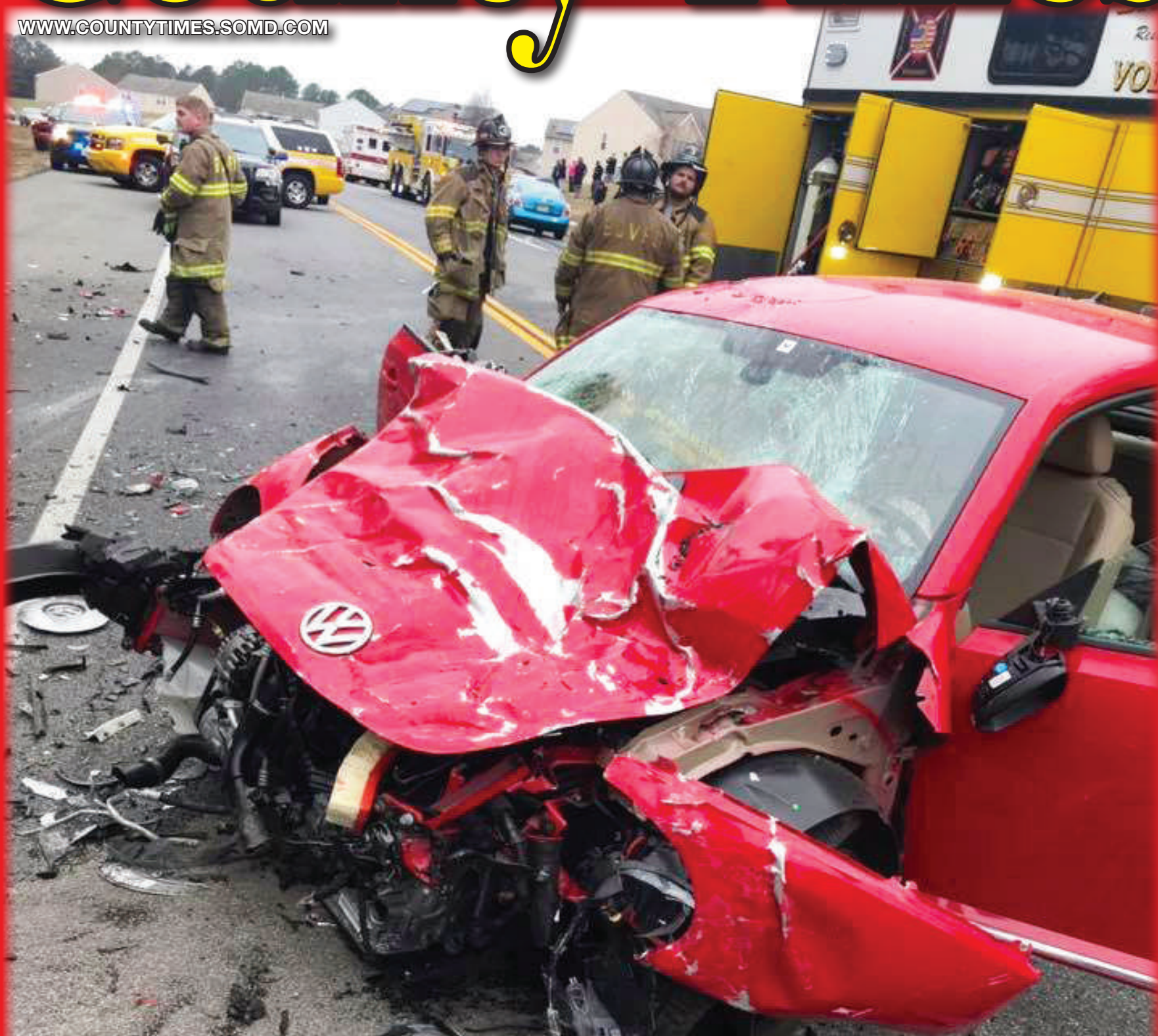


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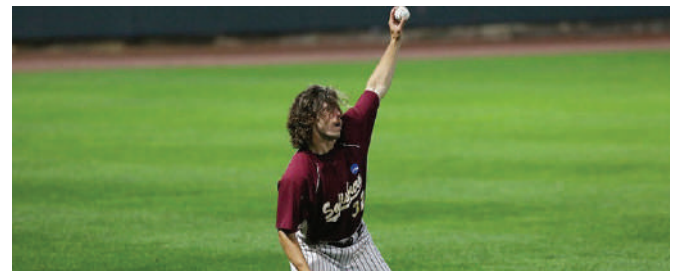
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Rec & Parks; CSM Discuss Aquatics Center Reopening



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The head of the Department of Recreation and Parks for St. Mary's said this week that certain therapeutic, aquatic and fitness programs at the now-closed Wellness and Aquatics Center owned by the College of Southern Maryland could reopen by September if negotiations between county government and the college result in an agreement.

For months the two entities have been negotiating over how the recreation and parks department might take over operations at the

facility, which has been closed since the COVID-19 pandemic broke in March of last year.

CSM approached the county about the possibility of taking over operations there.

"We're steadily moving forward," said Recreation and Parks director Arthur Shepherd. "It will be through a lease agreement."

Shepherd said the negotiations were likely moving forward to a two-year lease in which recreation and parks programs would be held alongside CSM programs in the same facility.

"There will be some dual use

there in the beginning," Shepherd said, adding that if the community responds well to recreation and parks programming then the department would take over operations at the facility entirely, with CSM leasing it to the county. "We'll see how it works out."

CSM students would still have the benefits of their original access to the facility; before the facility was closed last year county residents could use it but had to pay a fee.

If the negotiations for a memorandum of agreement are fruitful, Shepherd said, the facility would

be open to all.

"It would be a community fitness center for all residents of St. Mary's County," Shepherd said.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said he believed a memorandum of agreement between the county and the college on the facility would be beneficial for the entire county and would provide a community pool for Leonardtown much like the one in Great Mills.

"I think it's a great move," Morgan told The County Times. "To be able to provide those amenities to county residents is amazing."

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New Detention Center Wing Completed

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

One of the most discussed, debated, delayed and derailed projects finally saw partial completion this week as law officers and elected leaders dedicated the women's section of the St. Mary's County Adult Detention Center in Leonardtown.

It is the first phase completed of a jail expansion that will cost \$29 million, providing not only new bed space for female inmates - which has been a growing population - but new medical space to include a clinic, infirmary and medical records administration work.

Long awaited air conditioning and security upgrades to the older portion of the jail will be completed in a later phase; air conditioning has been installed in the newly completed wing and is fully functional.

Some on prior commissioner boards wrangled back and forth on whether such amenities were necessary for inmates; but local corrections officials said that the addition of air conditioning benefited corrections officers as well.

These officers, along with be-

ing in full uniform with added equipment, are also often wearing body armor, which magnifies body heat.

The fully completed addition to the jail will also include services for inmates, such as life skills and drug treatment, who are set for eventual release back into the community.

"We finally made it to the finish line," said Assistant Sheriff Michael Merican, who was until recently the county's long-time jail warden.

He has been a constant advocate of corrections reforms such as pre-trial release and inmate monitoring programs which free up limited jail space, as well as the jail expansion.

He quoted South African civil rights activist and future national leader Nelson Mandela who once said: "No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails."

"This wing will house one of the most vulnerable and traumatized populations... and no longer will we have to handmake parts or scotch tape control boards back together," Merican continued.

Another critical part of the jail



renovation is the replacement of door locks and security cameras to state-of-the-art levels, Merican said.

The women's detention section is specially designed to keep it free of any contact, sight or sound, from the male population as mandated by state law.

Commissioner President James

"Randy" Guy said the jail addition represented more than just a place to incarcerate defendants pending trial or serving local sentences.

"This is a project that has long been needed," Guy said. "We want to do something to rehabilitate these people... and send them back into society."

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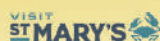
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Cameron Helps Salisbury University Win First National Baseball Championship

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Scott Cameron, son of St. Mary's Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, is celebrating with his team the Salisbury University Seagulls their first national championship in baseball for an NCAA Division III school.

The elder Cameron went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to watch his son and his team play and win.

"He played well," he said of Scott, a 21-year-old junior who is studying communications. "They went unbeaten in the regionals and they were unbeaten here in Cedar Rapid.

"They had an impressive record all year long."

Cameron said he was impressed not only with the performance of his son's team but their coaches, who he said instilled a sense of team spirit in the players.

"These boys are very, very close," said Cameron.

Salisbury University stated: "Twenty years after making its first appearance in the College World Series, the Salisbury University baseball team has finished

the job.

"The sixth-ranked Sea Gulls captured their first-ever national championship in baseball, holding on to defeat the 19th-ranked St. Thomas (Minn.) Tommies, 4-2, in Game 2 of the best-of-three 2021 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship finals on Tuesday afternoon at Perfect Game Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium."

Cameron said his son has made baseball a huge part of his life, playing ever since he was a small child.

His son started playing T-ball and Babe Ruth League ball and by his son's middle school years, the sheriff was acting as coach for his son's team.

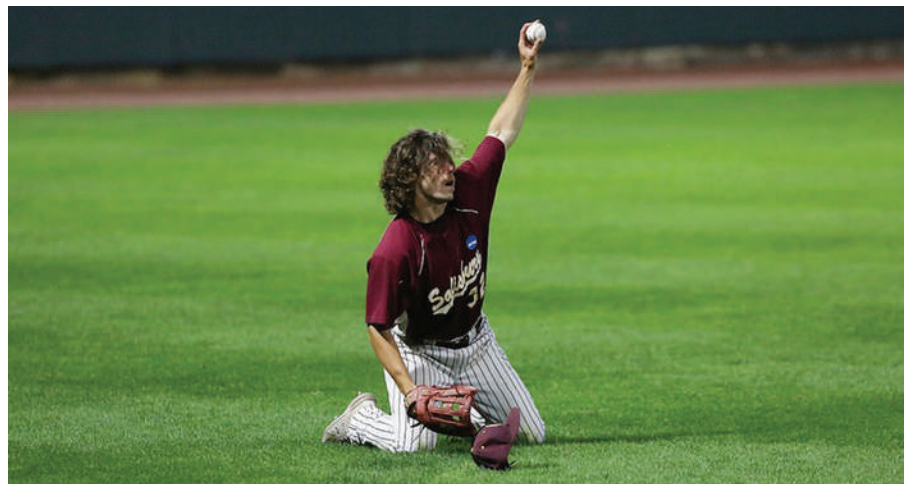
"He loves the game," Cameron said of his son's passion for baseball. "What people don't often realize at the college level is that any sport is a grind.

