stuff to witness – organic, touching, decidedly human.

Few reach such lofty athletic destinations, but drafts are not limited to sports. Dedicated and decorated academic endeavors lead to college admissions, acceptances to elite graduate-level programs and fulfilling careers. Hard work, commitment and proven performance land employees in an executive's office to be congratulated on a big promotion. After much courting and being on one's best behavior, a man gets on knee, holds a ring in a shaky hand, pops a powerful question and receives a "yes" in reply. And, a rookie writer queries his local paper with a column idea about the intersection of sports and life – and they give him a shot.

Draft days all.

Of course, "The Draft" meant something completely different to prior generations. Joy was not synonymous with having your name – or number – pulled. A sober reminder lands near the middle of the spring/summer sports draft continuum – a month after the NFL selects its annual crop of rookies and a month or two before MLB, the NHL and the NBA do the same. Memorial Day: It is an important moment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to appreciate the brave volunteers – past and present – who changed the connotation of "The Draft" and made articles like this possible.

*Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com*

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# St. Mary's College Drops Doubleheader to Salisbury



The St. Mary's College of Maryland baseball team (8-10, 6-6 C2C) hosted the #3 Salisbury University Sea Gulls (16-3, 9-1 C2C) on Friday (Apr. 23) afternoon in Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference action. The Seahawks dropped game one 6-2 and fell in game two 11-3.

### How It Happened (Game One)

- After a scoreless first inning, the Sea Gulls grabbed the lead with two runs in the second inning. Salisbury tacked on another run in the fifth inning to extend their advantage to 3-0.

- The Seahawks finally broke through on the scoreboard when Andy Collins drove a single to right field, plating Dillon Waters and Joey Bryner. Leading by one, Salisbury gave themselves some breathing room with three runs in the seventh and held the Seahawks scoreless for the remainder of the game for the victory.

### Inside the Box Score

- Max Elliott led the Seahawks from the plate with three hits in four appearances to the plate. In addition, Elliott led St. Mary's College with one stolen base. Collins recorded the lone RBI of the game for the Seahawks.

- Mark Smith started the game on the mound for the Seahawks and threw three innings. Smith recorded three strikeouts and allowed two earned runs. Jake Wills pitched the next three innings and delivered three strikeouts, while allowing one run. Tyson Johnson threw the final three innings and

also struck out three batters, while allowing two earned runs.

### How It Happened (Game Two)

- Salisbury struck first in the contest with one run in the first inning. St. Mary's College answered by adding two runs in the second inning to grab a 2-1 lead. Brady Waters lined a two RBI single in the inning to give the Seahawks the early advantage.

- The Sea Gulls tied the game up at two with a run in the top of the third, but the Seahawks responded in the bottom half of the inning with a RBI single from Elliott to retake the lead 3-2.

- Salisbury broke the game open in the fifth inning with six runs to capture a 8-3 lead. From there, the Sea Gulls tacked on one run in the sixth, seventh, and ninth innings for the 11-3 victory.

### Inside the Box Score (Game Two)

- D. Waters led the Seahawks from the plate with two hits in four appearances. B. Waters posted a team-high two RBI.

- Jackson Edelman started the game on the mound for the Seahawks and threw 4.2 innings. Edelman struck out one batter and allowed two earned runs. Will Spanoghe, Nick Testoni, Jake Sandridge, and Bryan Brooks pitched in relief. Sandridge held the Sea Gulls scoreless and tallied one strikeout.

*Press Release from SMCM.*

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

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

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

### Welcome Back to the Senior Activity Centers

Following an Amended Executive Order from Governor Larry Hogan, the re-opening date for the Senior Activity Centers is Friday, April 30, rather than Tuesday, April 27.

Hours of operation for the Loffler, Garvey, and Northern Senior Activity Centers will be Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants will be required to complete an updated registration form. Upon reopening, participants will be able make reservations to join indoor and outdoor exercise classes, utilize exercise equipment and the computer labs, available at the senior activity centers. Physical distancing guidelines must be observed at all times while participating in these activities. Face coverings are required. Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for more information, including a full calendar of upcoming activities and guidelines.

### Virtual Book Club on Zoom

The Loffler Book Club is currently reading Book of the Little Axe by Lauren Francis Sharma. A few copies are being held for us at the Lexington Park Library. If you would like to read this novel and discuss with the book club on Friday, May 7, at 2 p.m. on Zoom then contact Shellie at [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com). You do not need a Zoom account to participate, you just need an e-mail address. The link will be sent to you the day of the meeting.

### Virtual Current Events Session on Zoom

The Loffler Current Events discussions have started back up again, on Zoom. The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10 a.m. The next one scheduled for Monday, May 10. You do NOT need to have

a Zoom account to attend, you only need to have access to the internet via computer, laptop or phone and an e-mail account so that we can send you the link, which you will receive in a reminder notice before the meeting. Contact Sheila. [Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Graziano@stmarysmd.com) to sign up for the April 26 session.

### Make a Gnome- Live Class

At the Loffler Senior Activity Center, we're getting in on the Gnome Craze by making our own on Friday, May 14, at 11 a.m. Our version is simple and requires no sewing, though we will use a glue gun. This will be a live class at the senior activity center where we will supply everything you need to take home a creature so adorable, you'll want to make more! To make a reservation, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660, beginning at 8 a.m. on April 26. There is no cost for this class. Limited to 5 participants.

### Community Shred Day & Medication Collection

The Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to partner with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, the St. Mary's County Health Department, and the Department of Public Works & Transportation to host a Community Shred Day & Medication Collection on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the governmental center, located at 41780 Baldrige St, Leonardtown, MD.

For the safety of the community and employees assisting during this event, masks will be required. Remain in your vehicle once on site and adhere to instructions from attendants. Please place documents or expired medications in your trunk or truck bed to lessen the chance of exposure.

For more information, contact Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, or email [Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com).

### SHEAMUS NEEDS A NEW OR LONG-TERM FOSTER HOME PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE DESCRIPTION!

Sheamus is a Mastador, born in 2017. On April 20th, he was assessed for aggression by the owner of a reputable K9 Academy in Southern MD who determined that Sheamus should be retrained and given a different owner. He had bitten someone four months ago, BUT there have been no subsequent incidents.

