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Commissioners Release Portion of \$22M American Rescue Act Funds



Dr. Meena Brewster explains the health department's need for emergency funds to continue COVID-19 response.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Two county departments, health and information technology, each received a share of \$22 million in American Rescue Act funds this week after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County decided the needs in those departments were time sensitive enough.

Last week the commissioners tabled making a decision on how to divide all of the federal supplementary funding, but received an e-mail request from County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster five hours before the beginning of their July 27 meeting for emergency funding to continue responding to COVID-19.

Brewster told commissioners surge staffing, particularly for monitoring infections of the virus' Delta variant, now the prime strain of the disease in the nation, was still necessary.

"That is what has particular urgency around it," Brewster said. "We have staff on board currently, I need to be able to pay them."

She said she had put in the request for a piece of the relief funding weeks ago, but felt the need to request the money now as the commissioners would not meet for the next two weeks.

"We need to maintain our COVID surge response for this fiscal year," Brewster said. "We have weaned down those staff however there are many functions we need to maintain."

"We know we're entering into another surge of COVID-19."

About half of the county's population remains unvaccinated, Brewster said, and that coupled with greater summertime social interaction and travel has led to the re-

cent spike in local cases.

"It's to be expected," Brewster said. "Unfortunately, we're now dealing with Delta strain."

She explained that this newer, much more infectious strain, could not be fully quantified here yet. "Our genomic tests of positive cases is very limited," Brewster said. "We believe much of the surge we're experiencing now... is probably fueled mostly by the Delta variant."

The Delta variant is "highly infectious," Brewster said, so much in fact, that scientists are becoming increasingly concerned about the disease's virulent nature the more they learn about it.

"We don't want to be behind the power curve; we don't want to be reactionary to what it was last time," said Commissioner John O'Connor, in supporting the \$1 million health department request. "It's logical that the money is going to go there."

Operations for pandemic response, including contact tracing, pop-up vaccine clinics and case surveillance are continuing around the clock, she said, necessitating continued funding.

"Those contact tracers are busy seven days a week," Brewster said.

Brewster said her department plans to reopen mass vaccination operations at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department in the near future for vaccine booster shots as well as vaccines, once they are available for children under 12 years old.

The county's information technology department received \$4.7 million over the next two years to continue with improving broadband infrastructure.

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Emergency Director: Paid EMS Staff Working Well

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The effort to recruit and retain paid emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics is “doing very well,” the county’s top emergency management official told county commissioners this week.

“Our mutual aid requests from other counties are way down,” said Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Management. “Our delays are way down.”

Walker reported to commissioners on the progress of inculcating the paid assistance in with what has always been a volunteer rescue and advanced life support service in St. Mary’s County.

In 2020, the county spent over \$284,000 on contract emergency medical aid, Walker said, with current expenditures going a little over \$1 million.

The county had originally budgeted \$906,000 to cover the first year’s cost for the medical personnel, originally paid to an outside staffing contractor.

The county has since decided to hire all its own paid supplemental medical staffing, EMTs and paramedics, using fiscal 2022 budget monies as well as funds that had

previously allocated to Walker’s agency for such a contingency.

A total of 32 EMS personnel, about half full time and the rest part time, were to be hired.

Walker said preliminary data showed that continuing to provide paid medical assistance for volunteer companies, of whom all have requested help, would not be cheap.

“It’s certainly costly,” Walker said.

The actual process of EMS billing, which the county has now instituted to charge patients’ insurance companies for ambulance transport, has proved more difficult to institute with the current county-contracted company, Walker said.

EMS billing is designed to help defray the costs of continued use of paid supplemental medical personnel.

“We’re collecting, we’re doing the training, I just don’t have the data to show you how we’re doing right now,” Walker said.

There are 16 full-time EMTs now running calls, Walker said, with four full-time paramedics supporting the county’s Advanced Life Support Unit.

“Numerous hourly [EMTs and



Emergency Services Director Steve Walker briefs county commissioners on paid emergency medical staffing.

paramedics] are filling in as needed,” Walker said. “The hourlyies have really made the difference.”

Commissioner John O’Connor said he had found that e-mail notification traffic related to non-response to calls had dropped by about 90 percent with the addition of new staff.

“The collaboration between everyone is obviously working in the right direction,” said O’Connor.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he had been informed by volunteers who were available to take an emergency call that they found

paid staff had already taken it, prompting him to ask Walker what his preference was.

Walker said he believed the addition of paid supervisors, for which he had not made an official request, could help sort that issue out.

His main concern though, was getting medical aid to an emergency, paid or not.

“We want them to answer as soon as possible,” Walker said. “If the volunteers answer first, go.

“I have no issues with it.”
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St. Patrick's Creek Dredge Funding Approved



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Patrick's Creek may soon get some much-needed relief after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approved grant funding to begin dredging it.

"It's another piece of good news," said Department of Public Works and Transportation chief John Deatrick. "It's [the capitol project] has been out there a long time trying to find the funding."

The timing for the funding is right, Deatrick said, as the mouth of the creek is closing due to increasing levels of sand and other sediment flowing into it.

This would eventually make the creek impassable to boat traffic; significant amounts of recreational and commercial boat traffic depend upon St. Patrick's Creek.

"Unfortunately, it's not a long-term fix," Deatrick lamented of the continual silting problem. "That's why we're continuing to look for funding sources for a long term fix."

Capitol Projects Manager Zane Rettstatt said he had been working on the project intermittently for the past decade; they were finally successful in getting a state grant through the Department of Natural Resources for \$100,000 to design the project and \$800,000 for the dredging work.

St. Patrick's Creek is located in

Colton's Point and leads into St. Clement's Bay.

"It was a big victory," Rettstatt said of the funding.

The creek's channel is 60-feet wide and just seven feet deep.

"The channel's gotten so bad over the years that the [U.S.] Coast Guard would just take the buoy marker and just move it in," Rettstatt said. "Right now, it's just 25- to-30 feet wide.

"You can't get two-way traffic."

The plan is to dredge about 7,000 cubic yards of siltation and move it to a site at Newtown Neck State Park for a beach replenishment project, Rettstatt said.

Once the grant was approved, he said, it would take between 45 to 60 days to hire a contractor to do the design work.

Dredging would then be scheduled for the spring or summer of next year.

"The sooner the better," said Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy. "Believe me."

Rettstatt said that, barring another hurricane or significant storm, the dredging should provide the needed relief for the creek for quite some time.

In the meantime, the county was pursuing other possibilities, such as a jetty, to provide a longer-term solution to the siltation problem, Rettstatt said.

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County Warns of Surveyor Operating Without a License

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County land use officials are investigating how many projects a local land surveyor, who they say had been working without a license since January of 2019, produced before the county found out about his allegedly scofflaw professional status.

So far, that number of projects is 38, with 20 of them being boundary line adjustment plats. Half that number were minor subdivisions, according to county reports.

County officials announced July 21 that Jerry Nokleby of Nokleby Surveying, Inc. had not had a valid state license for the last two-and-a-half years but had done business under the name of another company, VARC LLC.

Bill Hunt, director of the county's Department of Land Use and Growth Management, told The County Times that the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors revoked Nokleby's license

due to an issue of tax liability.

Hunt's department first learned of Nokleby losing his license when a retired land surveyor told a senior member of the staff.

Plats in subdivisions must be prepared by a licensed surveyor, Hunt said, to establish exact property boundary lines before being recorded officially.

"They are guaranteeing... their work meets the professional requirements to be a survey in the state of Maryland," Hunt said.

"It's definitely not hundreds, not at all," Hunt said. "It should be less than a hundred."

The county has issued no cease and desist order to Nokleby, Hunt said, as it would not be necessary.

"If he were to send us something, we wouldn't accept it," Hunt said.

Calls to Nokleby in an attempt to get comment for this story were unreturned as of press time.

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Manor Road Bridge Finally Reopens

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For almost a year Manor Road had been closed down due to the box culvert bridge being washed out from Tropical Storm Isaias, but now the narrow but important rural road is open to traffic.

The county's Department of Public Works and Transportation had recently reported to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County that they had given the contract to replace the bridge to The Great Mills Trading Post after the previous contractor had failed to act quickly enough in coming up with project designs.

Local residents in the 7th District, including farmers had complained that continued closure of the road had made it difficult to move their farm equipment to their crops.

Public Works chief John Deatrck said that five pipes are currently underpinning the new road section and are a temporary fix; a proper box culvert, with wing walls to stop erosion of the creek banks and provide a traffic safety measure, should be installed by next summer.

The original box culvert bridge was installed in the 1930s, Deatrck said, and records of its design could not be



found, forestalling the installation of a complete bridge replacement until next year.

The roadway will have to be closed again next summer, he said, likely for about two weeks.

The temporary fix, Deatrck said was necessary to getting traffic moving again.

"It had been closed for way too long," Deatrck said.

The county is also working to replace the washed-out bridge at Busy Corner Road, which connects both Route 5 and Route 242, and was similarly destroyed last August in the storm.

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St. Mary's County Public Schools' Ethics Panel Vacancy

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. Scott Smith, is seeking applicants to serve on the St. Mary's County Public Schools' Ethics Panel. The Ethics Panel is a five-member body whose primary responsibility is to provide advisory opinions, conduct hearings on ethics complaints, and make recommendations to the Board of Education on matters relating to conflict of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying disclosure. Members must be residents of St. Mary's County, and may not be a member of the Board of Education, subject to the Board's control, an employee of the Board, an employee of a business entity subject to the authority of the Board, or the spouse/partner of such individuals. Members should have a genuine interest in the public school system and all children, in-

dicating a willingness to devote the necessary time to function effectively on the Ethics Panel and be able to work effectively as team members, and reflect an ability to think and act objectively and independently and demonstrate an understanding of the responsibilities of the panel.

In selecting members of the panel, the board seeks to achieve balance with respect to gender, the demographic makeup of the community, and educators/non-educators. Panel members serve a three-year term, and they meet at a minimum, quarterly.

If you would like to be considered, please submit a cover letter explaining your interest and your resume to: St. Mary's County Public Schools Ethics Panel, 23160 Moakley Street, Suite 109, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Regional Plan Calls for New Roads, Sidewalks, Bike Paths

By Dick Myers
Editor

The Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) is developing a Complete Streets Plan for the Calvert-St. Mary's region and they are seeking public comment on the draft plan.

According to the draft plan, "C-SMMPO became an urbanized area after the 2010 Census, when the population in the Lexington Park / California / Chesapeake Ranch Estates region surpassed 50,000 residents. In keeping with federal requirements, a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) was formed to coordinate transportation planning for projects within urbanized areas that receive federal funding. The C-SMMPO also incorporates the Patuxent River Naval Air Station (NAS PAX)."

The plan goes on to say, "The C-SMMPO is developing this Complete Streets Plan to provide design guidance to government agencies, consultants, private developers, and community groups on the planning, design, and operation of roadways for all users. This plan is meant to supplement existing manuals and standards and should be referenced early in the planning and design process for transportation projects."

Complete Streets is a term used "to designate the need for a street to function not only as a transportation route for vehicles. Rather, streets should serve as a mechanism to connect people to places while accommodating all individuals and modes instead of being simply a transportation route for vehicles. Complete Streets are roadways that are designed to provide safe, accessible, and healthy travel for all users of our roadway system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists."

