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Fritz to Pursue Criminal Charges in Fatal Charlotte Hall Crash

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

State's Attorney Richard Fritz said he is still weighing the evidence in the case of a St. Mary's City man who ran a traffic signal in Charlotte Hall last week and allegedly killed two people when he crashed into their vehicle, but criminal charges are pending.

"Certainly, he will be charged with two counts of vehicular homicide," Fritz said of the suspect in the case, Aleksander Ivanchev, 36. "This is an absolute tragedy for the family." Fritz said he has seen a video recording of the crash, which occurred on July 30 at the intersection of Route 5 and Golden Beach Road, in which Ivanchev's vehicle can be seen speeding up the north-bound right turn lane next to a long line of cars before smashing into the car driven by Shawn Bailey, 27, of Loveville with passenger Melody Russell, 28, of Clements.

When the collision occurred, Fritz said, the victims' vehicle exploded.

Fritz told The County Times that he is considering charging Ivanchev with two counts of second-degree depraved heart murder, which hinges on the concept that the person charged may not have intended to kill, but whose actions were so dangerous that they should have realized there was a substantial risk of death to another person.

Fritz said a recently released legal opinion from the Maryland Court of Special Appeals could have an impact on his decision moving forward.

"I've not quite made my decision on the status of the law," Fritz said.



Aleksander Ivanchev

Many who cause vehicle collisions that are fatal in St. Mary's County, and Maryland in general, are charged criminally beyond having points on their license or a monetary fine because of the high legal bar the charge demands of gross negligence versus simple negligence.

Fritz said, in this case, he believed Ivanchev acted with little to no regard for anyone's safety that day.

The county's head prosecutor said he is waiting on the sheriff's office investigation into the case, which includes forensic examination of Ivanchev's vehicle to determine the precise speed he was going at the time of the crash.

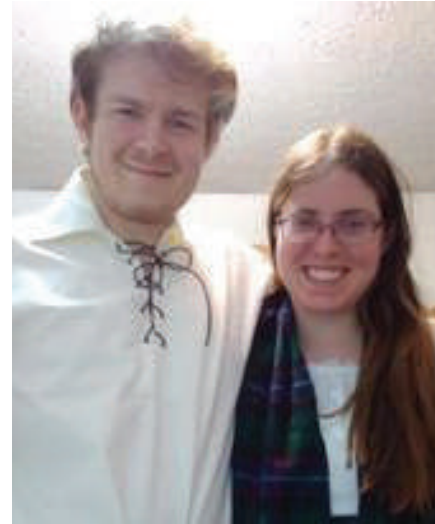
"My question is why?," Fritz said. "Why is anyone driving like that?"

"It makes the case extremely aggravated."

The sheriff's office reports that Ivanchev was critically injured in the crash but is expected to survive.

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Bailey, Russell Remembered For Their Love of Life, Each Other



Bailey and Russell

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Shawn Bailey and Melody Russell, two young people who fell in love on the job while working at the Leonardtown McKay's grocery store and planned to get married in November, were both killed in a horrific traffic crash in Charlotte Hall July 30.

Their co-workers remembered them for being among the friendliest and hardworking young people they knew and were deeply saddened that their lives here were cut short so violently.

But they also said the couple, who shared many of the same interests and personality traits, were together in Heaven forever, looking down with love on those they left behind.

"I truly believe that," said Lisa Dean, a store employee who knew Russell for the eight years she worked in the bakery department. "She was reliable, energetic and full of life; she enjoyed what she did."

Karissa Stanley, who also worked with Russell, said she was a talented artist who loved to express her ability in the bakery as well as in crafts and projects she did on her own time.

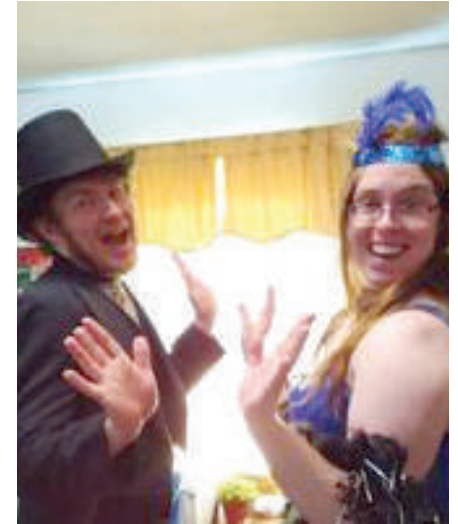
"She was very passionate about what she did," Stanley said, noting Russell was also Bailey's great passion.

"He would've done anything for her," Stanley said.

Russell was a joy to work with, said bakery manager Gloria Hauck, and she had a quirky sense of humor that made everyone laugh.

Her esteem for her co-workers was so high that Russell would constantly give them gifts.

"She always gave us handmade gifts every Christmas," Hauck



Bailey and Russell in costume

said. "She was very good at it."