The expert assessment determined that Sheamus had displaced aggression that was territory-based and the result of general anxiety about his hectic environment. The breeder and the K9 Academy agree that he can be well-trained to curb his aggression, and be a stress-free pet and that a new home and new people, will also curb



the tendency.

We are looking for an appropriate, experienced dog owner who can provide a stable home life.

The breeder will offer lifetime support for Sheamus to his new owners. Contact Bruce Murch <https://puppies.covenantfarmva.com/>



# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, April 29

### Healthy Meal Prep Seminar

Virtual; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please visit [healthystmarys.com/eatlivebehealthy](http://healthystmarys.com/eatlivebehealthy) to register.

### Diabetes Prevention Program

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

## Friday, April 30

### Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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

## Saturday, May 1

### Unicorn Photo Fundraiser

Greenwell State Park; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We are excited to announce a very special fundraiser event which will include an opportunity to get your photo taken with one of our very own Greenwell unicorns! You can sign up for a timeslot at <https://greenwellfoundation.org/event/unicorn-photo-fundraiser/>. We will be following all safety procedures and masks will be required (you may remove masks briefly for the photo). Please join us and celebrate spring with a great family photo! Hope to see you there!

### Drive Thru Dinner

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; noon - 5 p.m. or until sold out

Dinner Includes: Ham, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Coleslaw and Applesauce. \$20 per dinner. Packaged to go but you are invited to dine at picnic tables or in Fellowship Hall.

Girl Scout Bake Table with their delicious homemade desserts. 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road Mechanicsville

[www.mtzionmech.org](http://www.mtzionmech.org)

## Sunday, May 2

### Drive-Thru Breakfast

St. John's Church; 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Carryout @ \$5.00 per person, \$20.00 max per family (up to 6). Donations encouraged. The meal will consist of: scrambled eggs, hash browns, two sausages, two bacon strips, three pancakes. Customers should drive up to the school door where you order & pay. Profits will be split evenly among CCD, St John's School and the Charitable Society, please consider adding a donation.

## Tuesday, May 4

### Grief Support Group

Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.

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

## Wednesday, May 5

### LVRSA Ledos Fundraiser

Leonardtown Ledos Pizza; 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary is hosting a fundraiser at the Ledos Restaurant in Leonardtown MD. You can call ahead for take-out at 301-475-9280 or dine-in for some delicious food and support our fundraiser. Please be sure to let your server/cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so we can get credit for your purchase. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

### Wayback Wednesdays

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

### DAV Assistance Program

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

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

and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment necessary.

## Thursday, May 6

### Diabetes Prevention Program

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

## Saturday, May 8

### First Friendship Church Yard And Plant Sale

Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8 am-12 noon, Rain or Shine.

To be held at the KOC (Knights of Columbus) building located on the corner

of Point Lookout Road (Rt.5) and Three Notch Road (Rt 235) in Ridge at the blinking red light.

Please be prepared to wear masks and socially distance.

Sponsored by United Methodist Women for the Benefit of Local Outreach Programs.

Follow Rt 235 South to the end of the road and the building will be on the right.

Follow Rt 5 South to the junction of Rt 5 and Rt 235 and the building will be on the left.

## Ongoing

### Virtual Mothers Day Bake Sale

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood VFD

Bids open Thursday May 6th

at 2 PM and close on Friday May 7th at 2 PM. Contact Lynn Brady (240-538-2503) for questions or to donate baked goods for the event.

### LVRSA Virtual Bake Sale

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary will be hosting a Virtual Bake Sale on Thursday, May 6, 2021. All items will be visible at the LVRSA Facebook site, under the Events tab. Click on the event to view items and bid on the items. Items will be available for a preview on May 5th, after 8pm. Bidding will occur from 7am to 7pm on Thursday, May 6th, with winners posted on the site later that evening. Pick-up of winning items will occur on Friday, May 7th from 9am to 1pm. (Any late pick-up requests will be accommodated). Thank you for your support of the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad!

### Soldiers Timeline Weekend

Point Lookout State Park, May 1 & 2

The Friends of Point Lookout, Inc. will host this annual event, with activities including representation from the various military historical time periods that affected both Point Lookout and St. Mary's County. Living history programs will include small arms and living history demonstrations. Park entrance fees apply however the tours and demonstrations are free. The event is rain or shine both days. For questions, please contact the state park at (301) 872-5688 or [crickenberger@comcast.net](mailto:crickenberger@comcast.net).

### Scratch-Off Fundraiser Raffle

PRIZE; \$250 Scratch-Offs & \$100 Cash; \$5.00 Per Ticket - (MUST BE 18 TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS); Purchase in Person: \*At SDVFD & RS, Valley Lee - Wednesday (630pm - 830pm); \*At Dyson's Lumber, Great Mills - Saturdays (8am-2pm); or \*At WEIS, Callaway - Sundays (9am-1pm); For more information contact: Robin Dove (240)577-0270, Drawing: Tuesday, May 18, 2021@SDVFD Auxiliary Meeting; Winner need not be present to win!

### Blackstone Grill Raffle

To benefit 7 th District VFD Auxiliary Range Top Combo with Griddle, Two-Burner Stovetop & Fryer A basket full of Cooking Essentials included. Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Raffle: July 2, 2021 Contact: Barbara Sue at 301-769-2654



# TIPS TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LIVING TRUST

*Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel*

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

## 1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attorneys should do that work for the

clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

## 2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

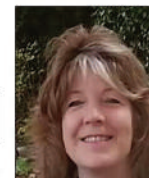
For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

# Wanderings *of an* Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## GETTING BACK IN THE FAST LANE



I have read online and heard on TV that many people are ambivalent about going back to a rushed, frenzied life after being (mostly) shut down for a little over a year. I tend to agree in a lot of ways. It was nice spending quality time with my husband at home. We got along remarkably well. During the first part of the pandemic, I like so many others, spent many happy days cooking, baking, and getting fatter. We loved trying all sorts of new recipes, although I may have overdone it in the home-baked goodies category.

We also enjoyed having our "Its 5 o'clock somewhere" firepit days quite often. It wasn't like we were going anywhere or had anything major to do. The wine dates helped clear out those bottles of wine we thought we would never get around to drinking. The wine cabinet actually got bare looking, though in the last few months we have begun to replenish our supply from outdoor winery events, because you never know when catastrophe could strike again. I would not want to go through an end of the world scenario without a case or so of wine on hand. That's when the saying "YOLO, You Only Live Once" really applies. Some people want underground bunkers to wait it out and see what is left outside, and then there are others, like me, that just want to be happy until the end. Let's hope none of this ever happens, and that we have no more pandemics.