"You've got 6a.m. lifts, classes all day and then in the evening it's back in the gym; and it's also tough in baseball because of the number of games."

Cameron said he was proud of his son's contributions to his col-



Scott Cameron, son of St. Mary's Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron



lege team.

"I'm just getting my voice back from screaming and yelling so

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By Tom Dulack

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Vaccine Demand Declines

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

About 50 percent of the county's population has received at least their first dose of one of three available COVID-19 vaccines, county health officer Dr. Meena Brewster told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this week.

And while that is a good number for the continuing fight against the deadly virus, there is still much more that must be done to reach the vaunted state of herd immunity many have hoped for to finally be rid of the pandemic, she said.

The consensus among most scientists and researchers, she said, was that 70 percent of residents vaccinated was a likely goal to reach herd immunity; others in the medical field believed 80 percent was a better statistical benchmark.

"We have a ways to go before we get there," Brewster told elected leaders at their June 8 business meeting.

She also said that fewer people were coming to get vaccinated; this mirrored the status of much of the rest of the state and the nation.

"We have plenty of supply," Brewster said of having more than adequate stocks of Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. "We need more arms."

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy noted that a vaccine event in the northern portion of the county

that took place recently was not well attended.

Brewster said that there might still be reservations among some residents to get the vaccine because they do not trust that it is safe.

"There's a lot of myths and misinformation out there about it," Brewster said. "We will vaccinate anyone aged 12 and older."

The new case rate continues to improve, Brewster said, dropping to just 16 new cases for the week of May 30, which is the lowest rate since the pandemic began last March.

"This picture looks wonderful compared even to just a few weeks ago," Brewster told commissioners. "This is very encouraging."

The health department will be moving away from operating at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department mass vaccination clinic to more widespread vaccination events throughout the county, Brewster said.

This effort is aimed at increasing availability of the vaccine and making it more convenient in communities.

Starting June 15, a vaccine event is set for the indoor shooting range at Flat Broke Shooters located on St. James Church Road in Lexington Park and another event is set for June 19 at the Juneteenth civil rights celebration at Lancaster park also in Lexington Park.

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Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine at the 2021 Juneteenth Festival

Free Community Event on June 19th at Lancaster Park

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will be offering free COVID-19 vaccinations at the 2021 Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm at John G. Lancaster Park, located at 21550 Willows Rd in Lexington Park.

Pfizer vaccine will be available at this event for anyone age 12 and older (parental consent required for those under age 18). Walk-ups are welcome, as supply allows. Advance registration, while not required, is available online at smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or by calling SMCHD at (301) 475-4330. Appointments for 2nd doses will be scheduled onsite.

"On June 19th, as we are celebrating the end of one America's darkest periods, tell your friends and family members to come out and get vaccinated. They can just walk up or preregister. Let's all work together and make St Mary's County one of the safest counties in the state," said Michael Brown, Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions President.

"I urge all people of color, especially our youth, to monitor the disparities facing our communities and join with UCAC and our

community partners in setting the course to elimination of all disparities," said Nathaniel Scroggins, Minority Outreach Director. "We must all remember the words of Martin Luther King Jr.; 'If the cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we now face will surely fail. Because the goal of America is freedom, abused and scorned tho' we may be, our destiny is tied up with America's destiny.'"

"How appropriate that on this historic day, as we commemorate the emancipation of those who had been enslaved, we advance our work to address health equity and the racial/ethnic disparities we have seen with the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer.

Learn more about the 2021 Juneteenth Festival at ucaconline.org/juneteenth.html.

Would you like to offer COVID-19 vaccine at your event? The St. Mary's County Health Department is scheduling vaccine clinics for local events, businesses, faith-based organizations and other groups! Contact SMCHD at (301) 475-4330 for more information.

Hollywood Fireworks Cancelled

Solomons Back On Track



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

There will be no fireworks this year at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, a top officer of the company told The County Times this week.

Bill Mattingly, president of Company 7, said the COVID-19 pandemic was the major factor in cancelling the event, which supplanted years ago the county's annual July 4th fireworks show at the county fairgrounds after commissioners decided to remove funding.

"It's about the planning," Mattingly said. "It takes eight to 12 months and we were in the middle of the pandemic."

The company was still set to meet to discuss, as a full membership, whether to hold the annual Hollywood firehouse carnival that has also been a community favorite.

Mattingly said the membership was expected to make a decision on whether to have the carnival in one to two weeks.

Still, county residents might be able to enjoy a major fireworks display, if somewhat removed.

Sources with the Solomons Business Association in Calvert County say that the previously cancelled July 4 fireworks celebration might be on again, after a June 4 meeting of the group's executive board.

The board voted to allow funds from the county, which are allotted each year for the event, to be used towards funding the celebration.

A newly-admitted member of the association, Kyle Webber, has been working on raising funds through an on-line campaign and has also been designated as the chairperson of the event by the SBA executive board, the source

confirmed.

"We do have corporate sponsors who are supporting the event and Kyle has raised over \$11,000 in community contributions to help this event go forward," said Jennifer Stotler, vice president of the SBA. "I'm very confident that the fireworks will happen this year."

The full cost of the fireworks show is an estimated \$31,000, Stotler said, which is supported in part by an \$11,000 contribution from Calvert County government.

Webber said even though he had started an independent fundraising campaign initially, he has partnered entirely with the SBA to hold the fireworks display.

"The SBA has performed marvelously," Webber told The County Times. "They've worked so hard this past week to support this effort."

"There is a ton of stuff that goes into this."

The fireworks have been a mainstay of life in Solomons for years and the SBA only stopped putting on the show in 2020 due to the pandemic and its social and fiscal impacts.

The Facebook page for the SBA has a July 4 date set aside for the fireworks display, to begin at 8:30p.m.

The event takes on even greater importance this year as it may be the only fireworks display to place in the region.

Vandy Young, president of the SBA, said she had high hopes for the success of the event.

"He [Webber] has an enormous amount of energy and got a lot of great ideas," Young said. "We expect record crowds because everybody has been social distancing."

"This will be a huge party."

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- Free COVID-19 vaccination
- Pfizer vaccine – available for anyone age 12 and older (parental consent required for those under age 18)

Walk-ups are welcome at this event, as supply allows

Advance registration is available online at smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or by calling SMCHD at (301) 475-4330

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“We couldn't be more pleased to partner with our friends at Flat Broke Shooters and the St. Mary's County Health Department to offer this unique community vaccination event,” said Sheriff Tim

Cameron. “I encourage those who haven't been vaccinated yet to do so and this venue also provides valuable information on gun safety.”

Would you like to offer COVID-19 vaccine at your event? The St. Mary's County Health Department is scheduling vaccine clinics for local events, businesses, faith-based organizations and other groups! Contact SMCHD at (301) 475-4330 for more information.

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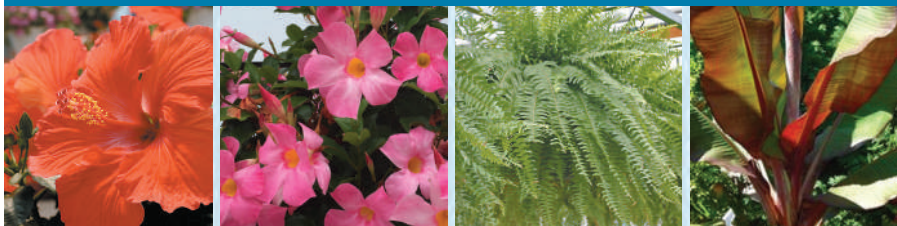
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Riding Club Makes Library Donation



The St. Mary's Riding Club donates equestrian books and DVD's to the county library. Participating in this year's presentation are librarians Amy Dickinson and Elizabeth Davis, club member Kathy Glockner aboard Mr. Fitz, and Emily Repenning, club president with her daughters, Lulu and Jodie. Photo by Ron Glockner

The St. Mary's Riding Club recently donated equestrian materials to the county library. This year's donation features new DVD's and books focused on dressage, training, health care and general interest themes.

The new materials, along with previous donations, are housed at the Leonardtown library. The library's website address is www.stmalib.org.

The following books were donated: Where the Bluegrass Grows, Kicking On, Taking Off, Dressage Between the Jumps, The Foxhunter's Guide to Life and Love, Paving Paradise, Sylvia Rideoutt Bishop Had a Way with Horses - A Pioneering African American Woman's Career Training Race Horses, The Rider's Pain Free Back, Understanding

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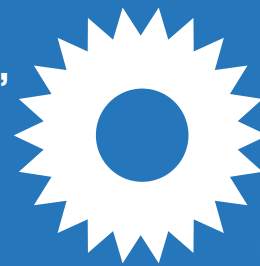
The following DVD's were donated: Dressage in Detail, Basic Training for Riding Horses, Fine Riding, Dressage - The Holistic Approach to Success.

The club raises funds for its annual library donation through the county fair horse show. To learn more about the horse show scheduled for September 26, check the club's website (stmarysriding-club.wordpress.com) in August to obtain a copy of the prize list. The club is also on Facebook, St. Mary's Riding Club.

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SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Youth Gun Violence Task Force Arrest Lexington Park Man

On June 4, 2021, members of the Youth Gun Violence Task Force conducted a vehicle stop in the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park. The vehicle was approached by Task Force members and the odor of marijuana was detected emitting from the vehicle. A passenger in the vehicle, **Tyquan Samuel Wills**, age 21 of Lexington Park,



Tyquan Willis

was observed attempting to conceal an unknown item between the seat and center console of the vehicle. Wills exited the vehicle, and a large bulge was observed in his pants pocket. Wills assaulted a deputy on scene and attempted to evade apprehension by resisting arrest. Wills was ultimately taken into custody and located on his person was a substantial amount of cocaine and marijuana. Located inside the vehicle where Wills was observed hiding an item was a loaded handgun.