The plan includes five proposed project locations within St. Mary's County. They are:

St. Mary's Park Bike and Trail Routes -- This project will provide a system of trails and bike facilities in and around St. Mary's Park by proposing a network of new trails along existing utility corridors, new shared use paths along existing roadways, and shared street facilities on residential roadways. The trail system will serve as a recreational facility as well as an important connection between several areas and amenities in the community including the businesses along Airport View Drive, the Three Notch Trail, St. Mary's Regional Airport, St. Mary's Lake, St. Mary's Park, Point Lookout Road and multiple residential neighborhoods. There are two alternatives for



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the St. Mary's Park Bike and Trail Routes.

Three Notch Trail and Linkages -- An existing ten-foot wide trail runs parallel along Three Notch Road (MD 235). The existing trail has several gaps between FDR Boulevard and Chancellors Run Road, which this project will fill to provide a complete trail network connecting the commercial businesses along Three Notch Road. The trail improvements will begin at the intersection of Three Notch Road and FDR Boulevard / By the Mill Road. This intersection has connections with the existing bike lanes and sidewalk along FDR Boulevard. The 10-foot-wide trail will utilize the existing utility / railroad corridor for approximately 1,000 feet before shifting north to directly parallel Three Notch Road until reaching St. Andrew's Church Road. The proposed trail will cross St. Andrew's Church Road at the existing signalized intersection and then turn south to parallel St. Andrew's Church Road for approximately 200 feet. The proposed trail alignment then turns back east into the existing railroad / utility corridor. The trail will cross First Colony Boulevard at the existing signalized intersection with Three Notch Road, then continues east along the utility / railroad corridor to connect to the existing portion of trail near the west side of the South Plaza Shopping Center. The existing portion of trail at this location extends across the width of the South Plaza Shopping Center to Old Rolling Road. Near Old Rolling Road, the design alternative recommends removing a portion of the existing trail and realigning it to connect to the existing signalized crossing at the intersection of Old Rolling Road and Three Notch Road. East of this intersection, the proposed trail alignment then continues along the utility corridor to connect to another portion of the existing trail west of Miramar Way. The design alternative proposes ADA-compliant curb ramps and continental crosswalks at

all roadway and commercial driveway crossings.

Tulagi Place -- Great Mills Road / NAS PAX -- The primary goal for this project is to improve pedestrian and bicycle access between NAS PAX and existing retail and commercial areas along Great Mills Road across Three Notch Road in the area around Tulagi Place. These improvements will include additional landscaping, continental crosswalks, signal upgrades, and geometric changes at the intersection to increase community access and use of the park.

FDR Boulevard / Shangri-La Drive -- Shangri-La Drive is an approximately 3,600-foot-long roadway connection between Three Notch Road (MD 235) and S. Essex Drive, including a signalized crossing of Great Mills Road. FDR Boulevard is a proposed county roadway that runs parallel to Three Notch Road from the Wildewood neighborhood to South Shangri-La Drive. The roadway has been partially constructed in segments, and one of the goals of this project will be to complete the missing links of FDR Boulevard. There are numerous business and commercial properties along Shangri-La Drive on the north side of Great Mills Road, including restaurants and shops, while the south side of Great Mills Road includes schools, a church, a public library, and a large residential neighborhood. This project will look to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Shangri-La Drive roadway and provide additional connections to the commercial area. The project will also identify potential improvements for pedestrian and bicycle connections from Shangri-La Drive to John G. Lancaster Park using Willows Road. There are two proposed alternatives for this project location. Alternative "A" proposes standard stopcontrolled intersections along FDR Boulevard and at the intersection of S Shangri-La Drive and Willows Road, while Alternative B proposes two roundabouts along FDR

Boulevard and at the intersection of S Shangri-La Drive and Willows Road to help with traffic calming and improved safety along the corridor. Alternative A will involve new roadway construction for approximately 3,000 linear feet along the proposed alignment for FDR Boulevard south of Pegg Road. An existing section of FDR Boulevard that currently connects Three Notch Road and Great Mills Road will be widened and upgraded to match the ultimate typical section for FDR Boulevard. Along Shangri-La Drive, a new 10-foot wide shared use path is proposed on the north side of the roadway with grass buffers where possible, and new six-foot sidewalk is proposed on the south side. Continental crosswalks are proposed at all intersections and commercial driveway crossings. There are existing sidewalks along both sides of Shangri-La Drive from Willows Road to Great Mills Road. The existing sidewalk along the east side of the roadway will be maintained, but the existing sidewalk along the west side of the roadway is proposed to be widened to become a 10-foot shared use path. A new shared use path is proposed along the east side of Willows Road from the intersection with Shangri-La Drive to the entrance to John G. Lancaster Park.

Great Mills Corridor -- This project will look to provide safe and consistent pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the roadway, improved pedestrian crossings, and improved links between the surrounding neighborhoods and nearby schools. There are two alternatives for the Great Mills Corridor project location. Alternative A focuses on improvement to the roadway's typical section that will provide better connectivity for pedestrian and bicycle users. Alternative B includes the same improvements as Alternative A for a majority of the roadway but proposes a collector-distributor road in one section of the project.

Two virtual public meetings on the plan were held recently. Public comments are being solicited through Aug. 3 to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V2GJSW8> and <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V2GJSW8>

The implementation phase of the plan is still being developed by the consultants working on it. That should be ready by the end of August and then additional public meetings will be scheduled.

To view the plan and videos from the recent public meetings go to <https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/1/messages/190184>

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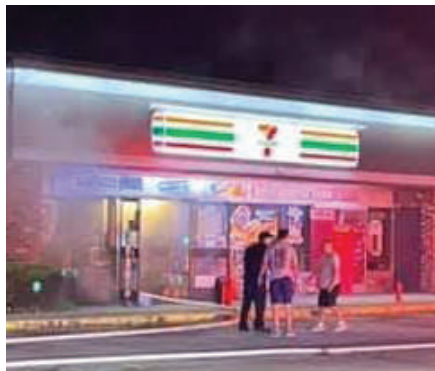
ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Robbery/Arson Under Investigation in Mechanicsville

On July 25, 2021, at approximately 4:39 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 28200 block of Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville, for a hold-up alarm activation. Deputies arrived on scene and located the employee/victim outside and heavy smoke inside the business. The victim advised a male suspect entered the business and demanded money. The victim cooperated and provided the suspect with an undisclosed amount of money. As the suspect was fleeing the business, an incendiary device was thrown inside the business.

Detectives and Crime Lab personnel from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division as well as members from the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Warren Forinash at (301) 475-4200 extension 78072 or by email at Warren.Forinash@stmarysmd.com. Information can also



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Youth Gun Violence Task Force Arrests

On July 21, 2021, members of the Youth Gun Violence Task Force executed a search and seizure warrant in the 46400 block of Munley Lane in Lexington Park. The subject of the warrant, **Jamal Kedrick Davis**, age 24 of Lexington Park, was located in his vehicle. Found in the vehicle was a loaded handgun, suspected cocaine, a digital scale, and packaging material. Davis is prohibited by law from possessing regulated firearms.



Jamal Davis

Davis 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
 - Handgun in Vehicle
 - Illegal Possession of Ammunition
 - Assault Weapon/Magazine Use
 - Firearm: Possession with Felony Conviction
 - Firearm: Use/Felony Violent Crime
 - Firearm: Drug Trafficking Crime
 - CDS: Distribution with Firearm
 - CDS: Possession of Firearm
 - CDS: Possession with Intent to Distribute
 - CDS: Possession-not Marijuana
- Davis remains incarcerated at

the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status.

On July 16, 2021, members of the Youth Gun Violence Task Force arrested **Kavione Eugene Watts**, age 18 of Lexington Park, on an outstanding warrant for Possession of Firearm/Minor and Regulated Firearm/Stolen/Sell.



Kavione Watts

Anyone with information on gun violence in St. Mary's County is asked to contact (301) 475-4200 extension 78087 or by email at stopgunviolence@stmarysmd.com.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Youth Gun Violence Task Force is a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Maryland State Police (MSP) and the State's Attorney's Office for St. Mary's County to ensure the safety and security of all residents, through the arrest and prosecution of those seeking to do harm unto others through gun violence.

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

Editor's Note:

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Eight Quilts of Valor Awarded



PAX Sound of Freedom, St. Mary's County unit of Quilts of Valor, recently awarded eight quilts to local veterans at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park. (l to r) Larry Messick, (20 combined years of service in four branches of the military, Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy), Glenn Larned (Army - 2 years and Bronze Star), Justin Robbins (Navy - 11 years), Michael McDonald (Army - 6 years and Purple Heart recipient), Jeffery Harmond (Navy - 20 years), Tom Alvey (Army - 3 years), John Trejo (Marine - 4 years) and in wheelchair is Richard Greenwell (Air Force - 8 years).



Pictured with his quilt representing 20 years combined service in the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy is Larry Mesick. This special quilt was designed and pieced by Flo Green.

FINANCIAL FOCUS HERE'S A LOOK AT THE 'NEW RETIREMENT'

Once you retire, what can you expect from your life? You might be surprised by the things that current retirees are saying about their lifestyles, priorities, relationships and hopes for the future. And you also might find this knowledge quite helpful as you prepare for the day when you become a retiree.

First of all, retirement today is far different – and potentially far more rewarding – than was the case a generation or so ago. Of course, people are living longer now, but the new retirement environment isn't just about longevity – it's also about using one's time in a meaningful way, deepening connections with family and contributing to communities. All these capabilities fit into a framework of four key "pillars": health, family, purpose and finance, described in a study by Edward Jones and Age Wave called Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes, which also looks at how attitudes and opinions have changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the study's findings is a piece of good news: 76% of Americans credit the pandemic with causing them to refocus on what's most important in life.

And one important element in the life of retirees is, not surprisingly, their optimal well-being in their retirement years. The overwhelming majority of retirees say that all four pillars are essential to this well-being. Let's look at these pillars and see what you can do to support them:

- Having good physical/mental health – Health care and long-term care costs are the greatest financial worries in retirement, according to the Four Pillars study. A financial advisor can recommend ways of addressing these expenses, but you can also take familiar

steps, such as getting regular exercise and following a well-balanced diet, to maintain and improve your health.

- Having family and friends that care about me – Retirees say that the top contributor to their identity in retirement is their relationships with loved ones, again according to the Four Pillars study. Clearly, it's important to keep up your relationships with family and friends, before and after you're retired.

- Having a sense of purpose in life – Those with a higher sense of purpose have better overall health, greater cognitive functioning, higher life satisfaction, increased mobility/functioning and longer lifespans, according to the Four Pillars report, citing research from the International Journal of Aging and Human Development. So, by volunteering and getting involved in community activities, you'll not only be helping others, but also yourself.

- Being financially secure – During the pandemic, retirees fared better than other demographic groups because they had stronger financial safety nets, including Social Security, Medicare and a high degree of home ownership. Still, just 56% of men and 40% of women are confident about their retirement savings, according to the Four Pillars survey. So, if you haven't yet retired, you'll still want to bolster your finances by contributing as much as you can to your investment accounts. And once you do retire, you'll want to make sure you don't take too much from these accounts too soon, helping you avoid the risk of outliving your money.

As you can see, it's important to take a holistic approach to retirement in the 21st century. And when you do, you can find your days as a retiree to be greatly fulfilling.