What I have missed the most has been concerts. That is something my husband and I really enjoy all year. Our last concert was Three Dog Night, or as my husband now refers to them: One Dog Night, in February of 2020 at The Birchmere in Alexandria. It was a great concert of course with some dear friends. We love going to The Birchmere; its fairly close to home, beautiful inside, and great food and service. What I always love the most is waiting afterwards to get the new ticket stub or my old concert ticket stubs from the 70s signed by the

artist or band.

I've had concert tickets for my youngest son and I to go see Gordon Lightfoot for well over a year. The concert has been rescheduled I think 4 times now, understandably since Gordon is now 82 years old with emphysema and other ailments. A concert tour at this time could be really bad for him. Our latest reschedule date had been for May 12th which has now changed to October 25th. I keep hoping he will hold out until then. My father loved his music, as do I, and I am thrilled that my son appreciates the poetry in his songs. I understand from articles about Gordon Lightfoot that he can barely sing above a whisper at this point, but that's okay, everyone knows the words and will be singing along anyway.

I also hope that the Calvert Marine Museum will get to restart large concerts again – it may not be until 2022, but we really love the venue. There is nothing like being out next to the water, listening to live music, and smelling all the different types of foods cooking. The Waterside concerts are such magical nights under the stars... and sometimes pouring rain, as we have experienced as well.

Not all concerts are cancelled or rescheduled however, and if you are in the mood for some great outdoors and musical fun then you may want to head over this Saturday, May 1st to hear our dear friends Greg Penk and wife Debs, known as the musical duo Folk Salad, perform at the Maritime Festival, Calvert Marine Museum, 12:00-1:00. Lots of safe outside activities await.

So, we are slowly getting back into the fast lane for (outdoor) fun and adventure, hope you do too – lots to partake of here in Southern Maryland.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

Please send your comments or ideas to: [shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com) or find me on Facebook.



# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV21-000045

Alan Wetter and Keith Schmidt,  
c/o Lucas I. Dansie, Esq.  
406 5th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Plaintiff

vs.

Lee Hazel  
3319 Truelove St., Sanford NC 27330

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

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

Lot 14, Block 57 of Longview Beach Club, according to a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book C.B.G. No. 2 at Folio 24 among the Land Records of St. Mary's County Maryland.

and also known as Account Number 07-018029

Defendants

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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

**Lot 14, Block 57 of Longview Beach Club, according to a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book C.B.G. No. 2 at Folio 24 among the Land Records of St. Mary's County Maryland.**

**and also known as Account Number 07-018029**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having general circulation in St. Mary's county once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of May, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all right of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

**COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. at the Town office at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on Ordinance No. 206 – Streets and Sidewalks of the Code of the Town of Leonardtown.

An ordinance for the purpose of: Amending Chapter 128 (Streets and Sidewalks), § 128-3 of the Town Code for the purpose of providing that no sidewalk, alleyway or roadway or private entrance or exit to or from said sidewalks, alleyways or roadways within the corporate limits of Leonardtown shall be obstructed in any manner, except with the permission of the Mayor and Council first having been obtained.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2021 to: leonardtown.commissioners@leonardtownmd.gov or mail to The Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

**IN THE MATTER OF TAYLOR RENEE ALLEN  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO TAYLOR RENEE WOOD-ALLEN**

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-232  
Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from TAYLOR RENEE ALLEN to TAYLOR RENEE WOOD-ALLEN. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Minor child to have mother and father's last name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 05/31/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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## In Remembrance

### Tanya Lea McIntyre



Tanya L. McIntyre passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Cambridge, MD on Friday, April

16, 2021. Her health had been in decline for the past several years as she suffered with severe

breathing issues as well as other medical conditions.

Tanya was born on March 14, 1971 in the US Naval Hospital in Key West, FL. She was the only daughter

of Richard and Phyllis (Faust) McIntyre. Her interests included Word Search puzzles, reading and hair styling.

Tanya's father served in the US Navy and as such she moved several times during her early childhood.

She attended pre-school in Thurso, Scotland, kindergarten in Norfolk, VA and the rest of her schooling in

St. Mary's County, MD where she attended Loveville Elementary school, Margaret Brent Middle school

and Chopticon High school. She also attended cosmetology school at Aaron's Academy of Beauty in Waldorf, MD.

Tanya is survived by a daughter, Anna (Cheyanne) Harding of St. Petersburg, FL and a son, Tyrese

McIntyre of Apopka, FL. Also surviving are her parents Richard and Phyllis McIntyre of Zellwood, FL; a

brother, Matthew McIntyre of Apopka, FL; four aunts: Barbara Maneval, Frances Romansky, Patricia

Dalton and Pamela Shaw; one uncle, Chuck Faust; and several nephews, nieces and cousins. She was

preceded in death by both sets of grandparents and her uncle Bruce McIntyre.

As per her wishes her ashes will be scattered in Key West at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) at

<https://www.nami.org/>

### Joanne Marie Paonessa Brooks



Joanne Marie Paonessa Brooks passed away peacefully on April 15, 2021 at 8:10am surrounded by her loving and devoted husband John (Delroy) Brooks, her sister Irene, and friends Martha and Jessica.

Joanne was born in Portchester, New York to the late Sam and Teresa (Narcisse) Paonessa of Mamaroneck, New York.

After graduating from Marjorie Webster Jr College with an AA Degree in Merchandising and Fashion Design, Joanne held various management positions at Woodward and Lothrop in Washington, DC. She eventually changed careers and became a Project Manager for the Children's Health Network at Catholic Charities in Prince George's County, MD. After retiring in 2012 Joanne and her devoted husband John relocated to Princess Anne, MD.

Joanne became a heroine of animals. She loved her three fur baby dogs, Rufus, Harley, and Kojo, her two inside cats Oreo and Pippy, her three outside cats Tux, Raven, and Pretty Mama and her deceased dogs Princess and Lucky and three cats, Princess, Taffy and Tuffy.

Joanne was very creative and enjoyed crafts, making to order bird houses based on occupations, painting furniture and collecting frogs of all shapes and sizes. She loved to design and decorate the property with beautiful flowers and a fairy garden.