Wills was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, and charged with the following:

- Loaded Handgun on Person
 - Loaded Handgun in Vehicle
 - Handgun on Person
 - Handgun in Vehicle
 - Firearm/Drug Trafficking Crime
 - CDS: Distribute with a Firearm
 - CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana (two counts)
 - CDS: Possession-Marijuana more than 10 Grams
 - CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute (three counts)
 - Assault Second Degree-Law Enforcement Officer
 - Resisting Arrest
- Wills remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention

and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status.

Anyone with information on this incident or information pertaining to gun violence in St. Mary's County is asked to contact the Youth Gun Violence Task Force at (301) 475-4200 extension 78087 or by email at stopgunviolence@stmarysmd.com.

For official news and information, follow the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Twitter @firstsheriff.

Counterfeit Suspect Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a counterfeit money investigation. On Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm, the suspect passed four counterfeit \$100 bills to the cashier at the Tractor Supply Company in Charlotte Hall. When the clerk tested the bills for authenticity with a marker, the ink on the bills smeared and turned dark. The suspect then grabbed the fake currency from the cashier and fled the store.



Suspect

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Raymond Allebach at 301-475-4200, ext. 78092 or email raymond.allebach@stmarysmd.com. Case # 28839-21

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact the St. Mary's County Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Editor's Note:

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

Legal Notices

IN THE MATTER OF TIMOTHY WILLIAM SHILLING
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO EMILY ARROWAY SHILLING

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-000382
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name of a minor from TIMOTHY WILLIAM SHILLING to EMILY ARROWAY SHILLING. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: This my name of common usage and my preferred name

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 07/15/2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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

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The Chronic Disease Action Team of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership announces the 2021 More to Explore program! The More to Explore program encouraging all community members to get outside and explore our local parks, historic sites, and farmers' markets through an annual passport challenge. The More to Explore passport guides participants to these locations and offers prizes for those who visit multiple sites during the challenge period.

The 2021 challenge will run until Sept. 5. This program works in tandem with the St. Mary's County Library summer reading program, which allows individuals to participate online or with a printed copy of the full passport or quick guide.

For more information on how to participate, please visit: healthystmarys.com/more-to-explore.

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The Healthy St. Mary's Partnership is a community-driven coalition of partners working together to improve health in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The coalition mobilizes members through action teams to address the priority health issues in St. Mary's. Joining the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership is free and all interested organizations and community members are welcome. For more information, visit: healthystmarys.com.

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St. Mary's Most Dangerous Roads



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After more than a year of decreased traffic on county roads due to travel restrictions and social distancing against COVID-19, local law enforcement officers are expecting much increased motorist activity this summer.

That means more collisions, more crashes, more injuries and possibly more deaths on St. Mary's County roads.

The collision records between the two major law enforcement agencies here, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police, differ somewhat on numbers of crashes but they agree almost exactly on where the worst roads and intersections are.

To most motorists here those should be obvious, law officers say, but despite that crashes and driving mishaps still continue, sometimes at an alarming pace.

Lt. Krystle Rossignol, commander of the Leonardtown Barrack state police unit, said local troopers have already dealt with 178 collisions county-wide to date; it's in range of the 2019 total of the same time period of 227 wrecks.

"The most common accidents throughout the county are rear end collisions," Rossignol said, noting that drivers should be cautious not to dismiss such incidents as mere fender benders.

"You just never know what damage that will cause to that person or yourself," she continued.

Rear end collisions can be fatal, she said, and can push other vehicles and motorists into intersections with oncoming traffic, causing even more damage.

The greatest reason for rear end collisions, according to Rossignol, was "they just didn't see that they [the other driver] had stopped."

The second greatest reason, she said, was drivers not paying attention or being lost in thought, which fed into the first reason.

There are four "red zones" in the county that represent the road space with the most collisions, starting in the north end of the county, on Route 5 from Mount Wolf road going south to the intersection of Route 6 being one of them, Rossignol said, referencing state police crash data.

The second crash intensity zone was in Leonardtown from the intersection of Moakley Street and Route 5 all the way to the intersection with Route 245, otherwise known as Hollywood Road.

The heavy traffic and compressed roadway there was a combination that could only result in crashes.

"They're trying to alleviate it [with road widening work] but there's still a lot of traffic coming through," Rossignol said.

The longest red zone for crashes was on Route 235, the county's main arterial road, from Airport View Drive all the way to Route 246, or Great Mills Road.

"You have all those intersections

and traffic light after traffic light," Rossignol said.

Traffic lights were a necessary part of control, ensuring there was an equitable flow of traffic that one particular direction could dominate; but all that stop-and-go traffic meant greater attention was needed than often exercised by motorists.

"It requires everyone giving their full time and attention to driving," said Rossignol.

The fourth crash zone was from the intersection of Great Mills Road and Chancellors Run Road to the intersection with Route 5.

"It's a lot of the base traffic going home," Rossignol said.

State police data shows that the summer months bring a significant increase in collisions that grows month over month.

Rossignol said that for 2019 from April to May crashes troopers responded to increased 30 percent over the same time from the previous year; from May to June that number increased by another 36 percent.

Only in August do the crashes taper off.

Sheriff's officials report, however, that January is often the worst month with winter collisions being particularly prevalent.

In any of the four zones any of the intersections there can be considered among the most dangerous in the county for crashes, she said.

Capt. Steve Hall, commander of the sheriff's office's Special Operations Division, said 2020 was

a year of much decreased traffic volume in general but the majority of crashes that took place were still focused in certain areas.

The volume of traffic crashes they investigated in the prior year was 1,910, compared to more than 2,500 in 2019.

Most of the crashes in 2020 occurred over again during a three day cycle from Thursday through Saturday.

"Thursday is the highest day of the week for collisions, followed very closely by Saturday," Hall said. "It's a fact...the more people on the roads the more chance there is for crashes."

He said lapses in basic tenants of defensive driving and traffic safety are the main culprits leading to crashes.

These include improper lane changes and just failing to stop.

"It's simple stuff," said Hall.

According to sheriff's office statistics, the worst section of county road for collisions was from the intersections leading to Wal-Mart down to Town Creek Drive on Route 235; the county's busiest intersection, at St. Andrews Church Road and Route 235 was No. 2 according to 2020 statistics.

The third highest intersection for crashes in 2020 was Route 235 and Chancellors Run Road.

"Their positions may change as to the worst one, but these intersections are typically the top three intersections for crashes," Hall said.

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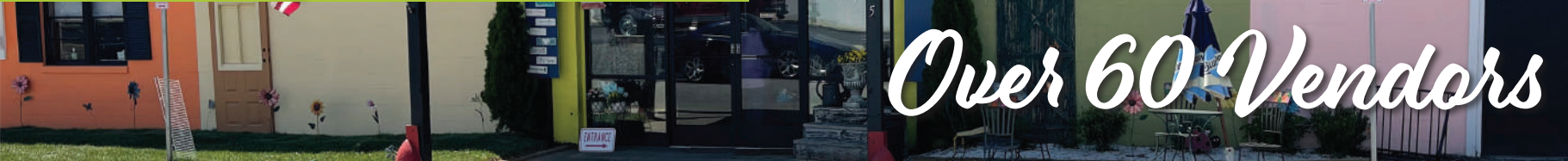
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Folklife Workshops Coming St. Mary's College

The Southern Maryland Folklife Center will present the first annual Southern Maryland Folklife Summer Workshops at St. Mary's College of Maryland this June 23-25, 2021. Attendance registration is required by visiting <https://www.somdfolklife.org/>.

During the three-day event, workshops will be offered celebrating and supporting community-based living cultural traditions of Southern Maryland. The workshops will culminate in a public exhibition and celebration event at the College's Boyden Gallery. Workshops will take place from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 1:30-4:30 p.m. each day. Registration costs are \$10 for one workshop, \$20 for two workshops and \$30 for four workshops. A separate music and dance performance and Historic St. Mary's City excursion are also available for \$10 each.

Choose from an array of folklife workshops:

- SOMD genealogy
- History of wampum
- Contra dance
- History of bluegrass

- Small farm entrepreneurship
- Stuffed ham two-day event
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- African American hair
- Learn a folksong

This year, the Southern Maryland Folklife Summer Workshops will maintain a hybrid approach with both virtual and in-person offerings. The latter will adhere to the State of Maryland's guidelines, including face coverings and social distancing. In person workshops will take place at the Jamie L. Roberts Stadium, River Center, Goodpaster Hall and Montgomery Hall on the St. Mary's College campus, along with Trinity Church Parish Hall.

The summer workshops will be the backbone of the newly formed Southern Maryland Folklife Center, which is part of the Maryland State Arts Council's (MSAC) Folklife Network. This summer's event is funded by the MSAC's "Maryland Traditions" program.

For more information, email somdfolklife@gmail.com.

Press Release from SMCM.

Schools Awarded Pre-K Enhancement Grant

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) announce the award of a competitive Pre-Kindergarten Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$443,700. This grant is intended to provide Summer In-Person learning opportunities for currently enrolled students; and for waitlisted Pre-Kindergarten students if space permits.

There are 12 Pre-K Enhancement locations including: Benjamin Banneker, Leonardtown, Captain Walter Francis Duke, Lettie Marshall Dent, Evergreen, Lexington Park, George Washington Carver, Oakville, Greenview Knolls, Park Hall, Hollywood, and Piney Point Elementary Schools.

Pre-K Enhancement summer classes will operate beginning on July 6 through August 5, 2021 for eligible and registered students two days a week with a Monday-Tuesday, or Wednesday-Thursday option with classes beginning at 12:30 p.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. Each session will be staffed with a teacher, para-educator, and a classroom aide. The Frog Street Summer Program: Kids' Club, will be the core instructional program. Lesson designs will be developmentally appropriate and hands-on for young learners.