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Free Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Card Service Now Available in Spanish

El Servicio de la Tarjeta de Vacuna Digital COVID-19 está Disponible en Español y es Gratis

The St. Mary's County Health Department and PinPoint US, LLC have partnered to offer free digital COVID-19 vaccine cards for those living in St. Mary's County. Initially launched in English, the VaccineCheck service is now also available in Spanish for community members. VaccineCheck generates a personalized digital version of a CDC vaccine card after verifying COVID-19 vaccine history through Maryland's statewide immunization registry. Community members can also use this service to upload images of their paper CDC vaccine card for safe digital record-keeping accessible through their smartphone or computer. Data uploads and verification of vaccine history are conducted using the HIPAA-compliant PinPoint platform.

El Departamento de Salud del Condado de St. Mary 's se ha asociado con la empresa PINPOINT US, LLC para ofrecer tarjetas de vacunas digitales COVID-19 gratuitas a aquellos que viven en el condado de St. Mary 's. El programa VaccineCheck, inicialmente cuenta con una versión en inglés, pero ahora también está disponible una versión en español para los miembros de la comunidad hispana. VaccineCheck genera una versión digital personalizada de la tarjeta de vacunas del Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) después de verificar el historial de vacunas COVID-19 a través del registro de inmunizaciones del estado de Maryland. Los miembros de la comunidad también pueden descargar imágenes de su tarjeta de vacunas del CDC para mantener un registro seguro y accesible desde su teléfono inteligente o computadora. La descarga de datos y verificación del historial de vacunas son administrados por la plataforma PinPoint siguiendo las normas de la ley de responsabilidad y portabilidad del seguro médico (HIPAA).

Visit smchd.org/vaccinecheck to get your digital vaccine card today! For more information on getting your COVID-19 vaccine, visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or call the St. Mary's County Health Department at (301) 475-4330.

Visite la página smchd.org/vaccinecheck para obtener su tarjeta de vacuna digital hoy! Para mayor

información sobre la vacuna COVID-19, visite la página smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine o llame al departamento de salud del condado de St. Mary's (301) 475-4330.

"We could not be more excited about the partnership with St. Mary's County Health Department. They were the first local health department to implement the VaccineCheck program in the country and now we are expanding the program throughout other counties in Maryland," says Mr. Chris Nickerson, PinPoint Managing Partner. "Adding the Spanish version of the program will increase accessibility."

El Socio de la Administración PinPoint, Chris Nickerson, dijo, "Estamos muy contentos con la colaboración del departamento de salud del condado de St. Mary 's. Es el primer departamento de salud local que implementa el programa de VaccineCheck en el país y ahora estamos expandiendo el programa a otros condados del estado de Maryland. Agregar la versión en español aumentará la accesibilidad del programa."

"Since launching this effort in April, already over 9,000 St. Mary's County community members have utilized this convenient way to maintain an electronic version of their personal COVID vaccine record," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "It's great for those who want ready access to their personal medical record, especially if they have lost their paper vaccine card. We hope this tool also helps employers in offering incentives to their employees who get vaccinated."

La funcionaria de Salud del condado de St. Mary 's, Doctora Meena Brewster dijo, "Desde que se lanzó el programa en Abril, hay más de nueve mil miembros de la comunidad del condado de St. Mary 's que han utilizado de manera muy conveniente la versión electrónica personal de la tarjeta de vacuna de COVID-19. Es excelente para aquellos que desean acceso rápido a su registro médico personal, especialmente para aquellos que han perdido su tarjeta de vacuna. Esperamos que esta herramienta también ayude a los empleadores a ofrecer incentivos a sus empleados que ya están vacunados."

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4th Annual Back to School Fair Set



The St. Mary's County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) #7025 is hosting its 4th Annual Back to School Fair. It will be held at John G. Lancaster Park, 21550 Willows Rd, Lexington Park, on August 14, noon-3:00p.m. Our partners include St. Mary's County Public Schools, St. Mary's County Health Department, the Library and Recreation and Parks.

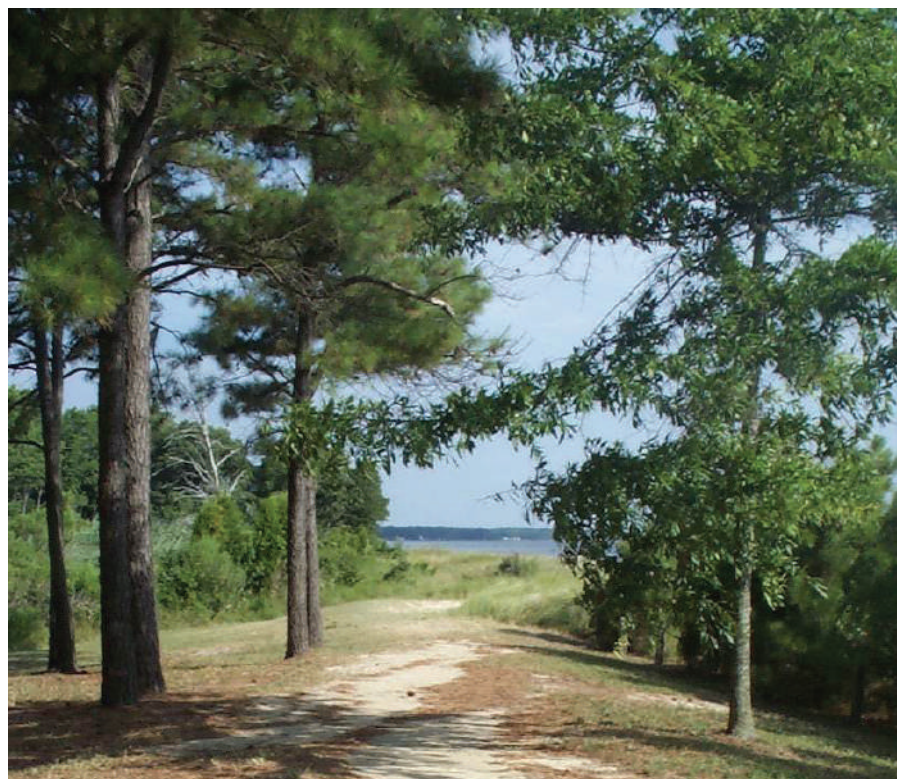
This community building event brings together students, families, community agencies, schools and local service providers to help ensure that students get back in school and have a sound and healthy start to the school year. Many resources necessary to assure health and success for children and their families will be provided. Before receiving backpacks with school supplies, St. Mary's County School students accompanied by a parent/guardian are required to visit resource tables that will be highlighted on a checklist distributed at the check in table. Supplies will be given away while they last.

Resources & Information for Students & Parents include- St. Mary's County Public Schools: Resources for a Successful School Year (virtual learning, attendance, calendars, homework etc.), Organizing for Pre-K, Judy Center info, elementary, middle, high school, Title 1 and school safety infor-

mation; Other resources: Keeping Students on Track(L.L.C.) for Graduation, Pyramid-Walden: Managing Emotions; Med Star: Health and Nutrition; Health Dept: COVID Vaccinations on site and the Outreach Team, Chronic Disease Information, Mental Health Info; Minority Outreach Coalition (Nat Scroggins), Free and Affordable Health Insurance(SEEDCO & MARYLAND PHYSICIANS CARE, MD STATE MEDICAID), St. Mary's County Library: Resources to Check out and social media information; St. Mary's County Literacy Council (Adult Education), Community Mediation of St. Mary's County: Peer Mediation; Bye Bye Bully, Recreation & Parks, League of Women Voters: Voter Registration (Corn Hole game), I Am St. Mary's Dem Women: Civic Education Games (Bingo & More);U of Maryland Extension :Healthy Living (Playground Fun) & Gardening; Boy Scouts Troop 793 & Girl Scouts Service Unit 1013, Feed St. Mary's (free snacks), YMCA, Community Development Corporation, Basketball for LYFE (Shoot Hoops with Coach Burrell), DJ (Roy Johnson), Food Trucks and more.

In the event of rain, only backpacks and supplies will be distributed while they last. For additional information and to make monetary donations for backpacks and supplies go to www.stmarys-naacp.org.

Elms Beach Park Returns to Regular Hours



The Department of Recreation and Parks announces that the excess grass removal project at Elms Beach is complete. Elms Beach Park has fully reopened with regular operating hours of 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. seven days a week.

As a reminder, once capacity is reached at the park, additional patrons will not be allowed to enter until others leave the park. All entry must come through the main entrance gate. No one may

enter the beach area through the waterways.

Elms Beach Park is staffed, and admission is charged on weekends and holidays from the first Saturday in May through Labor Day. The Per vehicle, St. Mary's County resident fee is \$7, and the non-resident per car fee is \$25.

For more information on Elms Beach Park, please visit the website at www.stmarysmd.com/docs/elmsbeachpark.pdf

Walk-in Client Services Reopened

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) announces the reopening of all services to walk-in clients, effective August 2, 2021. Masks/face coverings will continue to be required in clinical care areas for all persons age 2 and older. Visitors age 2 and older who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are required to wear a mask in all indoor areas. Free masks are available upon request. Accommodations are offered as needed to ensure access to services for all residents.

Appointments, electronic, and phone services continue to be available and are highly encouraged for reduced wait-times. Community members may also receive assistance relating to these and other SMCHD programs online at smchd.org and via telephone at (301) 475-4330.

COVID-19 Services

COVID-19 testing will continue to be available without an appointment. Community members showing any sign or symptom of COVID-19 should get tested within 24-48 hours, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection. Asymptomatic persons exposed to COVID-19 who are not yet fully vaccinated are also encouraged to get tested. For more information on testing locations and hours, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-testing.

COVID-19 vaccinations are now provided to anyone age 12 and older at the SMCHD main office in Leonardtown. Appointments are highly recommended; walk-ups will be accepted as vaccine supply allows. For more information or to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine.

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Lawn Mower Races Return To Bowles Farm



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After a two-year hiatus, partially due to a need for time off and then again from the COVID-19 pandemic, the lawn mower races at Bowles Farm in Clements are revving and roaring back to life Aug. 6 and Aug. 7.

A quintessentially country-style racing sport, competitors will pit their performance-enhanced lawn maintenance machines against each other in multiple classes for what race organizers say might be the biggest lawn mower race ever at Bowles Farm.

Jason Brown, a 7th District native and one of the founding members of the Mason Dixon Lawn Mower Racing Association, the sponsoring organization for the event, said more than 100 racers from across the nation are expected to come to St. Mary's and test their racing mettle.

"It looks like this will be the biggest race we've ever had," Brown told *The County Times*. "Our best year ever we had attendance in the high 90s but for a couple of years our number of racers was down to about 70."

"It could be the largest race in the country."

It takes approximately a year to prepare to host the event, what has become a perennial local favorite, with about 25 people needed just to ensure the races can actu-

ally take place, from bringing on board sponsors to preparing the track for two solid days of racing.

"We have all these parts to play and it's 100 percent volunteer," Brown said.

Brown has won his fair share of lawn mower races and, at 43, he has been racing for the past 15 years.

There's just something about turning the mundane – a riding lawnmower – into the unexpected.

"It's just seeing it doing something you normally can't imagine it doing," Brown said. "And people just love to watch; it's a fun environment."

Some of these lawn mowers entered in races can reach speeds of more than 50 miles-per-hour; others can even reach more than 80 miles-per-hour, Brown said.

One entrant is a world land speed record setter when it comes to lawn mower racing – Bobby Cleveland, who raced a lawn mower up to 96.8 miles-per-hour – Brown said.