Joanne leaves to cherish her memory, love and kindness, her devoted husband of 34 yeas John (Delroy), sister Irene Paonessa, Guardian son, Anthony Copeley, her in-laws Clara Collins, Louis Brooks, Jr., Lois Taylor (Eddie), Hardin Brooks, Deborah Newkirk, Constance Brooks, Darlene Hill (Tommy), Karen Davis, Rachel Brooks, Tony Brooks (Yvonne), Candy Brooks (David), Thomas Campbell, a host of cousins, and nieces and nephews-in-law, and friends and acquaintances.

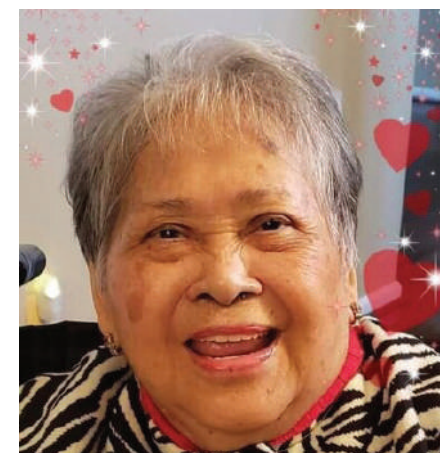
With her parents Joanne was preceded in death by her mother and father-

in-law, Louis and Rose Brooks, her brother Richard Paonessa, sisters-in-law, Faith Campbell and Penny Simms and brothers -in-law, Randy Brooks, Sr. and James Davis.

A celebration of life will be held at the Brooks' home at a later date. Those who wish are asked to contribute to Joanne's memory at Coastal Hospital Hospice Care, 2604 Old Ocean City Blvd., Salisbury, MD 21804 or the Humane Society of Somerset County, 29551 Fairmont Rd., Westover, MD 21871 (<https://humanesocietyofsomersetcounty.org>)

Arrangements by: Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Services, Berlin, MD

### Margarita V. Puerto



Margarita V. Puerto passed away on April 24th, 2021 at her home in Lexington Park, MD, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in the Province of Negross Occidental, Philippines on October 11th, 1932. She devoted her life raising her children. Before retiring, she worked as a care giver at a Child Development Center in Atsugi Japan where she was given numerous awards. During her free time, she enjoyed traveling, gardening, and watching her favorite shows on TV.

Margarita was a loving mother of 9 children. Allan Puerto (Nelia), Joel Puerto, Hazel Olson (Brian), Benhur Puerto, Nancy Mendoza (Romeo), Alex Puerto, Jesus Puerto Jr. (Aubrey), Roy Puerto (Marie), and Maria Luisa. Margarita has 24 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren whom she absolutely loved and adored. She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Villanueva and Encarnacion Daulong. As well as her siblings Norma Guinez, Benjamin Villanueva Jr., Billy Villanueva her daughter Maria, and her sons Allan, Joel, and Alex Puerto.

Family will receive friends on April 30th, 2021 from 5-8 p.m. with a service at 6 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown MD 20650. Interment will be held at a later date. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com). Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

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### Ray Ambrose Lusk



Ray Ambrose Lusk, 80, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Ray was born on August 9, 1940 in Crumpler, West Virginia to the late Terry Ishamael Lusk and Goldie Ellen Milam.

As a young man, Ray grew up in Crumpler, WV, where he graduated high school and continued his education and completed two years at Concord College, Athens, WV. After college he would go on to enlist in the United States ARMY and was a proud member of the 101st Airborne.

Ray would meet the love of his life Antonia and their love would grow and together they would go on to celebrate over 55 years of marriage. Ray supported his family as an Elevator Foreman and Supervisor where he made many lifetime friends along the way. After his retirement, he loved to spend his days with his wife, children, grandchildren and the great-grandchildren.

Ray was an honorable and humble man. He loved his family and cherished spending time with them. He was a man who loved his community and was a proud member of the American Legion, Rotary Club and a Boy Scout Leader. Ray enjoyed spending time with the members that he considered family more than friends. On a sunny day, Ray loved to hit the links and smack a few balls off the tee with his friends. He would cruise around on his golf cart and enjoy the solitude and quiet of the golf course.

They say love is never-ending and when a man like Ray loved, it was forever. He taught his family to be kind, compassionate, forgiving and hard-working. He will be missed by family and friends and his kind smile and warm heart will be forever remembered.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Antonia C. Lusk of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Michael Lusk (Janeen), Anthony Lusk (Lori), Joseph Lusk (Sue), Ann Heath (Luke) and Caroline Pikulski (Bill). He was the proud grandfather of eight (8) grandchildren, Steven, Kelly, Maegan, Kyle, Alex, Alexa Rae, Cody and Billy; and nine (9)

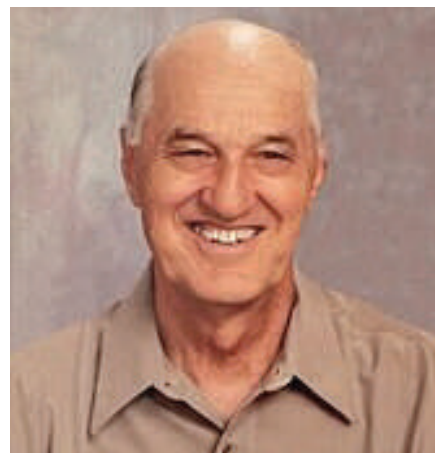
great-grandchildren, Jaidyn, Landon, Jonathan, Ellie, Emiela Rae, Presleigh, Corbin, Raegan and Braxten. He is also survived by siblings, Irven Lusk, Johnnie Lusk, Lorraine Vaughan and Anitta Yates and many extended family members. Along with his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his siblings, Loretta Dieringer and Loreda Blankenship.

At this time all services will be private.

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

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

### George Leo Welch



George Leo Welch, 88, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 22, 2021. He was born on July 17, 1932 in Benedict, MD to the late Francis Guy Welch and Marian Stinnett.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for four years during the Korean War conflict. After service in the military he continued his education obtaining his Bachelor's Degree and then worked for the U.S. Government holding different positions over the years with his last position working with the Department of Navy until his retirement.

life Doris Mabel Martin Welch and they were happily married for many years until her untimely passing in May 2014. They were blessed to have two sons, George Jr. and Gary.