A nutritious snack will be provided daily.

Parents and guardians must provide



transportation to and from the program.

Additionally, there will be free evening virtual Parent and Family Engagement opportunities weekly using Conscious Discipline "I Love You Rituals" with Master Instructor Amy Speidel.

Parents of currently enrolled Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an electronic invitation with directions to register. If space permits, students who were waitlisted this year will be offered a space in the Pre-Kindergarten Enhancement class. Students must be registered to participate.

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St. Mary's City Launches New Virtual Learning Platform

Allows Distance-Learning Field Trips

Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC), a living history museum at the site of Maryland's first capital and the fourth oldest English Colonial settlement in the nation, with support from the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation and the Rural Maryland Council, launched a new learning platform (www.virtualdigshistory.org) that will act as a virtual field trip for elementary school students, matching the state's standards for learning. The online platform was created to ensure students of all ages have access to the exhibits and rich interpretive experiences HSMC has to offer during the Spring 2021 semester and beyond. The virtual learning platform will feature an interactive map where visitors can see and explore the different exhibits across HSMC's 200+ acre campus, along with media-rich pages for each exhibit location.

Every year, HSMC welcomes almost 22,000 students, parents and educators on field trips that cover a great deal of information about Maryland in the 1600s (including simple machines and technologies used by both the native peoples and Europeans, the history and culture of the Woodland Indian tribes who lived on the western shore, the reliance on indentured servitude and the institutionalization of enslaving African and Indian laborers). The Museum typically opens for these tours in mid-March, but due to the pandemic in 2020, the site was closed to visitors before opening day. After re-opening fully in spring 2021, the museum is again offering in-person field trip experiences for smaller groups. Understanding teachers and schools are currently under travel restrictions, the virtual learning platform hopes to fill that gap.

"The virtual learning platform is a really wonderful addition to our public offering," explained Peter Friesen, Director of Education at HSMC. "While nothing can replace the experience of being on site, learning about navigation while standing on the deck of Maryland Dove or smelling herbs of the heirloom gardens, the Virtual Museum website offers school groups and families a new way to navigate the living history of Historic St. Mary's City without having to travel."

The virtual learning program can be accessed by the public. Interested educators and families can access content by following the link on the "Learn" page of the main museum website. There is also a resource section on the website where teachers and homeschool educators can download pre-made lesson plans and supplemental content that align with Maryland State Standards of learning. Topics include: history of the Yaocomaco and Piscataway peoples; primary sources; An Act Concerning Religion and freedom of conscience; the growing shift from indentured workers to a slave economy; the European reliance on tobacco; the Voyage of Ark and Dove; government and civics; health and medicine; agricultural practices, and many more.

"We hope this website will continue to serve as a resource to students across the globe long after the pandemic is over," added HSMC Executive Director Regina Faden. "HSMC has an important place in our Nation's history and we have only begun to uncover and develop its many stories."

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Press Release from HSMC.

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A View From The BLEACHERS



The Villain and the Hero

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

A weary traveler sauntered into an inviting pub, occupied the nearest available barstool and anticipated liquid rejuvenation. “What’ll it be, sir?” asked the barkeep. Seeking assistance, the traveler murmured, “Recommendations?” The barkeep grinned and offered, “The two favorite poisons are the Irresistible Stout and the Unavoidable IPA.” The traveler contemplated the descriptions - “irresistible” and “unavoidable” - and returned the only acceptable answer: “Suppose I’ll have both.”

In beer there is truth. And so, when two stories beg to be written, two go to print - one with villainous undertones and other with transcendent heroism.

In 1985, I remember debating the merits of the Johnny Dawkins/Tommy Amaker/Mark Alarie-led Duke basketball team with an eighth grade classmate. In high school, I followed the Duke career of Danny Ferry, son of long-time Bullets/Wizards executive Bob Ferry. My college years were dominated by the Christian Laettner and Grant Hill Blue Devils. Early in my professional career, I attended Shane Battier-vintage Duke NCAA tournament games with colleagues. J.J. Reddick was leading Duke when my first child was born; Jon Scheyer was on the Durham campus when my second child arrived. Kyle Singler, the Plumlee brothers, Jabari Parker, Grayson Allen, R.J. Barrett and Zion Williamson followed.

I hated them all.

The constant through all this disgusting greatness has been head coach Mike Krzyzewski. I’m 48-years-old and he is the only Duke men’s basketball coach I’ve ever known. Mercifully, Krzyzewski announced last week that next season would be his last on the Duke bench. I can only hope this leads to 40 years of losing and inescapable suffering for Duke fans.

Seems fair, right?

Funny thing though: When contemplating Krzyzewski’s retirement, my joy was accompanied by a dash of unexpected sorrow. Masked by my deep disdain for all things Duke is a gratefulness for the existence of Krzyzewski’s irreproachable standard. Duke has dutifully played the role of villain for decades. While Coach K’s teams have frequently shattered my heart, there was no joy like a Maryland victory over Duke; similarly, Maryland’s 2002 National

Championship was made all the more special because it signified equivalency - with Duke - where there had been only inferiority. Stated more broadly, any sense of accomplishment, athletic or otherwise, is heightened by the challenge overcome. To that, I grit my teeth and admit: The world needs its Dukes.

Speaking of beating “The Standard,” in the 2018 U.S. Open final, a 20-year-old Naomi Osaka defeated crowd favorite Serena Williams in match marred by dubious calls and heated exchanges between Williams and the chair umpire. The post-match player interviews were a painful human moment - Osaka, who had just defeated her idol and won the biggest tournament of her life, was emotionally overwhelmed by the crowd’s agitation with the chair umpire and outcome. Lost on the classless mob - until Williams attempted to redirect - was the brilliance of Osaka and the appreciation she deserved.

Three years and three more major championships later, Osaka occupies the pinnacle of women’s tennis - and she is still courageously reminding us of the bigger picture. After being fined for not doing pre-tournament interviews, Osaka withdrew from the upcoming French Open last week. Osaka’s decision, she revealed, was based on ongoing mental health challenges and how she was feeling at present. The reaction was, predictably, mixed. Her critics - various personalities and virtual muscle-flexing social media trolls - cited interviews as Osaka’s duty and her withdrawal as a sign of weakness.

My species rarely fails to disappoint me, especially of late.

Fortunately, support for Osaka has swelled and now dominates the narrative (as it should). Osaka doesn’t owe the French Open, tennis or the media anything. Profit, entertainment and click bait mining should never be prioritized over an athlete’s wellness. On the court, Osaka’s heroism is proven; by withholding her labor - and star power - to focus on her health and, indirectly, destigmatize a common, serious, but sadly still misunderstood ailment (mental health), she became a hero off of it.

That’s a wrap. A wise fellow once told me, “You know what’s better than a cold beer? Two.” The gamble is the same logic applies to stories within a sports column.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



SUMMER MORN THOUGHTS



Is there any lovelier smell on an early summer morning than the smell of fresh cut grass? Well, maybe the aroma of fresh-brewed coffee, and bacon and home-fried potatoes frying on a weekend morning is pretty close. I must be hungry and if I wasn’t I am now. This early morning is just beautiful, add in the light breeze blowing under the watchful protection of tall Elms, Oaks, and pines and you have the start to what you hope will be a perfect summer day. I know we are still considered to be in the latter part of spring, but I go by Memorial Day being the unofficial start of summer. And this 90 degree heat with humidity is telling me that it is summer now! I must say most of this week we have been blessed with mid-range humidity. What a difference even a jump of 20% in humidity can make. I can usually take some heat if it is low humidity, though even if it is 70 degrees and the humidity is high I feel like it is 90. My husband always says, “It’s summer, what do you expect?” Yes, we are in the mid-Atlantic region, so hazy, hot, and humid is what you expect.

When my brother Bob and his wife Kathy call from Utah, they always get me green with envy talking about the low humidity, and how their snow is also different than ours because of that. They never have to worry about shoveling heavy, wet snow. Kathy says they can sweep their snow even up to a foot or so. However, they have to sweep an awful lot of snow, compared to our two or three snowfalls a season, since they average 80 inches of snow for their longer winter season. They also have to worry about mud slides living on the side of the Wasatch Mountain range overlooking The Great Salt Lake (see photo of the view from their front yard). Kathy always has emergency bags packed if that should happen. I love their mountain, what a beautiful view

and what beautiful sunsets they have. Whenever I have visited them we take a sunset walk up in their backyard with a glass of wine to toast the sunset. Luckily, they live far enough away from The Great Salt Lake where you can still see it, but not smell the pungent odor that I thought were caused by the brine shrimp clustered towards the shore. In fact, Google informed me that the smell is from “nutrients which feed algal blooms. The algae suck up all the water’s oxygen then die off and drop to the bottom of the lake, where bacteria then consume the organic material. The byproduct of all that is the rotten-egg smelling hydrogen sulfide gas”. I have been blaming those poor little shrimp for 30 years. My sons still had fun floating in the Great Salt Lake when they were little, despite the smell.

It is so nice to sit out here and let my mind wander from mown grass to Utah. Now, my mind is already moving on to a fight between cleaning house (ugh), going to the workshop first, or getting my dump run done before the real heat sets in. I guess I will do like normal and jump back and forth between all three. I hate to leave my chair when this early morning is just beautiful and perfect for handwriting my thoughts before heading inside to the computer. Sometimes it is so hard to go back inside on column writing mornings. Though there is a certain point where the breeze stops and the no-see-ums, sweat bees, ants and mosquitos come out to play, which abruptly makes me grab my notebooks, tea, and Mindy to head back inside away from the pests. Time to run, nature’s time clock has won again.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby

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

FIVE REASONS NOT TO HAVE A WILL OR A TRUST

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

Hello to all of you procrastinators out there. Another year is halfway through and you have still not taken steps to protect yourself and your family with a will or a trust. Why not? Here are the five most common reasons:

1. I'M NEVER GOING TO DIE:

Clearly, the first reason not to have a will or a trust is unrealistic. The saying is "nobody is getting out of this alive." In spite of this, it is amazing how many people put off creating a will or a trust because they are afraid. They think planning for a will or a trust will cause them anxiety about their own death. The easy solution to this problem is to think about creating a will or a trust to protect the people you love. You do not have to face your own death to create a will or a trust, just focus on how you want to protect those you care about. Without a will or a trust, they are defenseless. And, young or old, almost all of us have loved ones we want to protect. Even if we are elderly and alone and do not have any loved ones, many of us want to create a legacy for the charities we care about. If we are young and have children, we are already involved in protecting them. Without a will or a trust, your children could very well end up in foster care when you die. Having children means taking steps to protect them. What good is funding their college education if you have not created a mechanism to distribute your property to them upon your death? How are you helping?