Cleveland's record was broken by a vehicle especially built by Honda, Brown said, but it wasn't really a lawnmower.

"He actually cut grass with it the same day [Cleveland's mower he used to set the record] just to prove it's a lawnmower."

It's a source of pride that racers not only get their machines to top performance levels, but that

they also stay true to their roots and everyday household and farmstead landscaping tools.

Doing their own mechanical work to take their lawnmower to the next level is part of the attraction of racing, Brown said, but it's also about mounting it and getting to go as fast as it can.

"It's an adrenaline rush," he said. "It's something that fills that urge for a rush."

"It's pretty exciting."

Lawnmower racing got its start in the United States about 29 years ago, on April Fools Day, but the sport has its genesis in the United Kingdom, where racers have been riding their machines competitively since the 1970s.

Riders from the UK came to Bowles Farm in 2017 to compete; UK races are different as they emphasize long distances and endurance among drivers.

Racing in the U.S. are confined to much smaller tracks and emphasize raw speed.

Drivers will be coming from at least 10 states, Brown said.

Aside from providing family-friendly excitement for the community, the proceeds from the race go to support both the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad and the 7th District Optimist Club.

"We're hanging in there," said Ronnie Mattingly, of the rescue squad and one of the event organizers. "A lot of the money were

spending [at the rescue squad] is coming in and out of the company."

The races are a key fundraiser for the rescue squad, Mattingly said, and the money they receive this year would go to purchasing equipment such as new patient monitors.

"You have to upgrade them constantly," Mattingly said. "They can cost \$20,000 a piece."

The 7th District Optimist Club has been trying to keep up its fundraising efforts in the time of COVID-19 but has struggled, said club member Greg Van Meter.

"A lot of our fundraisers were cancelled because of COVID," Van Meter said. "The fund we get from the races will go a long way to allowing us to continue what we've done in the past."

The Optimists focus on funding enrichment activities for young people, including sports activities and scholarships.

"We want to shore up our scholarship fund," Van Meter said. "I think people are excited about coming out and meeting people they haven't seen in 18 months."

County Commissioner Eric Colvin encouraged residents to come out and enjoy the community event.

"If you haven't been to the lawn-mower races you're missing quite a show," said Colvin.

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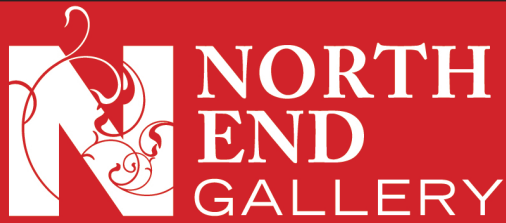


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 The sixth scholarship recipient, **Allyson Raley of Clements** will be enrolling in a medical lab technician program.

"These students are truly amazing in what they have accomplished," said Lea Weaver, chair of the scholarship committee. "Listening to them discuss their passion and desire to join our incredible community of health-care professionals was an amazing experience. We can't wait to follow and support them on their journey."

In addition to the community scholarship program, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital also offers scholarships to staff in clinical and nonclinical departments who wish to continue their education and advance their careers. In FY2021, 20 scholarships were awarded totaling \$94,000.

MedStarStMarys.org/Scholarships has more information about scholarships or go to MedStarStMarys.org/Careers for a listing of current job opportunities.

Press Release from Med-Star St. Mary's.

For 20 years, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital has supported students in the Southern Maryland region by providing scholarships to individuals pursuing degrees in health care. Since 2001, 169 students have received support through this program. For 2021, six area students were awarded \$132,000 in scholarships to help them continue their journey to become the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The generous support of community members and local businesses enables the Philanthropy Committee of the hospital's Board of Directors. to provide these annual scholarships.

Receiving scholarships this year, are five students pursuing degrees in nursing:

Hannah Callandar of California

CSM Joins COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has joined colleges and universities across the country to participate in the White House and U.S. Department of Education's efforts to end the pandemic by signing up for the COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge. The goal is to have as many CSM students vaccinated by Sept. 1 as possible.

CSM announced last week that it will return to normal campus operations Aug. 23, 2021, after 17 months of restricted or remote operations in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This operational shift includes an increase in the number of in-person class instruction options and the reopening of conference, meeting and event spaces and common areas. By taking part in the COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge, CSM has agreed to take actions to help its campus communities get vaccinated by engaging student, faculty and staff members and delivering vaccine access for all.

Students who register for the #VaxUpHawks COVID-19 Vaccine Challenge to take the #VaxUpHawks pledge – with proof of vaccination – have a chance to win a \$100 CSM College Store gift certificate each week and/or a one-class scholarship each month during July and August.

Each registered student also receives a White House COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge t-shirt for participating.

To aid in the effort, CSM will

also be hosting walk-in clinics at three of its campuses before the semester starts for students and any member of the public. Those details include:

Leonardtown Campus:
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Aug. 4, 2-6 p.m. and Aug. 25, 2-6 p.m.

Prince Frederick Campus:
 John E. Harms Academic Center (Building A), Rooms 122/123

Aug. 12, 2-6 p.m. Sept. 2, 2-6 p.m.

CSM will not require vaccinations to return to campus; however, students in certain CSM nursing and health programs are being required to show proof of vaccination by the college's clinical partners. Those students have been notified they will need to provide vaccination verification along with their other health screening, immunization, background check and drug screening program requirements.

Learn more about the #VaxUpHawks COVID-19 Vaccine Challenge at #VaxUpHawks COVID-19 Vaccine Challenge (csmd.edu). Information about the additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Maryland can be found at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>.

Stay up-to-date with the status of CSM's campus operations by visiting CSM Ready at <https://www.csmd.edu/ready/>.

Press Release from CSM

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St. Mary's College Welcomes New Board Trustees

St. Mary's College of Maryland welcomed two new trustees in June: Melanie L. Hilley '92 and Jesse Price '92. Both will serve six-year terms of service on the College's Board of Trustees.

"I am excited that St. Mary's College is adding two new Trustees with such important and relevant experience. The fact that both are St. Mary's College alumni who can share a critical perspective on aspects of the SMCM student experience and what students need to become productive and successful after they graduate is an added bonus. Our Board is student-focused and moderately progressive, taking great strides in solidifying our standing as the National Public Honors College and in its support of initiatives such as LEAD and the recent program prioritization. The new trustees enhance both the diversity of perspectives and student centrism," said Tuajuanda C. Jordan, president of St. Mary's College.

"On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, we welcome our newest members and look forward to continuing St. Mary's College's important role as a premier liberal arts and sciences institution," said Susan L. Dyer, Board of Trustees chair.

Alumna Melanie L. Hilley '92 has

spent the majority of her professional life as a litigation and compliance attorney, culminating as a principal/owner of PricewaterhouseCoopers US, a "Big Four" accounting firm and member of a global network of trust and consulting firms. She serves as a principal responsible for ethics, compliance and business integrity for the United States and Mexico, and oversight of related international compliance areas. Among her duties are to foster a speak-up culture of ethics and compliance, and to implement key compliance programs focused on financial, market, data and employment integrity. These programs leverage governance structures, comprehensive risk assessments and compliance monitoring, training and awareness assets, and technology automation and offshore resourcing. Previously, she held senior positions at Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., Accenture LLP, FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, f/k/a NASD), and BearingPoint Inc. (f/k/a KPMG Consulting Inc.), among others.

She received her Juris Doctor (cum laude) from the University of Baltimore School of Law and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business, both in 1995. She graduated with

a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1992, with a double major in economics and political science and a minor in Spanish. She was also a member of the sailing team, receiving the following honors: Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association All-American Crew, 1991; Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association All-American Crew, 1992; and St. Mary's College Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, 2000.

Her volunteer and charity work include support of humane societies and pro bono legal counsel.

Alumnus Jesse Price '92 is a lifelong strategist, advocate and coalition builder with decades of experience connecting people and public policy. Currently serving in the U.S. Public Policy division of TikTok, Price is responsible for promoting and supporting related business priorities within government entities and grassroots partnerships as well as technology-focused advocacy organizations. Price's duties include executing strategies for engaging with policymakers in support of TikTok's diverse community of content creators and the platform's continuing operational capability development.

Before joining TikTok, Price served for more than a decade as senior director

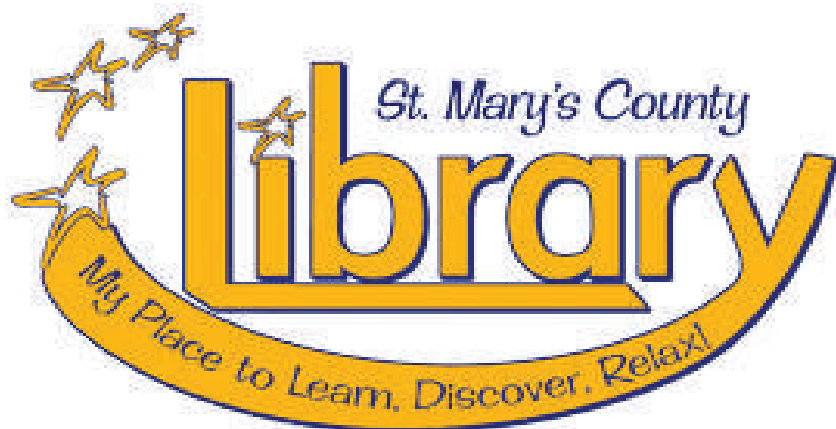
at Eli Lilly and Company. Price represented Lilly and its interests before Congress, the Executive Branch, and federal regulatory agencies and was responsible for developing and executing legislative and political engagement strategy on a broad range of bio-pharmaceutical, corporate tax and federal healthcare policy issues. Price's duties also included overseeing the management of the LillyPAC political action committee and employee grassroots education and advocacy programs.

Prior to joining Lilly, Price spent a career in public policy and political advocacy and organization – culminating in a near decade-long tenure on the Capitol Hill legislative staff of U.S. Representative Melvin L. Watt.

Price serves on the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Corporate Advisory Council and on the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Board of Directors. He is also Chairman Emeritus of the Greater Washington Urban League Board of Directors.

Price received a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's College in 1992, with a double major in sociology and anthropology.

Press Release from SMCM.



The Four Winds Book Discussion: Kristen Hannah's Bestselling Novel

Join us for a virtual book discussion of the book *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah on Monday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Kristin Hannah, author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone*, has written another New York Times best-seller. *The Four Winds* is an American epic set during the Great Depression. Millions are out of work, and drought and wind storms continue to devastate the Great Plains. Elsa Wolcott must make an agonizing choice: should she fight for her family's land or go West in search of a better life for her family?

Join us to discuss the courage, love, heroism, and hope that Elsa demonstrates throughout the story. We will discuss what we can learn from the women in generations before us who survived on the strength of their spirit. Copies of *The Four Winds* can be found through the Library. Register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to receive a link to join the online event.

Pipe Cleaner Palooza!

Learn to make fuzzy animals, fashionable accessories, and anything else you can imagine with pipe cleaners on Wednesday, August 11 at 2 p.m. Lower elementary ages can join us on zoom for an hour of crazy crafting! Register with your email address on www.stmalib.org to be informed when your pipe cleaner stash is ready for pick up beginning August 2nd while supplies last!!