George participated in the local baseball and softball leagues as a young man and followed professional baseball and football. His hobbies included boating, fishing, crabbing and oystering as well as spending memorable times with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed, but his family is taking solace in knowing he has reunited in heaven with his beloved wife.

George is survived by his sons George Welch Jr. (Vicky) and Gary Welch (Jennifer), grandchildren Michael Welch (Kelli), Matthew Welch (Ashley), Lauren Welch and Jenna

Welch, great-grandchildren Morgan, Reagan, Logan, Leo, and Scarlett Welch, nieces Shirley Herbert, Bonnie Lewis, Nan Clavel-Forte, nephews Al Clavel Jr. and Ron Howard. Along with his beloved wife Doris and his parents, Francis and Marian, he was preceded in death by his siblings Carita Howard (Louis), Elizabeth Clavel (Al), Jean Henderson (Edmond), Woodrow Welch (Kit), Webster Welch and Guy Welch and his niece Mary Jaxtheimer.

The memorial service and burial will be limited to family.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in George's name to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

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

### Weldon A. Yannayon

Weldon A. Yannayon, 88 passed



away on April 24, 2021 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

Weldon was born in Medina, Ohio on May 8, 1932. His parents were the late Glen and Verda Yannayon.

Weldon proudly served the United States Navy, joining in 1950 and served over 26 years including his dedicated service to Patrol Squadron VP-46, NAF Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. He retired in 1977 as the Command Master Chief of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 4 (VQ-4).

Weldon was predeceased by his parents, his sister Gloria Price and his daughter Julia C. Yannayon. He is survived by his children Timothy F. Yannayon (Leslie Taylor) of Leonardtown, MD, C John Yannayon (Rosedale) of Hollywood, MD; Glen W. Yannayon (Jackie) of Mechanicsville, MD; his grandchildren John Yannayon (Sara) of Conway, SC; Bryan Yannayon of Abell, MD; Jason Yannayon (Nina) of San Antonio, TX; Lee Guy (Laura) of Leonardtown, MD, Becky Daniels (Joe) of Great Mills, MD, as well as great grandchildren Lana & Leo Guy and Caden & Colsen Daniels.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Disabled Veterans of America or the Wounded Warrior Project.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A.

### Wanda Sue Jameson



Wanda Sue Jameson, age 78, of Waldorf passed away on Monday, April 19, 2021. Born in Granite Falls, NC on January 7, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Harley and Connie Sue Bolick. She has lived in Southern Maryland since she was a young girl.

Wanda is survived by her husband of 59 years, Carl Jameson; daughter, Tracey O'Leary and her husband, Mark; and son, Todd Jameson and his wife, Maria; grandchildren, Michael Bruce (Tammy) and Christopher Bruce (Brandy); Devin, Cora and Clayton Jameson; Kristi O'Leary (Gary), Mark O'Leary, Jr. and several great-grandchildren.

She graduated from LaPlata High School in 1960. She was employed for 43 years by The United Association of Journeyman and Apprentices of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and Services Techs at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. At the time of her retirement, she was honored by the UA with the prestigious Martin Durkin Award for her achievements and commitment to the success of the organization's National Instructors' Training program (for over 20 years!).

Wanda enjoyed spending time with Carl and their friends but most especially their family. She was an avid bowler who travelled around the country to participate in tournaments. She also loved to go dancing and playing cards. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Hughesville Baseball League, a softball enthusiast – known for being a skilled, competitive player and as the much-loved "Coach Wanda."

Wanda took pleasure in sharing her genealogical research and reminiscing about times in her life with loved ones. And she was equally passionate about



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creating new memories - whether it be time spent fishing, crabbing (teaching many how to pick the crabs clean the Southern MD way - the RIGHT way!), enjoying good food, or celebrating together - Wanda could be counted on as always being there for the fun but also for when anyone needed her. She was at her happiest when making others comfortable and happy.

The family will receive friends for a Memorial Gathering on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be held privately.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

### Jeanette "Jean" Evelyn Richards



Jeanette "Jean" Evelyn Richards, 79, of Brandywine, MD passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at her home. She was born on December 18, 1941 in Washington, D.C., and was the loving daughter of the late Clyde Watson and Thelma Townshend.

She met the love of her life, Joseph Richards and they married in 1958. Together they celebrated over 62 years of wedded bliss before his passing earlier this year. Jean truly missed her beloved husband and their children, Joseph and Kathy are taking solace in knowing they are now reunited.

A classy woman with a heart bursting with love and happiness, Jean was the matriarch of her family. She was always available to give you a big hug, or bit of advice. She was the life of the party and made everyone feel comfortable with her gentle soul and gracious spirit. Jean loved her family above all else and spent many wonderful days just being surrounded by them and enjoying their company and playing games. She was an avid card player had the best poker face. Her sweet innocent face made it hard to see when she was bluffing.

Jean was a wonderful mother, grand-

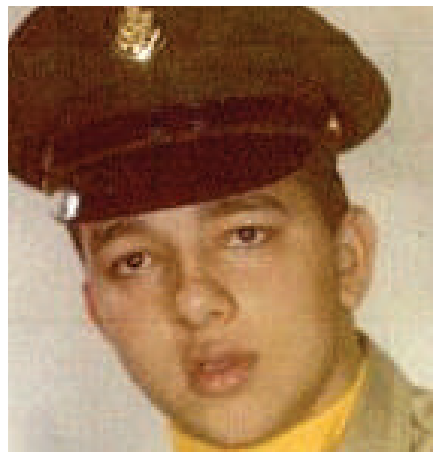
mother, sister and friend. Although, she has left her earthly body behind, her memory and legacy will live for many generations. Jean and Joe are now reunited and shining down onto their beloved family.

Jean is survived by her children, Joseph Clyde Richards (Debbie) of Upper Marlboro, MD and Kathy Kerr (Scott) of Mechanicsville, MD; one (1) grandchild Tammy Jean Eanes of Mechanicsville, MD and brother, Laurie Watston of Hampton, VA. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph N. Richards and siblings, Phil Watson and Russell Watson.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Jean's name to the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 17400 Aquasco Road, Brandywine, MD 20613.

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

### Harry James Wheeler



Harry James Wheeler, 73, of Bushwood, MD departed this life on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at his home. He was born on July 27, 1947 in Washington, DC to the late Lewis Lew Wheeler and the late Marguerite Mary Daras.