2. I HAVE NO ESTATE: How about the excuse that you have no estate to protect? Do you have a home? A car, a boat? A bank account? Personal property like furniture, jewelry? All of that becomes part of your estate. If you don't make plans to distribute your property in a will or a trust, the state will decide for you.

3. EVERYTHING IS IN JOINT NAME WITH MY SPOUSE OR CHILD: I have heard the excuse that everything is in joint name so there is no reason to have a will or a trust. And, it is the case that if property is titled in joint name with right of survivorship, upon the death of one person, the joint owner takes all the property. The excuse is common with spouses. The problem is, of course, spouses often travel together. There are no assurances that both spouses will not die together—if they do, then what? You're back in the same position without a will or a trust—letting the state decide where your property will go. And, what if your property is titled as "tenants in common" not as joint tenants with right of survivorship? In that case, each of you owns 50% of the property so if one dies without a will, the property will not go automatically to the other but instead the state will decide where 50% of the property will go. By the way, please check the title to your property so you know how it is held.

Many people I talk to think that putting their child on the deed to their property solves their problem about not having a will or a trust. But, there are tax and other consequences of doing this. Let's say you bought a house for \$50,000 and market value is now \$100,000. If you put your child on the deed now, that child "takes" their interest in the property at the value you

paid for the property, not at market value. That means, if the child sells the property when you die, the child will have to pay capital gains tax on the difference between \$50,000 and \$100,000. If the child takes the property when you die through a will or a trust, however, the child takes the property at market value and when they sell it for \$100,000, no tax is owed. And, there are other reasons not to put your child on your deed. Once you do so, you expose yourself to the child's creditors. Those creditors may have claims on all the child's property, including property formerly owned solely by you.

4. IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE: Have you ever purchased a big screen TV? The average cost of a will is about the same as a big screen TV. Trusts are more expensive but do not require probate. Legal fees for making the probate filings can easily become far more costly than a trust. I know some people are using will forms provided online and a word of caution about those. First, the online services do not provide legal advice. It is one form fits all and if you do not fit into the form, too bad for you. After hundreds of years, certain common language has developed that is used in a will or a trust and expertise is required to use that language. You would not go to a plumber to perform surgery on you. Why trust something as important as your family to chance? Creating a will or a trust is your last act of love and affection for your family. What price can you put on that?

5. MY FAMILY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING: Whoa. The excuse that "my family will take care of everything" is simply not true. It is amazing how many families fight during the probate process, with or without a will. And, I am not talking about fights over huge estates. Otherwise normal families allow themselves to be torn apart arguing over property—without a will or a trust, the arguments can take on epic proportions. "Dad loved me best" and wanted me to have the gun collection, "Mom told me she wanted me to have the diamond ring". Old wounds re-open, childhood memories come flooding back and family nightmares are common during the probate process. Some people think that the best approach is to leave everything to one child, counting on that child to distribute everything to his or her siblings. Keep in mind that if you leave all your property to one child, that child is under no obligation to share it with siblings even if you specifically put your intention in writing. Even if that child is attentive to your wishes, what if that child has a spouse who wants all the property for themselves? The only way to resolve the situation is to make clear that your property will go to all the children, not just one.

6. The bottom line is protect your loved ones. Make a will or a trust and do it now.

I offer no-charge seminars open to the public that discuss wills, trusts, powers of attorney, living wills and other estate planning topics at 11am on the third Wednesday of every month at my office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Give us a call at 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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History is best appreciated through stories and this County has some of the best stories – and story tellers – in the world. In these pages over the coming weeks and months, those of us at the St Mary's Historical Society invite you learn about the County – both its distant past – through those stories.

We'll bring you stories of

heroes and villains, of rascals and saints, of places lost but remembered. We'll bring you tales from Charlotte Hall in the North to Scotland in the South; from Maddox in the West to Cedar Point in the East. There are buildings, roads, dialects, creeks and runs, bridges and bays all harboring stories that invite your exploration. For those of you who are newcomers to St Mary's County, we hope to enhance your appreciation of this most convenient place and inspire you to learn more about where you live.

Many years back, Giff Alexander, a local journalist, wrote a poem that describes well this County we call home. It may sound a bit corny to contemporary ears. But, if you look at the rivers, the farms, and the abundance that surrounds us, well, it starts to make wonderful sense.

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The Patuxent and the Potomac
Set our loyal hearts aglow.
Sunshine lingers longer,
Where the lovely rivers flow.
In Saint Mary's County,
Where the sunshine follows rain
In Saint Mary's County,
We've tobacco, fruit, and grain
We have oysters, game and fish
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In Saint Mary's County.

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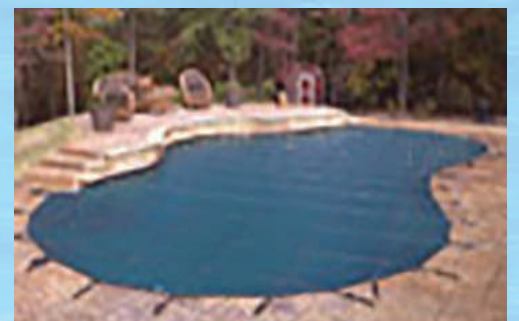
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AH-1Z Conducts First Flight With New Digital Interoperability Suite

For the first time in flight, the AH-1Z Viper established a two way connection between a ground station and the aircraft's Link 16 and Advanced Networking Wideband Waveform (ANW2) systems.

A new capability for the H-1 platform, the digital interoperability (DI) suite includes Link 16 and ANW2 data links, a gateway to share information across various networks. Additionally, the suite includes a new digital moving map, enabling the H-1 platform to display information from these data links on a common display.

The DI suite also modernizes how data is loaded to and from the H-1 platform.

"The H-1 has decades of battle-field experience, it has evolved to fight in numerous environments," said Col. Vasilios Pappas, USMC H-1 Light/Attack Helicopters program office (PMA-276) program manager. "The integration of

these data links aligns with this platform's ability to adapt to the ever-changing threat and meet the needs of current and future warfighters."

Link 16 and ANW2 enable the AH-1Z to rapidly share information with other weapon systems, provide greater situational awareness, accelerate the kill chain, and enhance survivability to outmaneuver and defeat the threat across a range of military operations.

During the one-hour flight, conducted by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (HX) 21, pilots successfully communicated with a multi-band networking manpack radio, the PRC-117G, and the Mobile Systems Integration Lab, a ground station designed by Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) to validate the suite's connection with the aircraft.

"The flight was a success and went exactly as expected," said

USMC Capt. Jason Grimes, the first flight pilot and H-1 project officer with HX-21. "There is still work to be done before fleet integration, but it was a step in the right direction in getting a much needed capability to the HMLA [Marine Light Attack Helicopter] squadrons."

The DI suite includes a new radio, processor, and mission computer software to integrate the information from this new data link onto a new digital map interface. This capability enables the AH-1Z to directly exchange critical data with other Marine Corps and Navy aviation and shipboard systems.

"The flight is the culmination hours of hard work and innovation. I am very proud of the government and industry team's dedication to making this critical capability for the Marine Corps a reality," said Pappas.

Led by PMA-276, the effort was a collaboration of the PMA-276 Avionics Integrated Product Team, numerous government and industry partners, including Northrop Grumman, Bell, Kranze Tech Solutions, NAWCAD, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, J.F. Taylor, and Booz Allen Hamilton.

Flight test on the AH-1Z will continue through the summer, with initial fleet integration expected in 2022. In addition, the program is working with industry and HX-21 to flight test the same DI suite on the UH-1Y Venom later this spring.

PMA-276 manages the cradle to grave procurement, development, support, fielding, and disposal of the Marine Corps rotary wing close air support, anti-armor, armed escort, armed/visual reconnaissance, and fire support program systems.



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In Remembrance

Catherine "Cathy" Annette Lyon Moore



Catherine "Cathy" Annette Lyon Moore, 60, of Loveville, MD, formerly from Hollywood, MD, passed away on May 30, 2021 in Baltimore, MD. Born November 5, 1960 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the loving daughter of Catherine Louise Vandebos and the late Truman Lyon.

Cathy was the loving wife of the late Jackson Howard Moore, whom she married in Avenue, MD and who preceded her in death on September 16, 2011.

Cathy is survived by her siblings Connie Anita Cusic of Bushwood, MD, James T. Lyon of Loveville, MD, Daniel J. Lyon (Laurie) of Loveville, MD, and Patrick Lyon of Loveville, MD, along with nieces and nephews Kristie Cusic, Mariah Young, Damien Wilson, Japaris Holt, Jessica Lyon, Brooke Lyon, Bambi Cusic, Carlee Bowles, Brandon Weber, John Cusic, Jesse Lyon,

Leslie Alvey, Marlee Ernest, JD. Wood, Nalani Curtis, J.T. Lyon, Johnny Lyon, Valerie Lyon, and Madison Bailey.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Cathy graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1978 and earned a degree in nursing. She worked as a licensed practical nurse for St. Mary's Hospital for 37 years, retiring in 2013.

Cathy was a member of the Hollywood Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing bingo and lottery.

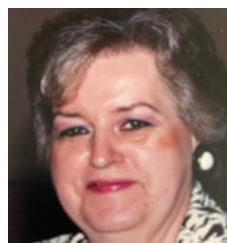
All Funeral Services will be private.