Teen Gaming: Jackbox Games

Join us for some virtual gaming, featuring popular Jackbox Games like *Quiplash 2*, *Tee K.O.*, *Guesspionage*, *Drawful 2*, and *Trivia Murder Party* on Wednesday, August 11 at 3:30 p.m. Wit, weirdness, and hijinks are encouraged. Games are rated T for Teen. Two devices are recommended: one for Zoom and one to use as a game controller for www.jackbox.tv. You will need to be able to keep an eye on Zoom and Jackbox at the same time. You do not need



to purchase or own any of the games. We will provide the room code! You must register with your email address on www.stmalib.org in order to receive a Zoom link to participate. The link will be sent to your email approximately one day before the program. You will need a device with audio and an internet connection to join.

Bridgerton Book Club: An Offer from A Gentleman

Come discuss *An Offer from A Gentleman*, the third book in the *Bridgerton* book series by Julia Quinn on Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m. If you were a fan of the Netflix hit, or if you just want to read the series, come join us for book 3 of a *Bridgerton* read-along! This month we will read *An Offer from A Gentleman*. We will discuss the plot, character casting, the use of tropes and all things *Bridgerton* related. Next month we will be reading and discussing book four, *Romancing Mr. Bridgerton*. Register for the virtual event on www.stmalib.org.

org. Check out the book in print, or on Hoopla in Audio or eBook format.

Virtual Mini Monet

Join us on a virtual art adventure on Friday, August 13 at 9:30 a.m. Pick up your own art play kit filled with engaging and messy activities for babies and toddlers. Register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to be notified when your kit is ready for pick-up and to receive a link to our live Zoom event, where we will engage in art play together!

Virtual Mystery Book Club

Join us each month as we discuss a different mystery novel. The book for August is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman to be discussed on Friday, August 13 at 7 p.m. The Mystery Book Club meets via Zoom on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Register with an email address on www.stmalib.org to receive the link.

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Notice is hereby given that the following vessel(s) have been abandoned for 60 days on the property of: Point Lookout Marina LLC., 16422 Millers Wharf Rd., Ridge MD 20680, 301-872-5000

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3. MD 2742 BA
Hull # MDZ 36181K468
Kingfisher, Sailboat- White 21'
4. MD 3925 BP
Hull # CTYL2841M77A
Catalina, 1976 Sailboat- White 27' Boat name "Shadow"

Applications for titles will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article if these vessels are not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.

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This tournament is held in remembrance of Scott Verbic who was a Recreation Advisory Board Member, Volunteer Coach, and advocate for youth in the community. The tournament enters its 25th year at Wicomico Shores Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit the Recreation & Parks Scholarship Fund that provides recreational opportunities to

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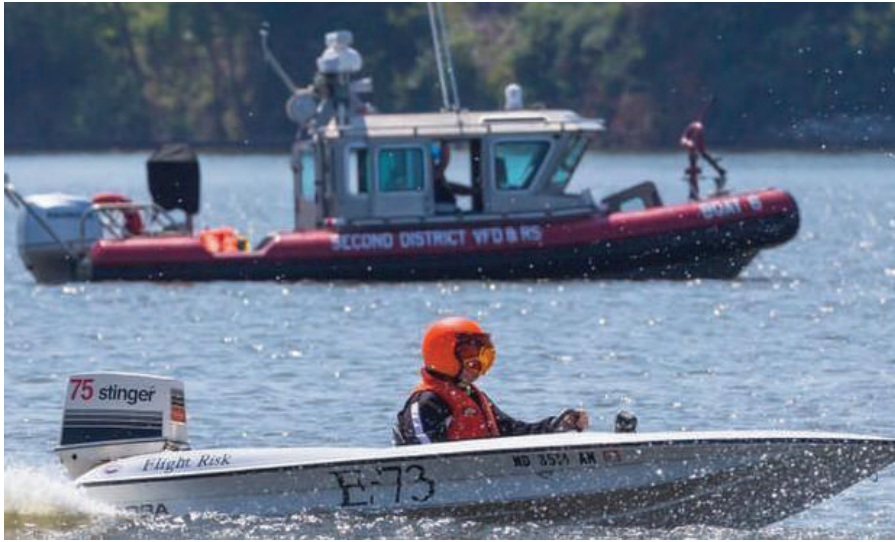
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Boat Club Holds Power Boat Regatta in Leonardtown



The Southern Maryland Boat Club Summer Regatta will be held July 31 through Aug. 1 at the historic Leonardtown Wharf on the Waterfront in Leonardtown. The first day about three dozen Vintage Outboard Racing Boats and drivers from all over the country will arrive to checkin and be inspected for equipment safety.

After the afternoon activities, many boats will be taken to the Town Square to view up close and for a block party with food, drink available from local businesses and a free concert provided on the Square as well. Beginning at 8a.m. the next two days, spectators will watch and listen as the past comes

alive with many former National and Regional champion drivers and their boats.

While exhibiting their boats on beautiful Breton Bay, drivers will run their craft around the onwater course at full speed with vintage outboard racing engines singing that beautiful sound of power. The event is free, with a small charge to enter the Hot Pits to see the action up close and talk with drivers. This event is sponsored by The Southern Maryland Boat Club, a non-profit local association of boating enthusiasts and is sanctioned by The American Power Boat Association.

Six Seahawks Named to Lacrosse Honor Roll

Team Named Academic Honor Squad

The St. Mary's College of Maryland women's lacrosse team was recognized by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) for their academic excellence today (July 27). Six Seahawks have been named to the IWLCA Honor Roll and the team has been named an IWLCA Academic Honor Squad.

Jayne Barkman, Susanna Schmidt, Stephanie Heffron, Lucy Gussio, Kelly Emge, and Mary Kate Fitz-Patrick were named to the IWLCA Honor Roll. The IWLCA honored 918 student-athletes from 189 different institutions. To receive this accolade, student-athletes must be a junior, senior, or graduate student with at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average (GPA).

The St. Mary's College women's lacrosse team was also honored with the prestigious honor of being named an IWLCA Academic Honor Squad. The



Seahawks have earned this honor every year since 2012. Last year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the IWLCA did not name Academic Honor Squads. To qualify for this distinguished honor, the team must have posted a 3.2 GPA or higher for the academic year.

When asked about the achievement, Head Coach Erin McDonnell stated, "We are so proud of the hard work that these young women put in on and off the field. They are committed to excellence in all areas and they are great examples of true student-athletes."

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August Monthly Craft- Wrinkled Torn Paper Landscape

Loffler Senior Activity Center is the place to go on Friday, August 20, 11 a.m. if you want to learn an easy but interesting collage technique using torn, colored paper that has been wet, crumpled, then flattened out to dry. We will try our hand at giving different paper types this wrinkle treatment. Then we will make our own pictures using colored papers that have been treated in advance. This live class requires a reservation. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Space is limited. Time and date stamp will determine who makes the list.

August Health Watch Presentation: How Could I forget?

What is normal forgetfulness and what is not? Are there things impacting your memory that you can fix by adjusting? When

should you be concerned enough to see a doctor? This Health Watch Presentation by Mary Tennyson will take place at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, August 18 at 10 a.m. and will require a reservation. To register, leave a message on our reservation line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Free.

Energy Assistance

It is that time of year to apply for assistance with your electric and heating expenses. Eligibility is determined by the gross household income for everyone living in the residence. New this program year is varying income criteria based on the age of household residents. If all household members are under the age 67 the maximum monthly income for one person is \$1,878 and \$2,540 for a two-person household. For households with at least one member age 67 or

over the monthly income for one person is \$2,147 and \$2,903 for a two person household. Higher income guidelines are available for households with three or more members. Persons age 60 and over or for those with a disability you may receive assistance applying for this program by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 3104. For those under 60 you may call the Tri-County Community Action Committee at 301-475-5574, ext. 200.

Pinochle Players Needed

Do you like playing this game? Our group plays on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. They are looking for a few more people to get another table going. Interested? Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658 or e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.



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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, July 29

CSM Transfer Thursday *Virtual; 11 a.m.*

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

Friday, July 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) for event details.

Bingo

Father Andrew White School; 6:30 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Council 1470 in Leonardtown is reopening bingo.

Saturday, July 31

Multi-Family Yard Sale *Route 249; 7:30 a.m.- noon*

Multi-family yard sale with furniture, vintage tools, old stereo equipment, home and kitchen items, unique oddities from cleaning out old houses. NO BABY ITEMS - just some very interesting stuff. Route 249 at the borderline between Valley Lee and Tall

Timbers (park on road)

Tuesday, August 3

Grief Support Group *Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.*

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

Women's Outreach Group

River Church of Southern Maryland; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our outreach group is an 11-week book study, teaching how to become an "Overcomer". Registration required, please register by July 30 by leaving your name and phone number at 301-274-0770 and someone will contact you. The church is located at 7627 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Maryland 20637.

Wednesday, August 4

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.

Food Pantry

Noon- 6 p.m.
St. Matthew's Pentecostal Church, 23755 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650. 301-475-2910

Thursday, August 5

CSM Transfer Thursday *Virtual; 11 a.m.*

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experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. csmd.edu/transferthursdays

Ongoing

AmazonSmile Charity

AmazonSmile could donate a percentage of shoppers' purchases to the 2nd District VFD & RS (AKA Co. 6 / Valley Lee). For more info / instructions how to shop contact Cheryl @ 240-925-7559

COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

Lexington Park Office:

- Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

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Leonardtown Office:

- Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Navy Uses New Shipboard Aircraft Handler for the First Time in Operational Environment

The Common Aviation Support Equipment program office's (PMA-260) shipboard aircraft handler (SAH) was used in an operational environment for the first time aboard the U.S.S. Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in June.

Lead support test engineers from Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) joined the crew aboard CVN 75 to conduct operational environment tests of the SAH, which were conducted to evaluate the SAH. The SAH replaces the prior shipboard handler, the spotting dolly, which has been in use for approximately 35 years. The SAH mission is to grab, lift, and tow Navy and Marine Corps aircraft within hangar bays.

"After many years, the Navy has decided to procure a new replacement shipboard handler to keep the mission going with the pace of technology. The SAH is intended

to replace the shipboard spotting dolly," said PMA-260 lead support test engineer Tom Tuominen.

In keeping with the pace of today's technology, the new version of the spotting dolly uses wireless communication. The SAH has toggle and joystick controls that are operated directly by the sailor with little to no lag time between the Bluetooth controls and the machine. It also has the ability to closely maneuver around obstacles in the hangar bay.

"Great things in business are never done by one individual. They're done by a team of people. The SAH team has faced every challenge head on and jumped every hurdle, to include the pandemic, supply chain logistical issues, and shortage of workers in industry," said Cmdr. Kevin Bittle, SAH team co-lead.

Bittle's civilian co-lead David Sutherland echoed his team-centric

sentiment, "Even with thousands of miles between our industry partners and Patuxent River, the SAH team never lost its focus on commitment to the effort. We still have work to do, but everyone knows their role, all have been executing, and we look forward to the finished product."

In the event wireless connectivity cannot be used, the SAH also has the ability to be driven with the same control panel, but connected to the handler itself through a tether. This backup option ensures the SAH can be used no matter what conditions present in an operational setting.

"The PMA-260 program office provides common aviation support equipment to the fleet for use by our sailors and Marines. With shipboard testing of the SAH, we're one step closer to fielding the replacement for the current aircraft spotting dolly with a unit that is more

intuitive and safer for the users to operate," said Capt. Robert Burgess, PMA-260 program manager.

The test engineers collected feedback from sailors aboard CVN 75, and employed that feedback in modifications made in the final SAH design.