In December, 1964, Harry enlisted in the United States Army. He was proud of his service to our great nation and received several medals for his commitment. Harry came back to marry the love of his life, Martha in July, 1966. Together they have celebrated over 54 years of marital bliss. They happily celebrated their forever love with a renewal ceremony for their 50th anniversary, at the same church they promised to love and honor each other over half a century before.

Harry was an honorable man, who lived his life to serve and protect. After his time in the Army, he became a Metropolitan Police Officer. His dedication to his community was a perfect example of the man him himself, choosing to live his life with purpose and make each day better for those around him. He was a member of both the Mechanicsville Jaycees and Knights of Columbus.

He lived a wonderful life with his

beautiful wife by his side. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed spending a peaceful morning in his deer stand, quietly listening to the squirrel's bark and birds awaken for the day. He spent many wonderful days boating in the river until he lost his boat to Mother Nature's wrath in the form of a tornado. He settled for spending his afternoons, sitting on the pier with a fishing rod in his hand. When forced indoors, he could play "Pogo" for hours on the computer or watching his favorite remodeling shows on the television. He would get great ideas and execute his own projects.

Along with this wife, Martha Louise Wheeler of Bushwood, MD, Harry is survived by his precious little puppies, Daisy and Ruthie. He is also survived by his siblings, Janice C. Stewart, of Northern Baltimore, MD and James Michael Wheeler of Bushwood, MD and many treasured nieces and nephews and extended family. Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Marguerite Wheeler and siblings, Lewis L. Wheeler, Jr., Constance R. Meredino and John W. Wheeler.

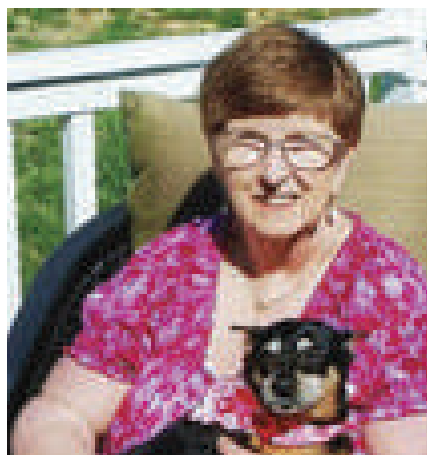
Pall bearers for the April 23 funeral service were Rob Weict, Christopher Wheeler, Bryan Wheeler, Michael Wheeler, Andy Hill, Mike Hill, Jim Wheeler, Jr. and Charles Burroughs, Jr.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made to the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, 21530 Coltons Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

### Doris Elaine (Higgs) Dearstine



Doris Elaine (Higgs) Dearstine, 72, of Hollywood, MD peacefully passed to be with her Lord on April 23, 2021 at home surrounded by her children and beloved sister.

Born December 9, 1948 to the late James Roland and Mary Eva (Tippett) Higgs, the youngest of five siblings, Doris was a life long resident of St.

Mary's County. She was a graduate of Chopticon HS, Medical Assisting Career Academy of Washington D.C. and attended Charles County Community College, now known as the College of Southern Maryland.

Her career track took her on multiple journeys from working as a medical assistant for Dr. John Fenwick in Leonardtown until the arrival of her first child, stopping to be a homemaker and fulltime mother to her children. Later, Doris turned her creative passions for flower arrangements into a small business, the owner of Doris' Flowers in Hollywood, MD. She then took those business skills and went to work for the Department of Defense working for the Comptroller's Office until retirement.

Her greatest passion was her family, a selfless caregiver to her mother, siblings, children and grand chaps. Doris put all others above herself, noting that in doing so, it brought her joy. She was a dutiful servant of her Lord, showing great compassion, empathy, and strength in seeing through promises made to family members fulfilled. Before her health began to decline, you could find her happily in the kitchen baking goodies with grand chaps, tending large pots of vegetable soup to feed armies, picking a pile of crabs or shucking an oyster pending the season, crocheting blankets for the next little one to come along, and reading her bible. She especially enjoyed her next to daily phone chat with her sister, Alberta, swapping tales and one-upping each other on anything and everything.

While Doris lavished care upon the humans in her life, it would be remiss to forget her faithful four-legged companion, Daisy, the first 'person' she wanted to see when she walked through the gates of heaven. Likely Doris had treats in her pocket at the ready.

Doris is survived by her four children Beverly (Donnie) Dearstine-Russell of Clements, MD, Timmy (Amy) Wathen of Charlotte Hall, MD, Jeffrey (Crystal) Dearstine of Hollywood, MD, and Valerie (Carlos Sr.) Cole of Hollywood. In addition to her children Doris was grandmother, more affectionately referred to as MawMaw, to 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She is also survived by sister, M. Alberta O'Hara of Hollywood, MD.

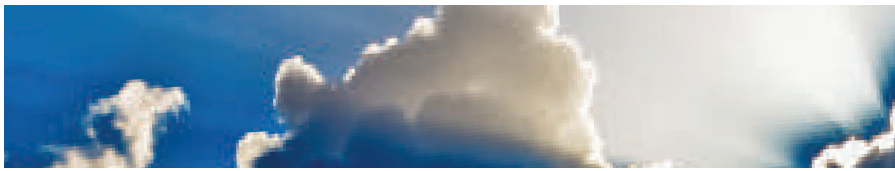
Doris was predeceased by her parents and siblings, James Aloysius (Allie) Higgs, Maude Elizabeth Jones, and W. Wilson Higgs, all of Hollywood.

Family will receive visitors Friday, April 30th at the Mattingly-Gardner Funeral Home in Leonardtown, MD, from 9 am - 10 am with services at 10 am. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hollywood Rescue Squad 23469 Rescue Ln, Hollywood, MD 20636 or a charity of your choosing.

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





All arrangements have been made by Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A.

**Lois Ann "Potsie" Dement**



Lois Ann "Potsie" Dement, 80, of California, MD, passed away on April 20, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD, with her goddaughter, Linda by her side.

She was born on October 15, 1940 on Hampton Farm in Medley's Neck, MD. Potsie was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Archiblad Bell and Edna Marie (Woodburn) Bell of Leonardtown, MD. She graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1959. Potsie was also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Doris Marie.