Contributions may be made to assist with funeral expenses.

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

Frances Arleen "Frankie" Gass

Frances Arleen "Frankie" Gass, 78, of Hollywood, MD, passed away on June 2, 2021 with her family by her side. Born January 2, 1943 in Washington, DC, she was the loving daughter of the late Paul Benja-



min Wise and Mable Virginia Holt Wise.

Frankie was the loving wife of Robert Merrill Gass, Sr., whom she married on January 2, 1959 in St. Joseph's Church, Morganza, MD. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children Robert "Robby" Gass, Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Donald "Tony" (Bridget) Gass of Bryantown, MD, Donna (Mike) Childers of Clements, MD, Brenda (Paul) Clements of California, MD, and Brian Patrick Gass of Hollywood, MD, as well as her siblings Mary Ann Turner of Mechanicsville, MD, Shirley K. Miedzinski of Hollywood, MD, Joan Gayle Nelson of Mechanicsville, MD John D. Wise of Avenue, MD, 16 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings Paul Benjamin Wise, Jr., Thomas C. Wise, and Debra A. Johnson.

She was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD, and attended Margaret Brent High School. Frankie was a Custodial Supervisor for the U.S. Capital for 23 years, retiring in 1998.

Frankie enjoyed bingo, crocheting, vacations with her sisters, and being a grandma. She also enjoyed her family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 14, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD with prayers recited at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Church, Hollywood, MD, with Father Raymond Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens. Serving as pallbearers will be Ron Cummings, Dorian Queener, Richard Abell, Brandon Gass, Shane Gass, and Andrew Rabe. Honorary pallbearers will be Connor Russell, Landon Russell, and Michael Gass.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's at P.O. Box 25, Leonardtown, MD 20650, and A.C.T.S at P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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Joseph "Joe" Gutman

Joseph "Joe" Gutman of Hollywood, Maryland (son of Joseph and Rose Gutman) passed away on



May 27, 2021 after complications following a bone marrow transplant through Johns Hopkins Hospital. Despite battling lymphoma

years earlier and then leukemia, Joe handled every situation and setback with strength, dignity and even humor.

Joe met the love of his life, Joyce, as childhood neighbors in Marianna, Pennsylvania. They had 53 beautiful marital years together along with three children, Joell, Shawn and Erin, and six grandchildren ranging in age from 4 to 23.

Joe lived a modest yet very full life. He took joy in the simple pleasures like yard work and cutting firewood. Upon retirement from teaching in 2005 he and Joyce traveled extensively. His bravest feat was sky diving in Aruba just a few years ago. One of his most meaningful vacations was traveling with his wife and daughters to his grandparents' home country of Slovenia.

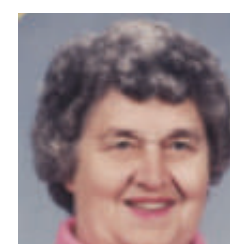
While in the hospital he reminisced about his proudest physical accomplishment: completing a five day bike trip with family members from Pittsburgh to DC, logging 100 miles in one day and he wasn't even a cyclist. He was certainly an adventurer and a man who acted decades younger than his age, always active and strong, even while battling cancer.

Joe impacted countless lives, whether through his 38 years of teaching at Esperanza Middle School, as a softball coach/team-mate or a fierce competitor on a golf course or tennis/pickleball/basketball court. He was a dedicated family man and a selfless friend who was always willing to lend a hand. As someone recently mentioned "the world never has enough Joe Gutmans".

A Celebration of Life service will be planned in the near future.

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Elizabeth "Ellen" Hewitt



Elizabeth "Ellen" Hewitt, age 88 of Leonardtown MD, formerly of Valley Lee, passed away peacefully surrounded by

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her loving family on May 31, 2021 at her residence. Ellen was born on September 4, 1932 in Maddox, MD. She was the daughter of the late Hillary Francis and Lillian Mae (Pilkerton) Hill. Ellen was the loving wife of the late William Franklin Hewitt "Franklin", whom she married on October 17, 1953 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD, and who preceded her in death on April 14, 1991. Ellen is survived by her children Charlotte Guy (Ernest) of Leonardtown, MD, Catherine Hewitt of Leonardtown, MD, Rose Mary Heckler (Ellis des.), of Leonardtown, MD, David Wayne Hewitt Sr. "Wayne" (Marianna) of Valley Lee, MD, along with her siblings Thomas Hill "Tom" of Mechanicsville, MD, Patricia Wood "Patsy" of Mechanicsville, MD, Theodora Sydnor "Audie" of Hollywood, MD, Michael Hill "Mickey" of Mechanicsville, MD, Gladys Long "Ree-Ree" of Mechanicsville, MD, Mildred Hall "Milly Ann" of Chaptico, MD, Sandra Guy "Sandy" of Leonardtown, MD, and Kathleen Hindt of Mechanicsville, MD. She also has 14 loving grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild all whom she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her son Paul Anthony Hewitt on January 9, 2000, along with her siblings Mary Catherine Stone, Hillary Hill Jr., Leonard Hill "Woodrow", Joseph Hill, Lillian Hill "Mae", Edna Thompson, and James Pilkerton "Rudy".

Ellen was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident who attended St. Michael's High School in Ridge, MD. She went on to attend college at Georgetown University in Washington, DC to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. After attaining her nursing degree in 1953, Ellen worked as a nurse for St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD. She later became the Nursing Supervisor for many years before becoming the Director of Nursing. After leaving St. Mary's Hospital in 1983, Ellen became the nurse at St. Mary's Interdependent Life Environment (SMILE) for a few years only to return to her love of nursing at St. Mary's Hospital where she eventually retired as a Psychiatric Nurse.

Ellen was very active in the St. Mary's County community volunteering her time for numerous organizations, including becoming the first female Chief of the Valley Lee Volunteer Rescue Squad, serving as a member of the St. Mary's County Fair Board, and the former President of the Farm Bureau Association. Alongside her volunteering, Ellen enjoyed spending

time with family and friends playing pitch, cooking meals and baking cakes for her loved ones, and collecting bells, plates, and angel figurines.

Donations may be made to the A Community That Shares (A.C.T.S) at P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618 and 2nd District Volunteer Firehouse at P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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Ashley Renee Merkle "Boogey"



Ashley Renee Merkle "Boogey", 31, of Lexington Park, MD formerly from Hollywood, MD passed away on May 30, 2021. She

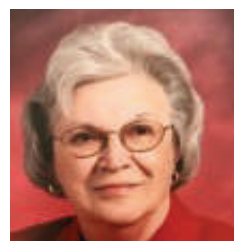
was born on September 10, 1989 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the loving daughter of Kimberly Ann Mills of Lexington Park, MD, Charles F. Merkle, Sr. of Bushwood, MD, and stepfather Brad Mills of Lexington Park, MD. Ashley is survived by her son Cameron Briscoe of Lexington Park, MD, siblings Joshua Austin of California, MD, Charles E. Merkle of Charlotte Hall, MD, Jeanne Hill of Bushwood, MD, and Deborah Merkle of La Plata, MD.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Ashley graduated from Leonardtown High School in 2007 and was a full-time mother.

There will be a Celebration of Life following the Service at Avenmar Community Association, 41165 Herons Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Teresa D. Cusic



Teresa D. Cusic passed into eternal rest, in Leonardtown, on June 1st, 2021. Teresa was 93.

Teresa was the daughter of Richard and

Beatrice Woodburn, one of 13 children, and lived in St Mary's County all her life. She is preceded in death by her husband, William F. Cusic, Sr. (Bill).

She loved the country life and all things associated with it, even planting tobacco on the small family farm. Her stuffed ham was always amazing. She took great pride in her yard, always planting and weeding. She loved being outside.

Teresa worked for C & P Telephone and Bell Atlantic for over 30 years. Many folks remember her pleasant voice as a switchboard operator. She enjoyed her co-workers and enjoyed telling stories of their antics while working the late shift.

After retiring from Bell Atlantic, Teresa worked for the St. Mary's County Health Department for several years. As with Bell Atlantic, she forged many lasting friendships with her co-workers. She always looked forward to lunches and other outings with "the girls".

The true love of Teresa's life, though, was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing made "Ma's" eyes light up like spending time with them. They were her treasures and she made sure everyone knew it. Rarely did a visit from Ma not include a special treat for the kids. Overnight stays at Ma's were frequent occurrences and the kids went back home just a little bit spoiled.

There was a special place in Teresa's heart for all children as she always made a fuss over kids in her neighborhood and those of family and friends. Friends of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were treated with much love and kindness, always welcomed into her home.

Teresa is survived by 2 sons, Billy (Nancy) and Rick (Betsy); 5 grandchildren, Billy 3rd (KC); Mark (Kara); Valerie Zyriek (Will Knecht); Will (Erin); and Matt. She is survived by 5 great-grandchildren, Breton; Fisher; Alexis; Savannah; and Natalie.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 10:30 Am to 11:15 Am in St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 11:30 AM with Father David Beaubien officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens Leonardtown, MD.

Donations may be made to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department or Rescue Squad.

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P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD.

Arthur Lawrence Miller



Arthur Lawrence Miller, 80, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully on June 3, 2021 at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore,

MD with his adoring family by his side. He was born on February 6, 1941 in Albany, New York to the late Arthur Lawrence Miller and Blanche Irene (Wintemberg) Miller.

A hard-working, driven, and dependable man, Larry excelled throughout his life at every endeavor he took on. He graduated from Oklahoma State with a fire protection engineering degree in 1965 and made his family proud with his intelligence and strong work ethic. He started his career in risk management at Glens Falls Insurance Company in upstate New York. Larry never sat around. Larry began ALM American Construction, Inc. in 1995 after "retiring" from a 30 year career with St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company in New York City and St. Paul, Minnesota. As a real estate developer, Larry built over 150 custom built homes across Southern Maryland giving so many families and businesses their forever homes. He worked until his last day on his biggest project, a 21 lot subdivision, Sunset Ridge in Hollywood, MD. At 80, Larry still came home every night, and said he loved his job and working with his clients.