The Common Aviation Support Equipment program office (PMA-260) manages the procurement, development and fielding of Common Ground Support Equipment and Automatic Test Equipment that supports every Type/Model/Series aircraft within the Naval Aviation Enterprise. PMA-260 leads the development and maintenance of the Naval Aviation Support Equipment (SE) program investment strategy/process oversight to insure optimization of support, development of Common Support Equipment requirements, and SE standardization throughout naval aviation.



Lead support test engineer Tom Tuominen and Aviation Boatswain's Mate Aircraft Handler (ABH2) Ruben Montenegro test the Shipboard Aircraft Handler in the CVN 75 hangar bay on June 16. (U.S. Navy Photo)

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In Remembrance

Maria Henderson Dean



July 18, 1956 - July 17, 2021. Maria Henderson Dean (Age 64) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina peacefully transitioned to eternal life on Saturday July 17, 2021 at her home.

Maria was adopted in Manizales Colombia by her parents Jones Roscoe Henderson and Rose Mattie "Dee" Henderson.

Maria married her soulmate, Gary Dean, in La Plata Maryland in 1980. Gary was her mailman and they met in 1978 on Bryan Court in Waldorf, Maryland. Gary and Maria lived a beautiful life together.

Maria was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She wholeheartedly loved and went above and beyond for her son, Bryan, her daughter, Sharon, and her grandson, Wilson. Joshua McGhee Sr. And Joshua McGhee Jr. also held a very special place in her heart.

Maria was a wonderful homemaker. She took care of anyone who entered her home. Maria had a passion and love for the lord. She is now undoubtedly at eternal peace in heaven.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents, Jones and "Dee" Henderson. As well as her brother William "Bill" Harrell.

There will not be a funeral service due to her wishes. However, she would want everyone to spend time and cherish their own family. She always said her family was her irreplaceable treasure.

Written from the heart by her daughter Sharon.

Dolores Anne Bowles

Dolores Anne Bowles (nee Haight), age 90, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2021, in Valley Lee, MD, after a brief illness.

She was born in Washington, DC, on August 14, 1930, to the late Walter and Florence Haight. On March 18, 1950, she married US Navy BM1 William Bowles

in Washington DC. They lived in several of Bill's overseas duty stations, including Sasebo, Japan; Honolulu, Hawaii; and London, England. Upon Bill's retirement from the Navy in 1960, they moved to Kensington, MD, where they celebrated the addition of a son and daughter to their family. They moved to Forestville, MD, in 1966, and then to Leonardtown, MD, upon Bill's retirement from civil service in 1974.

Saint Mary's County was very rural at that time, and the city girl adapted very happily to life in the country. She did her share of work in the garden, and much of the work of canning/freezing/preserving pound after pound of fresh fruits and vegetables, and even entered some of them into the County Fair. She also did her part in the keeping of a flock of chickens for egg production. Dolores loved sewing, and created many beautiful pieces of needlepoint and embroidery, crocheted afghans, and even made homemade flannel shirts. The daughter of a sportswriter, she was a lifelong sports fan, and at the time of her passing was looking forward to Opening Day of baseball season. She loved her home, and had a happy life there, but her greatest joy came from reading her daily devotionals, attending gathered worship on the Lord's Day, and enjoying the beauty of God's creation. She was very content with the gifts God had given her, and in her final days she confidently looked forward to going home to Jesus.

Dolores was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, and her brother, Raymond Haight, of Ocean Township, NJ. She is survived by their son David Bowles, of Leonardtown, MD; their daughter Becky Ratte, son-in-law Jim Ratte, granddaughter Hilary Cotton, grandson-in-law Jimmy Cotton, and seven great-grandchildren, all of Cocoa, FL; and granddaughter Katherine Fusco, also of Cocoa, FL.

A memorial service will be held at Callaway Baptist Church in Callaway, MD, at 1100am on Saturday, July 31. Inurnment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery on a date yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Callaway Baptist Church, 20960 Point Lookout Rd, Callaway, MD, 20620, and Hospice of St Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD, 20650.

Deborah "Debbie" Annette Gatton



Deborah "Debbie" Annette Gatton, 56, of Lexington Park, MD, formerly of Hollywood, MD, passed away on July 19, 2021 at her home. Debbie was born on June 2, 1965 in Baltimore City, MD and was the loving daughter of the late Ruth Evelyn Gatton and William Raymond Gatton. Debbie is survived by her siblings John Gatton, Sr., Donnie Gatton, and Jerry Gatton. She was preceded in death by her siblings

Bettie Kellogg, Billy Gatton, and Ray Gatton.

Debbie was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. She graduated from Beneatha High School in Ridgely, MD, and was a sales clerk at Dollar Tree.

Condolences to the family can be made at www.mgfh.com.

Contributions may be made to the Center For Life Enrichment at 25089 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD 20636.

Paul Linton Beavers, Sr.



Paul Linton Beavers, Sr., 75, of Hollywood, MD passed away



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In Remembrance

on July 17, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 22, 1945 in Washington, DC. He was the son of the late Harriette M. Beavers and Willard L. Beavers. Paul was the loving husband of Joan Abell Beavers whom he married on April 28, 1967 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD. Paul is survived by his children Paul L. Beavers, Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Jeffrey E. Beavers, Sr. (Heather) of Hollywood, MD, two grandchildren Meagan Beavers (Chris) and Jeffrey Beavers, Jr., and one great grandchild Christopher Hobbs, along with his brother Michael Beavers (Sally) of SC. He was preceded in death by his siblings Wayne Beavers and Patty Johnson.

Paul was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1963. He retired from PEPCO/Chalk Point Power Plant in 2005.

Paul's grandchildren Meagan, Jeffrey Jr., and Christopher were his pride and joy, and he truly loved them.

Paul took up farming some time ago for a hobby. He took great pride in his crops, and, at one time, he was farming 100 acres under "Red Hill Farms". He loved tractor pulls, bluegrass music, and going to live shows. He enjoyed taking family vacations in Virginia Beach, VA, trips to the casinos, and going on cruises with Joan.

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

Contributions may be made Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 79 Hollywood, MD 20636.

Sterling Patrick DeBold, Sr.



Sterling Patrick DeBold, Sr., 75, of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of Riverdale, MD, passed away on July 17, 2021 at his home. He was born on May 12, 1946 in Washington, DC and was the loving son of the late Vera DeBold and Alton DeBold. Sterling was the loving husband of Linda Greer DeBold. He was preceded in death by his first wife Judy DeBold. Sterling is survived by his children Dawn Frickx (Bernie) of Las Vegas, NV, Crystal Judd (Chris) of Eden, MD, Sterling Patrick DeBold, Jr. (Courtney) of Waldorf, MD. Along with his step children Jennifer Wathen of Clements, MD, Crystal Yates (David) of Hollywood, MD, Jessica Woodburn (Brian) of Hollywood, MD, his siblings Diane Toler of Raleigh, NC, Jackie Bandy of Frederick, MD, and Debbie Gogolin of Cody, Wyoming, as well as 11 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son in law David Wathen.

Sterling attended Wheaton High School and graduated in 1965. He served in the United States Army in Grafenwöhr, Ger-

many from 1966-1968. Sterling moved to St. Mary's County in 2003, and worked as a machinist for Giant Food Company for 35 years, retiring in 2012. He was a member of the Mt. Harmon Masonic Lodge #179 of Hyattsville, MD as well as Demolay International, and Job's Daughters.

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

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the American Lung Association.

Terrance "Terry" Michael Sheely



Terrance "Terry" Michael Sheely, 54, of Great Mills, MD passed away on July 15, 2021 in Washington, DC. Terry was born on November 10, 1966 in Laurel, MD to Richard A. Sheely and Donna Gwen Munch Sheely of Punta Gorda, FL. Terry is survived by his daughter, Hannah Sheely, her mother Tammy Birch, and her brother Shane Vincena.

Terry attended Franklin High School and graduated in 1984. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1989 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He moved to St. Mary's County in 1989, and worked as an Electronic Engineer for the United States Navy in Patuxent River, MD for 31 years.

Condolences to the family can be made at www.mgfh.com.

Joanne Bergman Tyrrell
Joanne Bergman Tyrrell, 72 of Bethesda, MD passed away unexpectedly on July 20, 2021 at her home.

She was born on April 30, 1949 in Philadelphia, PA and was raised in Wilkes-Barre, PA by her mother Janet (Friedman) Post and father Justin Bergman, Jr. and step-mother Cordelia "Corky" (Trethaway) Bergman.

Joanne was a loving mother and grandmother and family was very

important to her. She cherished being a stay-at-home mother to her daughter, Lori. Later, she enjoyed spending time surrounded by her two beautiful grandchildren and loved attending their various sporting events and school functions over the years. In her younger years she also enjoyed travel and loved spending time in Maine and California.

She was also an avid pet lover and loved her cat Baxter and always spoiled her two grand-dogs with special treats every time she came to visit. She spent her free time volunteering at various pet adoption centers in the area. She also enjoyed reading and taking walks around the neighborhood.

She is survived by her daughter, Lori Murphy (Patrick) of Leonardtown, MD, and sisters, Jill J. Tallman (Henry) of MA and Linda J. Harris of PA, and two grandchildren Kellyn R. Murphy and Katie J. Murphy of Leonardtown, MD. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Bergman.

At this time services are private.

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

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Dorothy Cecelia Berry



Dorothy Cecelia Berry, 93 of Lexington Park, MD departed this life peacefully on July 17, 2021 at the Hospice House of St. Mary's with her family by her side.

She was born on February 8, 1928 in Oakville, MD to the late Francis Leo Banks and Martha Lee Young.

Dorothy was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. She received her early education through St. Mary's Public Schools System. She married her loving husband, Paul Vincent Berry, Sr. on October 20, 1955 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park,



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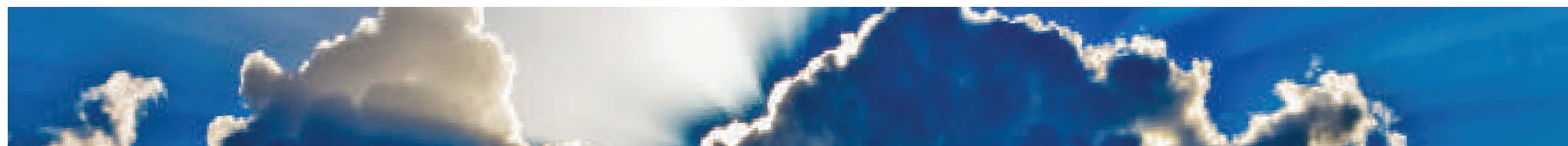
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MD. They spent over 47 wonderful years together before his passing in May of 2003.

She was a Domestic Worker, Caregiver, and was employed by the St. Mary's County Board of Education as a Bus Attendant. The job she held closest to her heart was taking care of her grandchildren Yolanda and Clarice who stayed with her for a short length of time.

She treasured holding her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren after they were born and giving them nicknames, and spending time with them. She was a kind, giving, and caring person. She raised chickens and sold eggs. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, looking at her favorite soap operas, and talking daily to her daughters, cousins, and friends over the phone or frequent visits.

She is survived by her children, Brenda Tyer of Washington, DC, Joyce Curtis of Lexington Park, MD, Paul V. Berry, Jr. (Desiree) of Lexington Park, MD, and Brian Berry (Connie) of Waldorf; 8 grandchildren, Yolanda, Clarice, Angela, Oscar, Tobias, Brianna, Orlando and Craig, 14 Great grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one great-great grandson.