Potsie married the love of her life, the late Merrill Lee Dement, Sr., on August 19, 1966. They were married for 51 years. Potsie is survived by her son Merrill Lee Dement, Jr. (Marcia Wallace) and grandchildren, Paul Lynwood Dement, and Ellie Brooke Dement. She was much loved by her siblings, Mary Edna Bowles, the late Jackie Bell, and Margie Quade, all of Leonardtown, MD.

Potsie was a hardworking woman all of her life. Her favorite job was driving school busses, which she did for 45 years. She dearly loved spending time with her son and his family. Potsie also loved to be outside, cutting grass, and working in her yard. Potsie was a one-of-a-kind person and enjoyed talking to people-both those she knew and those she didn't. No one was a stranger to her for long. No matter where you saw Potsie, she always took the time to talk. She had a way about her that would make you laugh every time you talked to her. She didn't forget you and you would not forget her. Potsie loved a good party and enjoyed dancing, especially to "rock and roll" music. Remember her fondly for she truly was special and unique.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD with a Funeral Service to be held at 10 a.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel with Father John Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in Our Lady's Cem-

etry Medley's Neck, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Johnny Bell, Mike Klear, Danny Bell, Johnny Bowles, Tony Bowles, Brennan Norris, and Anthony Abell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 50 Leonardtown, MD 20650 or Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck 41410 Medley's Neck Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. in Leonardtown, MD.

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

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**William "Bill" Andrew Heverly**



William "Bill" Andrew Heverly, 59, of California, MD formerly from Hopewell Junction, NY passed away on April 17, 2021. Bill was born on January 9, 1962 in Erie, PA and was the son of the late Dorothy Ann Heverly and Richard Alton Heverly. Bill is survived by his siblings; Kenneth Heverly of Hopewell Junction, NY; Linda Baker of Oviedo, FL; and, Robert Heverly of Glenville, NY, along with his nephews and nieces, Daniel Heverly, Matthew Heverly, Bradley Baker, Nicole Baker, Alyssa Heverly, and Jonah Heverly.

He graduated from John Jay Senior High School and the University of Buffalo, NY. Bill was an Aerospace Engineer with Northrup-Grumman for thirty plus years. He moved from Long Island, NY to St. Mary's County, MD in the 1990's. Bill loved music, and played bass guitar in many bands over the years. In addition, he loved animals and was a strong supporter of the ASPCA.

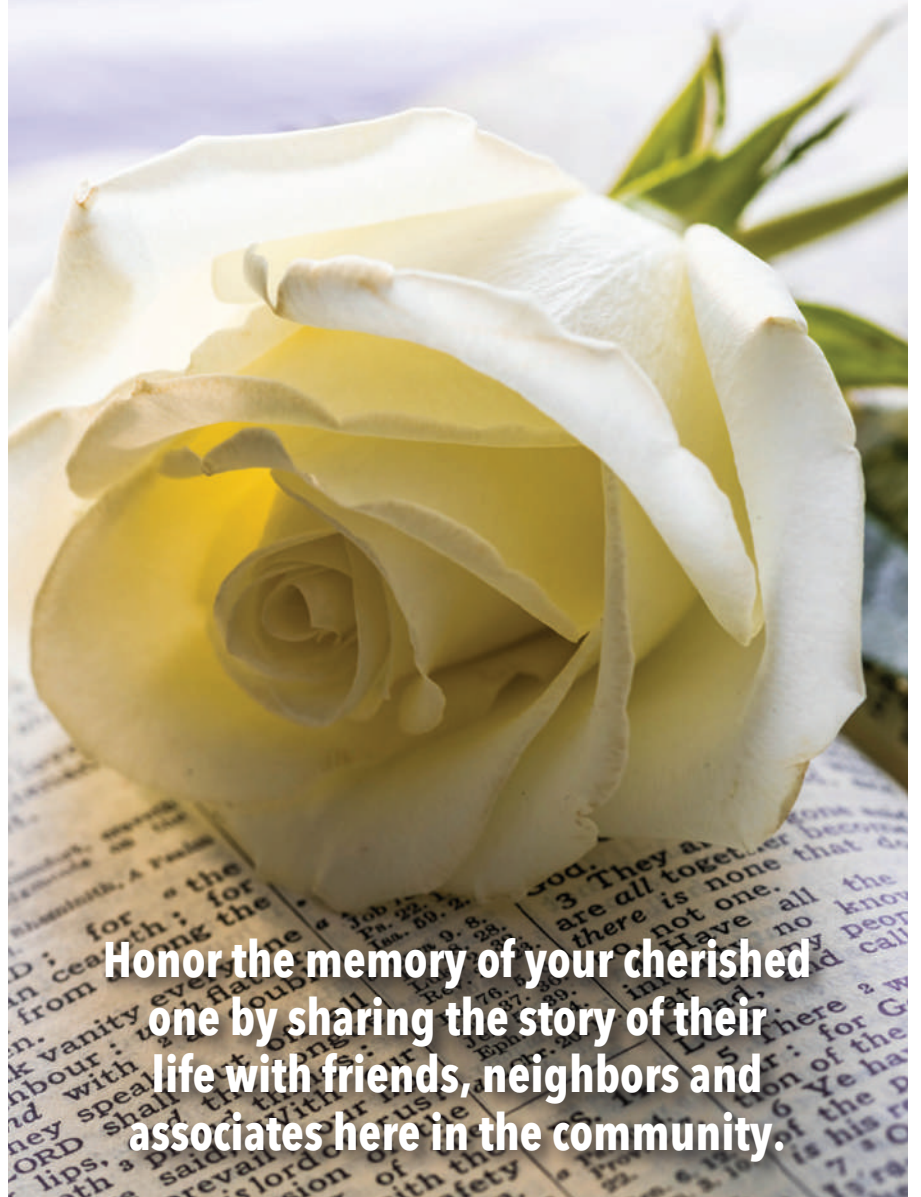
In lieu of flowers the family is asking that contributions be made to the ASPCA.