Larry loved riding his tractor, landscaping, investing in the stock market, watching the New York Giants and his Oklahoma State Cowboys, boating, and Habitat for Humanity. He was a history buff, and became an avid non-fiction reader in his later days.

Larry met the love of his life, Susan, and chased her down until she agreed to be his loving wife. They married on September 9, 1989 and have celebrated their love for over thirty-one (31) years. He was a devoted family man who loved his wife, children, and grandchildren above all. Spending time surrounded by his grandchildren always brought a twinkle to his eye and happiness to his soul. He was looking forward to welcoming baby Blaise to the family. Although, he may not be here physically, he will watch from above, guiding, loving, and brightening the days for all of

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In Remembrance

those he loved. He left this world better than he found it.

In addition to his loving wife, Susan Miller of Lexington Park, MD he is survived by his children, David (Lisa), Dawn (Patrick), Morgan (Kevin) and Matthew; seven (7) grandchildren, Lauren, Michael, Aubrey, Sydney, Beck, Brooke and Blaise. He is also survived by his siblings, Patricia Walther (Tom) and Sheila Miller and many nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Darren.

The Miller family thanks you all for being a special part of his life. He loved you deeply and cherished his time with you all.

In lieu of flowers the family would prefer donations be made at <https://secure.jhu.edu/form/pccm>, on the pulldown menu select "Other" and write "Dr. Maureen Horton/Cure PF Fund" and when adding address/payment information there is a section for Memorial Gifts where Arthur Larry Miller would be noted. To make a gift via check: write to "JHU" with Arthur Larry Miller and Dr. Maureen Horton/Cure for PF Fund noted. Checks should be sent to: Anne Kennan Taylor, Johns Hopkins at Keswick, Office of Advancement Services, Attn: RevMgmt - Department of Medicine, 3910 Keswick Road, Suite N2100, Baltimore, MD 21211.

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Tom Tena



Tom Tena, 90, passed away at his home in Hollywood, Maryland, in complete peace. He was born on March 21, 1931, in Clif-

ton, Arizona to the late Jose M. Tena and Esther (Armendariz) Tena.

At the age of 19, Tom enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country during the Korean War aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Mount McKinley. After his honorable discharge, Tom spent the majority of his career working as a civil servant for the U. S. government. Through his job, he traveled to many places around the world. It was while working at NAS Patuxent River that Tom met the love of his life, Rose Marie Harris Tena. They married on March 10, 1979, and had a wonderful life together until her passing in

October of 2015.

Tom was a member of the Life Community Church of God in Great Mills, Maryland. He and Rose Marie started an outreach, faithfully ministering to the elderly residents at the St. Mary's Nursing Center every Sunday for 30 years. They also ministered at the detention center.

Tom enjoyed travel, golfing, dancing, and carpentry. He possessed master skills in woodworking. He was extremely meticulous and patient. It showed in the quality of the things he made whether a small jewelry box, carving of an owl, or beautifully handcrafted crown molding.

Tom walked this life in peace, and shared his wisdom with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends. Tom's legacy is that everyone that knew him would say that he was a gentle and very kind man.

Tom is survived by his children, Mike Tena (Janis) of Poulso, Washington, Eric Tena (Rose) of Prescott, Arizona, Carolyn Aguilera (Michael) of Valencia, California, Teresa Waak (Marley) of San Diego, California, Richard Tena of Vista, California, Robyn Hammett of Hollywood, Maryland, Dale Hammett of Hollywood, Maryland, and Larry Hammett of Dexter, Michigan. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and his sister, Carmen Jiminez. In addition to his parents and his wife, Tom was preceded in death by his siblings, Molly Tena and Frank Tena.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Samaritan's Purse International Relief.

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Blair Gerard Middleton, "Jerry"



Blair Gerard Middleton, "Jerry", was born November 30, 1936 in Washington D.C. to T. Blair and Virginia Middleton. He Graduated

from Priory, which is now known as St. Anselms Abbey, in 1954. He was drafted into the Army for two years and spent time in Germany and traveling throughout Europe during this time.

He held many different types of jobs in his life, including building

counter tops, working at the National Security Agency, working at Philco, part of the Goddard Flight center, working for his father raising beef cows, working at Middleton and Meads, helping to run Middleton Landscaping and then Middleton Brother's Farm, specializing in commercial landscaping.

When he retired, he told his beloved wife Martha that they were moving to the beach. She wasn't taking any chances and had reservations and a list of possible houses within hours. They spent their retirement enjoying the town of Southern Shores, NC in a home they shared with their beloved bulldog Rachel, and then 2 much loved Golden Retrievers, Nugget and Charleigh. Their home was a warm, loving gathering place for their children, grandchildren and granddogs.

Two years after his wife Martha passed, Jerry moved to Southern Maryland to live with his daughter. There he was able to reconnect with many relatives and make new friends.

Jerry was incredibly smart, incredibly strong and incredibly tough. He was opinionated but so loving. He loved talking to people and teasing children good-naturedly. He loved his family and he was eternally devoted to his wife. He will be greatly missed.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, his younger brothers John Francis and Robert David and his son in law Patrick. He is eternally reunited with his beloved wife Martha. He is survived by his daughter Marti Lloyd, his son Blair Jr. (Leigh) his 3 granddaughters, Rena, Rachel and Riley, his sister Marianne, his sisters in law, Kristin and Donna, many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

There will be a circle of prayer held at Chicahawk Beach, Southern Shores on June 12, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in N.C. for all living in the area or visiting the Outer Banks are welcome.

He will be greatly missed.

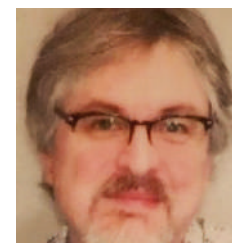
In lieu of flowers donations can be made in honor of Blair Middleton to Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680.

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Stephen Joseph Shellhammer

Stephen Joseph Shellhammer, 58, of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 30, 2021 at Calvert Nursing Center in Prince Frederick, MD.



He was born on May 29, 1963 in Endicott, NY to the late Robert Joseph Shellhammer and Mary Ruth Holt of Leonardtown, MD.

Stephen graduated high school and then attended Broom Community College County in Binghamton, NY earning an Associate of Arts degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He then graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Clark Summit University in Clark Summit, PA. From there he went to Rochester Institute of Technology receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. Eventually he came to the Department of Defense, NAVAIR at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. He had a long career as a dedicated and proficient Electrical Engineer. During this time, he earned his Master's Degree in Systems Engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School.

During his college years, he met the love of his life, Dianne Shellhammer, whom he married on December 9, 1989 in Rochester, NY. They celebrated over 31 wonderful years together and raised two great children.

Stephen was a guitar enthusiast, playing the acoustic, electric and bass guitar. He combined his music and love for God in the churches he attended in New York and Maryland. In recent years, he was a valued member of the Faith Bible Church's worship team where he would show his talent on the guitar. He enjoyed giving lessons to many students over 20 years. His favorite guitar student was his son, whom he enjoyed playing with. He was a hands on parent, supporting his kids in all their endeavors, whether it be attending rugby games, playing the guitar, or teaching them electronics, he was a loving and devoted father.

Stephen was a fan of the NY Yankees baseball team and the NY Giants football team. He attended many concerts, especially enjoying the ones held at St. Mary's City. He enjoyed traveling to Gettysburg, Lancaster, California, Chicago and Detroit to tour or visit family. He and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

In addition to his mother and beloved wife, Stephen is also survived by his children, Alex Shellhammer and Tori Shellhammer both of Leonardtown, MD; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father.

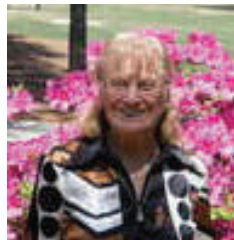
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Marcella Ruth Paoline



Heaven has gained an angel with the passing of Marcella Ruth Paoline, who peacefully has gone home to be with Jesus.

She was born November 8, 1925, outside of Reading Pennsylvania. She lived most of her life in Kenilworth New Jersey until she moved to Maryland to live with her youngest daughter Melissa 7 years ago. She passed peacefully at her residence in California Maryland surrounded by her children who were raised with love and devotion. She had a beautiful soul, infectious smile, positive attitude, strong faith, and was loved by everyone who knew her. Marcella cherished time with her family, playing her favorite dice game, watching the birds/wildlife, going to the beach, and watching football or golf. She lived a long and fulfilled life. Her favorite saying was "Chinka Chinka, it's 5 O'clock somewhere" to raise a glass to celebrate life.

Marcella was predeceased by her husband Michael of 45 years, sister Betty Huck, and two children Michael Paoline and Mary Beth Lisowski. Marcella is survived by 4 children Michele Brown and husband Donald, Mark Paoline and wife June, Monica Vaughan and husband David, and Melissa Homan and husband Rodney, 4 grandchildren Donna Marie Brown, Donald Brown, Jr, Sean Lisowski, and Robert Lisowski and wife Megan, 1 great grandchild Brienna Brown, and 1 great, great grandchild Emma Grace Fernandez.

No local services are scheduled.

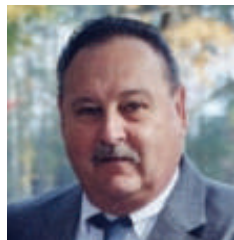
In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will occur in New Jersey.

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George Isaac Buscall, Jr., (Pop-Pop)

George Isaac Buscall, Jr., (Pop-



Pop) 81 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on May 27, 2021 in Leonardtown.

He was born on October 13, 1939 in Baltimore, MD to the late George Isaac Buscall, Sr. and Alice Marie (Wooldridge) Buscall.

George grew up in Baltimore MD. As a teen he held various jobs before entering the US Army in 1966.

He started his service in the Army as a supply specialist and was deployed to Vietnam in 1968. During his time in Vietnam he received training to be a helicopter electrician. After his discharge from active duty, George remained in Vietnam working for Dyncorp until his departure in 1975.