Family will receive friends on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by Reverend Larry Swink, at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, 47950 Mattapony Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. Interment will follow at St. James Cemetery, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Pallbearers will be Paul V. Berry, Jr., Brian Berry, Tobias Berry, Craig Berry, DeAndre Berry, and Oscar Tyer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220 and the Hospice House of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown MD 20650.

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David B. Jarrell

Farewell David B. Jarrell, "Dirty Dave's" amazing life adventure came to an end at age 80 on Sunday, July 18, 2021. He lived his final hour on his beloved boat, "Beat's Working" at Point Lookout Marina in Mary-



land. He lived a life that most men would never dare and a few daring would secretly envy.

David Belton Jarrell was born in Mobile, Alabama. His grandfather owned a construction company at which he worked until he was dismissed for racing the heavy equipment. From an early age and throughout his life he was often pushing the limit. With the mutual consent of both parents, David joined the U.S. Army at age 17 and began an exciting military career that took him to South Korea, Germany, the Philippines, the Vietnam war, and many other interesting places as a Military Policeman.

He was tough but kind. When assigned to haul AWOLs back to Fort Bliss in El Paso, he wasn't above taking the hand cuffs off long enough for his prisoner to enjoy a steak at the Big Texan.

Honorably discharged after 20 years in the service of his county, David found interesting civilian work as a boat builder in Gig Harbor, Washington and security advisor for Voice of American in Sri Lanka and Washington D.C. He loved being on the water. While building boats for others, Dave also built a commercial fishing boat for himself and enjoyed many productive days on Puget Sound.

David loved motorcycles and cars. He would drive a new car every year or two. His cars ran the gamut of muscle cars, pickups, convertibles, and a canary yellow Jeep, named "Tweety Bird". David didn't think twice about taking an epic road to Sturgis for the big bike rally. No hotels, no problem - he'd make a bed in the back of his cargo van. On his last adventure in marriage, David's French-born spouse made a heroic cross-county road trip with him on the back of his Goldwing. After 6,500 miles of road punishment, she promptly returned to France without looking back.

He was married to several

wonderful women. Even though the stresses and wonders of life resulted in break-ups, David continued life-long friendships with them. David had three kindhearted and adventurous kids who enriched his life; they shared many wonderful memories together.

Dave never met a stranger but enjoyed, most of all, the company of veterans - his people. He frequented the VFWs, American Legions and Elk's Lodges where ever he traveled. In recent years, he would entertain just about anybody who walked in for a beer at Buzzy's Country Store in Scotland, Maryland.

He was organized and alert according to his military training, sometimes hard on those who loved him, but also fun-loving, quick with a joke, generous to a fault and by-your-side if you were ever in a pickle.

He was preceded in death by his father Roston C. Jarrell, Sr. and mother Marjorie Faith Jarrell of Mobile, Alabama. David is survived by his three children Faith Mumma (Brad Ditzler) of Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania; Brian Mumma (Michelle) currently living in Chisinau, Moldova; Michele Christiansen (Lonnie) of Lakewood, Washington; grandsons Shawn Ditzler and Josh Short; his three brothers, Roston C. Jarrell, Jr. (Doris) of Vicksburg, Mississippi; Fred W. Jarrell (Liz) of Mobile, Alabama; and Malcolm D. Jarrell (Susan) of Logansport, Indiana; and two great grandchildren.

Karen Quade Leach took care of David for the final six years of his life.

Much to his satisfaction, he will be interred with honors along with other soldiers in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in An-nville, Pennsylvania. To share a memory of David or send a condolence to his family, please visit

David's obituary page at <https://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com>.

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Ralph Sylvester Carter



Ralph Sylvester Carter, 87 of Bushwood, MD formerly of Washington, DC passed away on July 13, 2021 at home with his wife by his side.

He was born on August 14, 1933 in Potomac, MD to the late Mr. Carter and Myrtle Carter.

Ralph proudly served in the U.S. Army. He married the love of his life, Isabell Whatley on December 10, 1955 in Washington, D.C. They spent 65 wonderful years together and raised two beautiful daughters and a son. While serving in the Army he achieved many accomplishments. After his honorable discharge he worked in construction as a Foreman. He was a skilled carpenter which showed in the projects he built including his own house, garage, and shed. He was an outdoorsman and he especially loved being out on the water fishing. His love of boating led him to become a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary where he took various courses to develop boating and seamanship skills.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Jessica Deaun King

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You were a very special girl and you brought much joy and happiness into our life. The years may pass but to all those that knew you and loved you, the memories will never fade. There are never any "Good By's" between us because one day we all shall be together again.

Our Love Forever,

Mem, Dad, and your brother, Phillip.



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In Remembrance

He enjoyed watching basketball and football and was a Washington Redskins fan. He also enjoyed dancing and watching cowboy movies.

He is survived by his loving wife, Isabell, his daughter, Lavern Carter of Bushwood, MD, his sister, Gladys Carter of Washington, D.C., and extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Candace Carter and his son Robin Emory Carter, his granddaughter, Isabell Carter, his brother, Robert Carter, and his sister, Dorothy Carter.

At this time services are private.

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

Jesus Villanueva Puerto



Jesus Villanueva Puerto, Jr., 53, of Lexington Park, MD passed away at his home on July 18, 2021 with his loving family at his side. He was affectionately known by his family as "Jun Jun" and to many friends as "Jack."

He was born on January 3, 1968 in Barrio Barreto, Onlongapo City, Philippines to the late Jesus Demiar Puerto and Margarita Villanueva Puerto.

On April 29, 2002, he married the love of his life, Aubrey Jones Puerto, in Leonardtown, MD. They celebrated over 19 wonderful years of marriage and 21 years being together. He was employed for over 16 years as a skilled aircraft mechanic for DynCorp. His hobbies included fishing, singing karaoke and playing billiard pool with his nephew's, brothers and brother-in-law and friends. He enjoyed travelling, especially to Las Vegas, Florida and California. He was looking forward to going to Canada with his family prior to the pandemic. He enjoyed cooking and made many delicious dishes. His specialty that everyone enjoyed was escabeche. He

had a terrific sense of humor and witty personality, enabling him to make many life-long friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his children.

In addition to his wife, Aubrey, Jack also survived by his children: Jordan Kyle Puerto, Jaden Troy Puerto, and Jenna Rose Puerto, all of Lexington Park, MD; his siblings: Hazel Olson (Brian) of Lexington Park, MD, Nancy Mendoza of Lexington Park, MD, Roy Puerto (Marie) of Frederick, MD, and Benhur Puerto of Lexington Park, MD; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a Memorial Service celebrated by Reverend Marco Schad at 11:00 a.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD. Interment will be private.

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Kimberley Ann Myers



Kimberley Ann Myers, 54, was unexpectedly welcomed into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Kim was born in Stoneham, Massachusetts to Daniel Doody, Sr. and the late Lorraine Doody.

Kim's world revolved around spending time with her family and friends. Her servant heart was a blessing to everyone she knew. She loved the beach, bird watching, traveling and just sitting on her front porch with her coffee and Bible. Her devotion to Christ was undeniable and a testimony that will live on forever.

Kim is survived by her father, Daniel Doody, Sr. of Chambersburg, PA, her beloved husband of 31 years, Michael J. Myers, Sr.

of Mechanicsville, MD, her five adoring children, son, Michael J. Myers, Jr. and wife Brianna of Mechanicsville, MD, daughters, Tiffany Myers of Manheim, Germany, Cassidy Myers of Chesapeake, VA, Antonia Myers and Erika Myers of Mechanicsville, MD, brother, Sean Doody with wife Joanne of North Chesterfield, VA, sister, Katrina Antezana of Midlothian, VA, brother, Robert Doody with wife Loni of Chambersburg, PA and many loved nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lorraine Doody, step-mother, Eleanor Doody and brother, Daniel Doody, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Care Net Pregnancy Center either online or directly to P.O. Box 31, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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

All arrangements have been made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Shannon Nichele Berry



Shannon Nichele Berry, 49 of Lexington Park, MD was called home on Wednesday July 21, 2021. She was born December 3, 1971, in Leonardtown, MD. She was the loving daughter of Agnes "Jackie" James and raised by her "daddy" the late Larry Bush and Stepfather "dad" Stephen James.

Shannon received her GED and continued her education at Frederick Community College. Shannon held jobs in the Customer Service industry where loved helping people.

Shannon never met a stranger everyone was a friend. Shannon had a larger-than-life personality. She made sure everyone she cared for knew how much she loved them. Shannon enjoyed family time more than anything, she lived for large family gatherings. Shannon would do anything

for anybody and do it with love and a smile. Shannon's smile and laugh was contagious. Shannon enjoyed listening to music and watching movies. Shannon loved fashion and jewelry. Her church family meant the world to her.

Shannon will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Shannon is survived by her Fiancé Jerome Jones, her children Arielle D Turley, Taylor L Berry, Kendall E J Pulliam, sister Tobie Pulliam (Chris), brother's Michael Young, Lenny Young (Tonina), of Lexington Park MD, Ronell Rashid of Camp Springs, MD, Grandmother Christine Saunders, Grandfather John Bush, of Lexington Park, MD and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Lexington Park, MD in Shannon's name.

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

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Charles John "Charlie" Galbreath, Ret., USN



WTC (DV/PJ) Charles John "Charlie" Galbreath, Ret., USN, 76, of Waldorf, MD departed this life on Friday, July 16, 2021 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. He was born on April 9, 1945 in Norfolk, VA to the late William Robert Galbreath and Frances Elizabeth (Meachum) Galbreath.

A kind, generous man who was dedicated to his family, Charlie was blessed to have met the love of his life, Chieko Nozaki Galbreath and make her his bride. They've been happily married for over fifty-four (54) years and welcomed their cherished daughter, Lisa. Charlie loved being a husband and father and eventually a grandfather to his beloved,

Abigail.

Charlie was a proud American, who served his country throughout his life. He enlisted in the United States Navy as a young man in September, 1963 and fought in the Vietnam War and later was involved in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Charlie was devoted to his country and made a career of his military service. Throughout his career, he earned many accolades for his dedicated service. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer from the Navy, but would continue his support of the government by working for various government contractors as a UXO/De-molition Supervisor.

A patriot through and through, he was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Affairs and the American Legion Post 0297. Charlie believed deeply in the 2nd Amendment and was a life time member of the National Rifle Association, St. Charles Sportsman's Club, and the Northern Virginia Gun Club. Charlie loved to go to the rifle range to target shoot. His interest in firearms had him learning the art of gunsmithing and kept him avidly reading about military history. When he just wanted to sit back and relax, he enjoyed doing Sudoku puzzles.

Above all, Charlie loved his family and enjoyed spending his time with them. He was proud of his granddaughter and found so much happiness just being with her. He would share stories and anecdotes about life and she will be able to carry them with her for many years. If you knew Charlie, you know a great man has left his family members and friends to reminisce about his quick wit and caring nature. His love for his family, country and God will carry in his loved ones. He will be missed by many but none as much as his family.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Chieko Galbreath of Waldorf and daughter, Lisa Galbreath, of Waldorf, MD; granddaughter, Abigail Vanasse; and his brothers, Christopher M. Galbreath (Lynn) of Knoxville, TN and William R. Galbreath (Jane) of Bakersfield, CA; and nieces, cousins, uncles, aunts and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Frances Galbreath.