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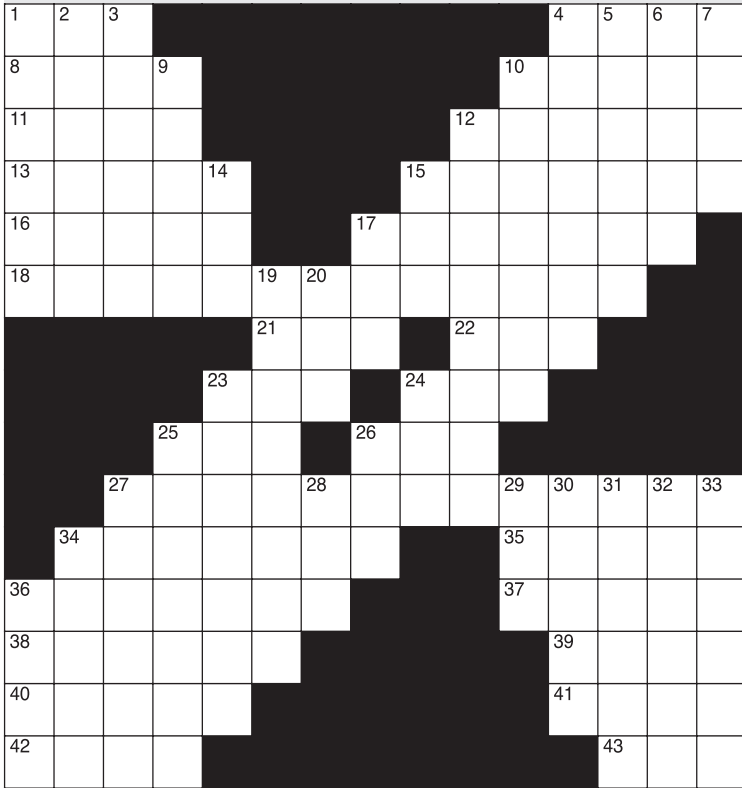
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. A hearty laugh
- 8. Restrain
- 10. Dried coconut kernels
- 11. Nefarious
- 12. Elderly
- 13. Central part of a church building
- 15. Throw into confusion
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Qualities of being religious
- 18. Live up to a standard
- 21. Seize
- 22. Go quickly
- 23. Automated teller machine
- 24. Bowling necessity
- 25. One point east of due south
- 26. Japanese honorific
- 27. A way to induce sleep
- 34. Makes cash register rolls
- 35. A city in S

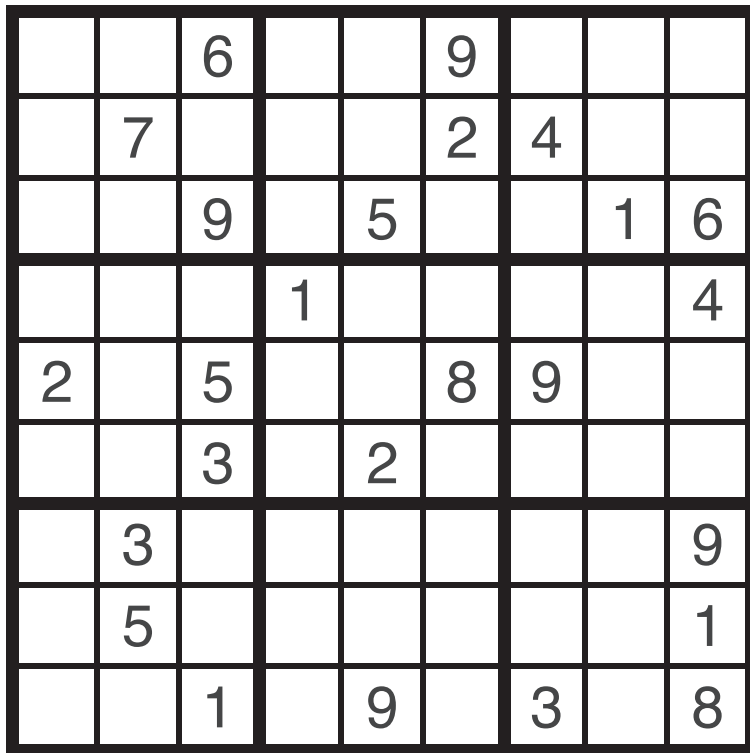
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- 36. Make more cheerful
- 37. Manicurist
- 38. Consents
- 39. Network of nerves
- 40. Mocking smile
- 41. It covers the body
- 42. Partner to pans
- 43. Perform in a play

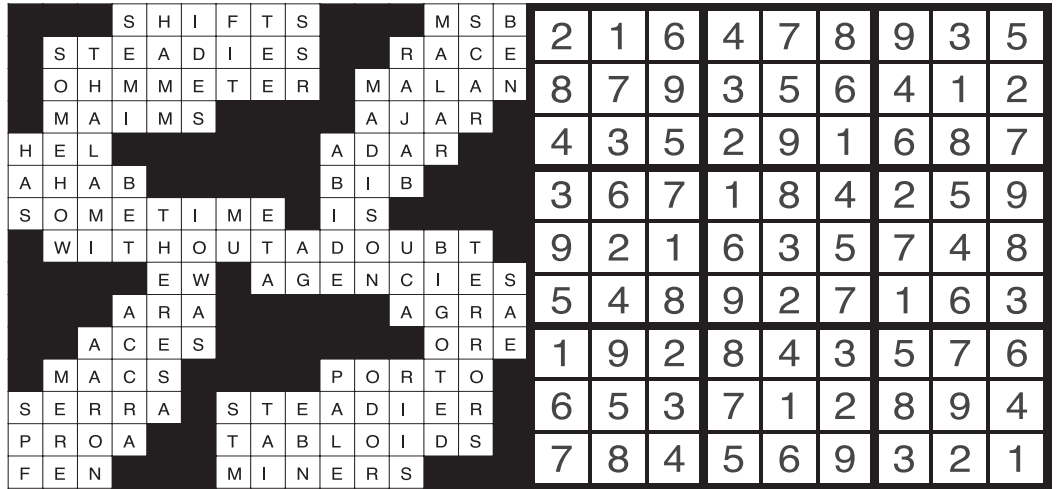
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Beautiful
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 5. Shared one's view
- 6. Tailless amphibians
- 7. Charge passengers must pay
- 9. Sound sheep make

- 10. Known for sure
- 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
- 14. Student (abbr.)
- 15. Criticize
- 17. Gathering place
- 19. Informal alliances
- 20. One's mother (British)
- 23. Landholder
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Parties
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Red wine
- 28. Pearl Jam's debut
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Frosts
- 31. Cry of joy
- 32. Induces vomiting
- 33. Mother or father
- 34. Dal \_\_: Musical navigation marker
- 36. Door fastener part



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