George, his wife Nga, and his daughter Tam were able to escape Vietnam on one of the last civilian planes to take off. He then worked for Dyncorp for 20+ years traveling the world installing and maintaining jet engine test cells.

When home, George loved to crab and fish with his mother and Tam. They enjoyed taking long road trips to Luray, Virginia and skyline drive. George was a dedicated and hard working father and devoted to his mother who lived with him until her passing in 1997.

His grandkids will always remember Pop-pop for his seemingly endless stories about his cars when he was younger, his adventures in Vietnam driving crazy delivering parts from base to base. Always the scrounger. He could get anything anywhere, hence his Army nickname "Mole".

George will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with his fellow servicemen.

He is survived by his daughter, Nguyen Thi Tam Nhi "Tam" Powell and son-in-law Doug Powell of Leonardtown, MD; 13 grandchildren, Adam M. Powell, Sr. Constancy, Jonathan D. Powell, Allison L. Lehman, Hunter I. Powell, Anna J. Powell, Sr. Redemption, Clare A. Powell, Noah D. Powell, Catherine R. Powell, Moses D. Powell, Miriam R. Powell, and Maria T. Powell; and 10 great grandchildren, Emma, Solomon, Logan, Henry, Benedict, Diana, Pia, Patricio with two on the way. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Alice Stormer, Ellen Hughes, and Betty Flannery.

At this time services are private.

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Elizabeth Anne McCoy Hayes



Elizabeth Anne McCoy Hayes, 68, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side in Leonardtown on June 6th, 2021. She

was born in Scotland, Maryland of Fred and Beth McCoy, one of 12 children.

Married Walter Edwin Hayes in 1976 with three children, Walter Ian Hayes, Matthew Brendan Hayes, and Mary Elizabeth Hayes. She is survived by a large family of McCoys and is deeply admired and loved by her brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Anne attended St. Mary's Academy, and graduated University of Maryland School of Nursing (1975) and was a Registered Nurse, Certified Diabetes Educator and administered care to thousands of patients across Maryland. As a nurse she practiced in hospice, pediatrics, public health, and diabetes and served on the board of directors of the St. Mary's Nursing Home.

She was the spiritual heart and acting matriarch of the McCoy family who ensured that her siblings remained a tight knit family. She was an inspiration of strong faith, compassion, sincerity, unity and caregiving. She was a true giver, an advocate for those who most needed her help and attention and exemplified unconditional love without judgement in her actions and dedication to her family, friends and patients.

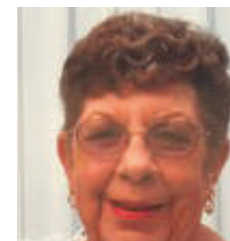
A gathering will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD at 9:30am, eulogy at 10:15am, and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am with Father Ryan Pineda officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery, with a reception following in the church hall.

Instead of flowers, in her honor, reach out to your family, friends and neighbors who are less fortunate and need help without judgement.

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Margaret Ann Long



Margaret Ann Long, 80, of Avenue, MD, passed away on June 5, 2021 in Solomons, MD. She was born on January 29th 1941

in Washington, DC and was the daughter of the late Margaret Ann Montgomery Huseman and Carl Joseph Huseman, Sr., and the stepdaughter of Thelma Virginia Morris. Margaret was the loving wife of the late Joseph "Joe" Oliver Long, Sr. whom she married on September 24, 1965, and who preceded her in death on March 9, 2020. Margaret is survived by her children Joseph "Joey" Oliver Long Jr. of Avenue, MD, Paul Timothy "Timmy" Long (Bonny) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Robert Matthew "Matt" Long, Sr. (Shannon) of Avenue, MD, along with her sister Mary Thelma Smith of South Carolina, and her grandchildren Emily Ann Sheaffer, Robert Matthew Long Jr., Abbey Elizabeth Long, Jamillynn Long, Lacie Lynn Long, Carly Dale Long, and Ryan Joseph Buckler Long. She was preceded in death by her siblings Carl Joseph Huseman Jr. of Virginia and Charles "Chuck" Anthony Huseman Sr. of Bowie, MD.

Margaret was a social worker for the Department of Social Services for 39 years, retiring in 2009. She enjoyed her job and was a dedicated employee who loved helping others. She loved her boys and grandchildren, and enjoyed camping in her younger years, as well as making crafts.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 14, 2021 from 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD with a service at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Father Michael Tietjen officiating. Interment will be private.

Contributions may be made to Seventh District Vol. Rescue Squad at P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 and St. Mary's Nursing Home at 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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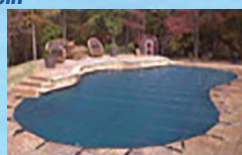
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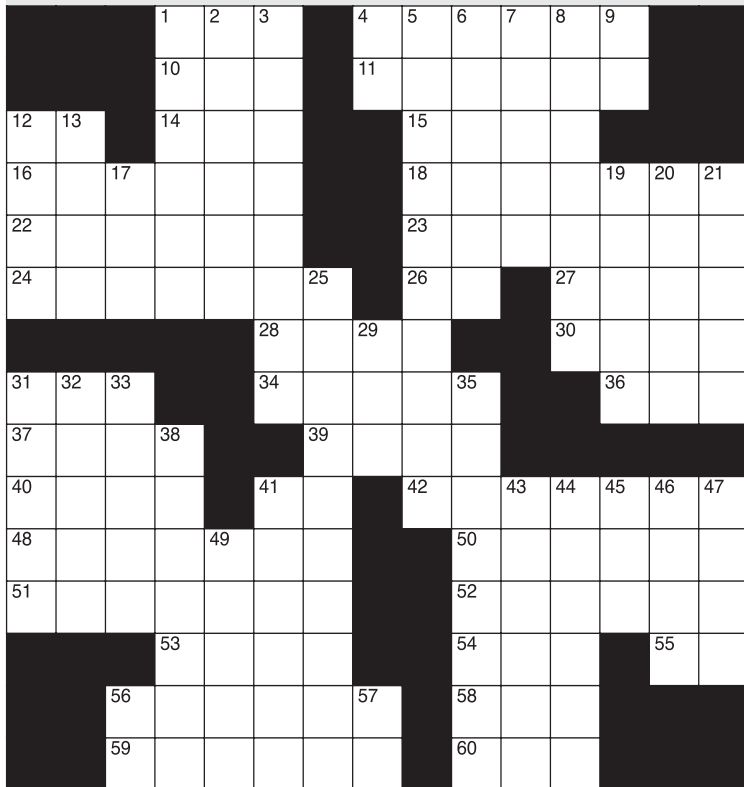
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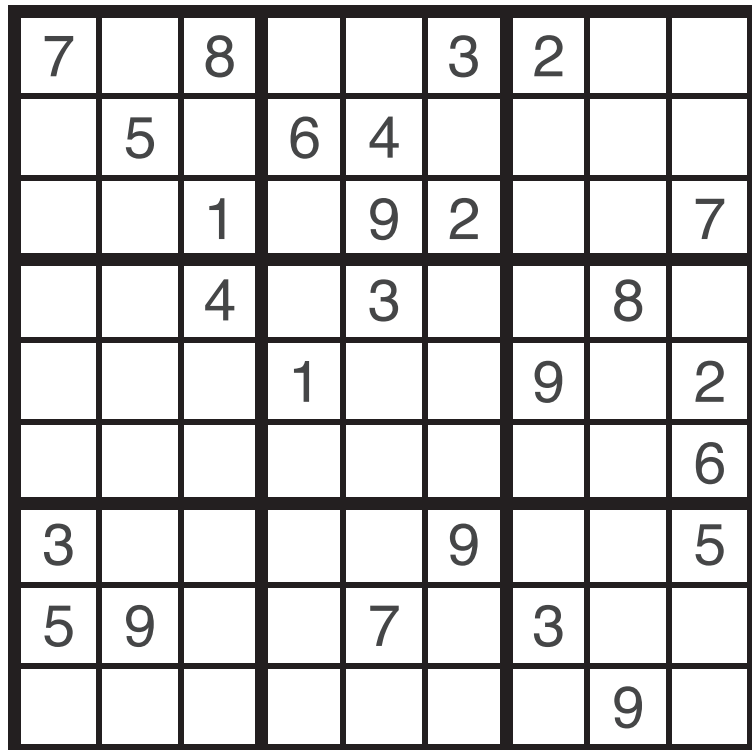
- 1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan
- 4. One of Santa's reindeer
- 10. Before the present
- 11. Type of butter
- 12. Location of White House
- 14. Motion
- 15. Tree part
- 16. Regions around the North Pole
- 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale
- 22. Discuss after it's happened
- 23. Milk substitute for coffee
- 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being
- 26. Equally
- 27. Famed director Forman
- 28. Popular apartment style
- 30. British School
- 31. Advanced degree
- 34. Order of architecture
- 36. Investment account (abbr.)

- 37. Snakelike fishes
- 39. Children's tale bear
- 40. Norse personification of old age
- 41. Atomic #58
- 42. Moving your head
- 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner
- 50. Frankfurter
- 51. Small, seedless raisin
- 52. Device in papermaking machine
- 53. Go
- 54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)
- 55. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 56. Saturated with salt
- 58. Marry
- 59. Report on
- 60. Midway between north and northeast

- 9. Rural delivery
- 12. Group of languages
- 13. Large First Nations group
- 17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy
- 19. Excludes
- 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 21. Swedish monetary unit
- 25. Works with
- 29. Partner to "to"
- 31. Rewards (archaic)
- 32. One of Caroline Islands
- 33. Type of alcohol
- 35. Eat a lot
- 38. Nuns
- 41. Dog
- 43. Become more serious
- 44. Choose
- 45. Newspapers use it
- 46. World's longest river
- 47. Commanded to go faster
- 49. Cabs
- 56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- 57. Document signed (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rays
- 2. Self-centered person
- 3. One you look after
- 4. Prosecutor
- 5. Portion
- 6. Speaks ill of
- 7. Formal system for computer programs
- 8. To make angry



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