Private services will be held. Interment will be held at Arling-

ton National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made to the National Rifle Association, at <https://donate.nra.org/donate>.

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

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

Alan Gregory Cecil Sr.



Alan Gregory Cecil Sr., 79, of Waldorf, Maryland passed away peacefully on July 20, 2021 at the UMD Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland.

Born October 25, 1941 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Lawrence Woodrow Cecil Sr. and Theresa Cecilia McConnell Cecil. He was a 1959 graduate of Suitland High School. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. Retired from the Naval Research Laboratory where he worked as a Sheet Metal Mechanic for 27 years. Following his retirement, he worked for Eagle Systems and Suburban Propane. He was a lifetime member of the Waldorf Moose Lodge and Hughesville American Legion. He enjoyed gardening, puzzles, coin collecting, watching football and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Al was preceded in death by his brothers Lawrence Cecil Jr. and Edward Cecil.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Geraldine Cecil; daughter Lori Hill (Donald) of Bryantown; son Alan Cecil Jr. (Liz) of Mechanicsville; grandchildren Gregory, Benjamin, Ajay and Leah; great grandchildren Payton, Lylah, Kade and Orion; many

other extended family members and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. visitation.

Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton. Pallbearers are Gregory Cecil, Benjamin Cecil, Ajay Hill, Leah Hill, James Cecil, Michael Cecil and Brian Payne.

Memorial contributions in Al's name may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or online at www.alzfdn.org.

Joyce Lorraine Rimmel



Joyce Lorraine Rimmel, 88, formerly of Hollywood, Maryland, died on June 12, 2020 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Gayle Rimmel Bonasorte and Joe Bonasorte, in Parrish, Florida. Joyce was under the home care of Tidewell Hospice for complications from dementia. Born on March 30, 1932 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Lena Joy. She was the loving wife of the late Robert "Bob" Rimmel, whom she married on June 11, 1950 in the Hollywood United Methodist Church. In addition to being survived by her daughter and son-in-law, she is also survived by her son, Barry Nelson Rimmel of Ponce deLeon, Florida, her sister, Juanita Buchanan of Hollywood, Maryland, her brothers, Elwood Joy (Marge) of Hollywood, Maryland and Arnold Joy (Loretta) of Williamsport, Maryland. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Lois Windham of Spring, Texas, Austin Rimmel of Mt. Washington, Maryland,

Rebecca Windsor (Joey) of Dameron, Maryland, Corey Bonasorte (Stephanie) of Belmont, California, Leah Burke (Sean) of Woodstock, Maryland and Douglas Rimmel of Ponce deLeon, Florida, as well as great-grandchildren Amaya Rimmel, Lilly Rimmel, MacKenzie Windsor, Alexander Tink, Joshua Tink, Alexandra Burke and Grace Burke, and many nieces and nephews. Joyce was preceded in death by her sisters Eunice Gatten and Mildred Crichfield, and her brothers Herbert Joy, Marion Joy and Marvin Joy. A long-time resident of Hollywood, Maryland, Joyce was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and dear friend. She also had a profound impact on the lives of hundreds of students in the St. Mary's County Public School System as a Food Services Teacher at the St. Mary's County Technical Center. In all, she spent 50 years working in the school system and built a lasting legacy as an extraordinary mentor to so many who went on to successful careers in food service. Not a restaurant or store visit would go by almost anywhere in St. Mary's County without a happy reunion with one of her former students. After 21 years teaching food service full time, she continued to teach as a substitute for another 19 years until 2010 when she retired for good. She turned her attention to the joys of her family, many friends, dear neighbors, love of gardening and genealogy, and her precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was known for her famous cream puffs and always had people lining up at the annual Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department dinner. Joyce was a life-long member of the Hollywood United Methodist Church and a volunteer for numerous church activities. She was also a member of the Julia Halla Chapter #107, Order of the Eastern Star.

A celebration of life service will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Hollywood United Methodist Church, Hollywood, MD. Interment will follow in Joy Chapel Cemetery, Hollywood, MD.

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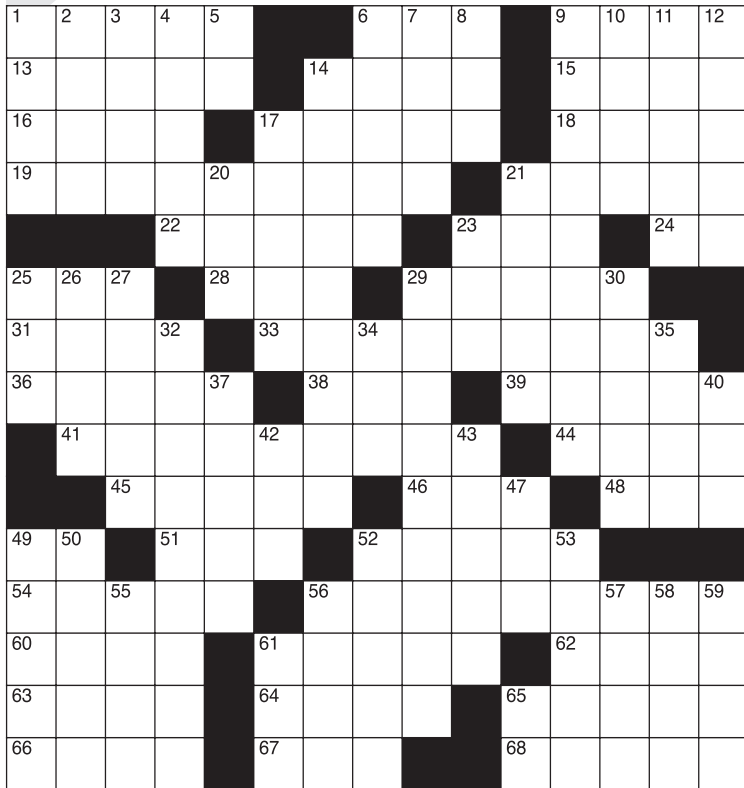
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- 1. Ponds
- 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- 14. Small sailboat
- 15. "Luther" actor
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Detects underwater objects
- 18. Harsh, grating noise
- 19. Steward
- 21. Fencing sword
- 22. Painful places on the body
- 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
- 28. Small lump
- 29. African antelope
- 31. Electronic point of sale
- 33. Carefully chooses
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- 41. Type of pants
- 44. Son of Noah
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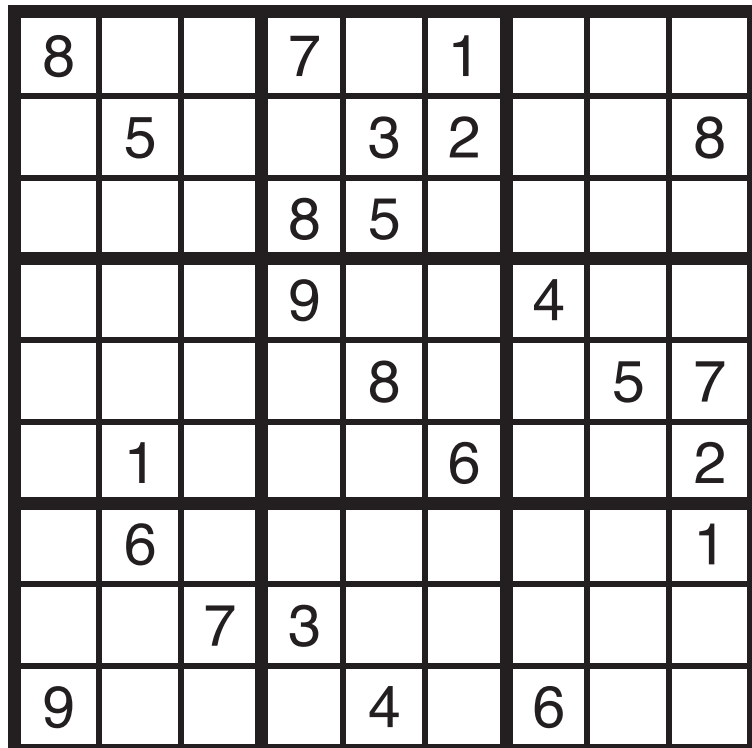
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- 52. Rich tapestry
- 54. S. China seaport
- 56. Being without clothes
- 60. Surrounded by
- 61. Remains
- 62. Away from wind
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who can see the future
- 65. A very large body of water
- 66. Digs up earth
- 67. Type of screen
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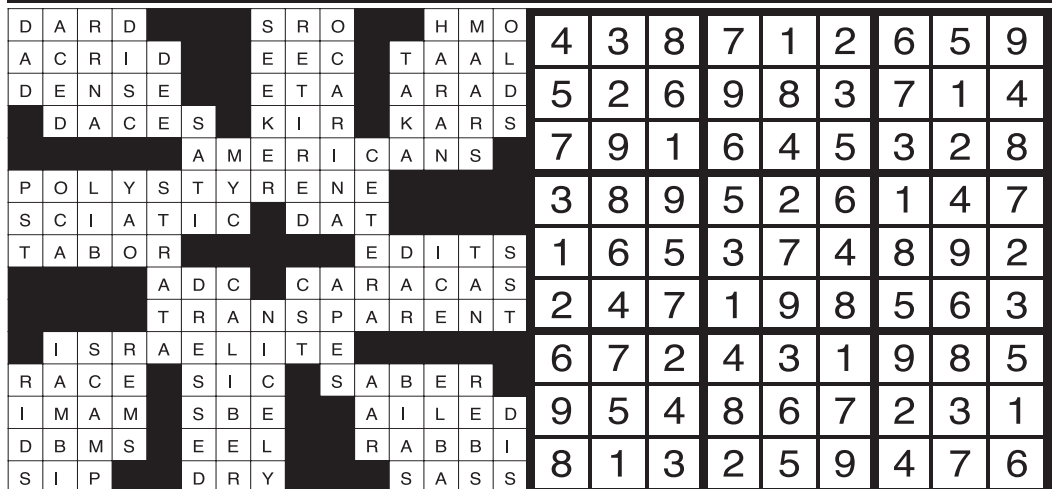
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- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Spanish city
- 3. Sudden, very loud sound
- 4. Type of chair
- 5. Tin
- 6. Sea eagles
- 7. Broad volcanic crater
- 8. Some animals have it
- 9. Ottoman palaces
- 10. Divulge a secret
- 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 14. Poisonous perennial

- 17. Gulf in the Aegean
- 20. Clothes
- 21. Chairs
- 23. Family of regulator genes
- 25. NY ballplayer
- 26. Impressive in size or scope
- 27. Jacques ___, Fr. biologist
- 29. Manhattanite
- 30. Genus of lemurs
- 32. Sings to
- 34. River in southern Italy
- 35. Supplemented with difficulty
- 37. Farewell
- 40. Senior officer
- 42. Utah resident
- 43. Begets
- 47. Boy
- 49. Violently break
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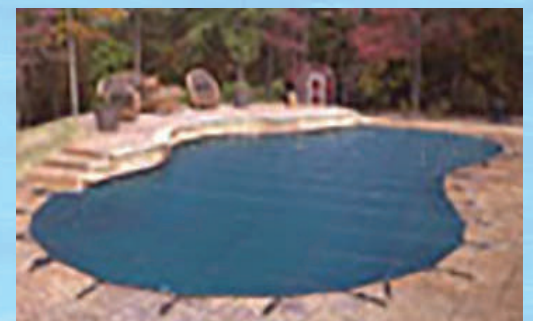


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