When she met Bailey, Russell would often say she had to have lunch at 1:30p.m. – the same time Bailey took his lunch – so she could spend more time with him, Dean said.

Bailey was well liked throughout the store by his co-workers.

"He was a good kid," one long-time store employee said.

Alfred Strong, store manager who had only known Bailey for five weeks before he was tragically killed, said the young man made a significant impression on him.

"He was a hard-working guy," Strong said of Bailey, who was the produce manager there. "He was dedicated, he loved what he did."

"He was a super guy to work with; he'll be dearly missed here."

Ryan Horstman worked with Bailey for a year in the produce section and remembered someone who was easygoing and well liked. "We got along great," Horstman said. "He was a good guy; he always did his job."

Strong said Bailey's work ethic was superb and would have carried him far.

"It's devastating to us," Strong said of the tragic loss. "He had a great future ahead of him. Russell was a devout Catholic, and Bailey had recently converted to marry her, Dean told The County Times. "She believed in God, she was very religious," Dean said. "She sang in the church choir; she was full of spirit."

"It's hard to believe this happened."

Both Bailey and Russell are to be buried at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Morganza on Friday.

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Citizens Protest Masking Students

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

About 40 residents, some adults, some children, protested the requirement of students to wear masks when school starts Aug. 30 in St. Mary's County.

School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith has said the rapid rise in Delta variant COVID-19 cases necessitates masking of all students for at least the near future.

Smith announced Aug. 11, the same day as the protest, that Aug. 16 would begin mandatory masking at all school buildings.

"I'm here to stand against medical tyranny," said Elisabeth Gonzales, of Mechanicsville, who said she will homeschool three of her five children because of the masking requirement.

"They'll eventually mandate vaccinations for everyone."

Candidate for county commissioner Markus Drake said he believed masks for students should be a personal choice.

"They always say follow the science," said Drake. "But you can find numerous studies that show masks are not effective.

"But they don't want to listen to



that science."

Dorothy Anderson, who has grandchildren in the school system, helped to organize the protest.

She claimed that the system would continue to find reasons to mandate masking of students, despite their statements that they wanted to end the practice as

quickly as possible.

"They're going to keep moving the goal posts," Andrews said.

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Schools Get \$26 Million in Federal Funds



School Board member Cathy Allen talks about the system receiving \$26 million in grant funding.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

After much assistance from state and federal elected leaders the Maryland State Department of Education has released \$26 million in federal aid funds to the St. Mary's County Public School system, it was announced at Wednesday's school board meeting.

School Board member Cathy Allen said that, for a time, it looked as if the county would not get the money that had been set aside for it, which had been part of a larger federal aid package to help schools to recover from the past year's COVID-19 pandemic.

"We were the first and only school system to apply for those grant funds with specific goals and what we planned to do with it," Allen said, who showed deep emotion during her board report at the beginning of the meeting. "But it didn't go anywhere."

Allen said the state agency did not release the funds in time for the local system to put them in their fiscal 2022 budget year, which started July 1.

But with the intervention of the board chair Karin Bailey, her husband State Sen. Jack Bailey, U.S. Rep Steny Hoyer, Sen. Ben Cardin and even Gov. Larry Hogan, she said, the school system finally got their money.

"Those funds were released to us... last evening [Aug. 10]," Allen said. "Without the efforts of those individuals and those who supported them, we would not have those funds."

Those monies were needed so the system could hire the teachers to carry out the necessary programs the system had planned for this year, Allen said.

The funds arrived at a critical time, Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said, as they were needed to continue funding one of the system's most important new endeavors.

"That money is imperative to run things like our virtual school," Smith said, who explained that without the funding on hand the system had had to create a waiting list of students whose parents wanted them to participate in the entirely-on-line educational venture. "The deadline for registration for that was July 30," Smith said. "Anybody who has contacted us after July 30 we have put on a waiting list."

Now that the funding has come through, Smith said, his administration could begin to pare down the list and allow more students to participate.

"We will be revisiting all of that," said Smith.

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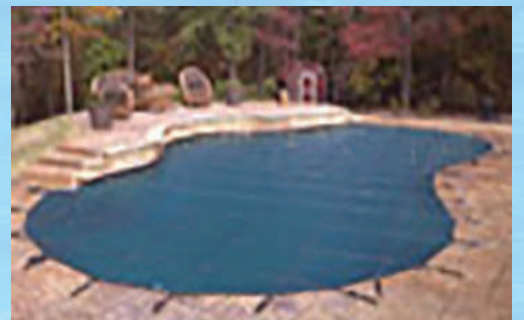


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State's Attorney Speaks on Leonardtown Teen's Shooting Death

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

State's Attorney Richard Fritz said this week that the investigation into the shooting death of 16-year-old Peyton Ham at the hands of a Maryland State Trooper will likely not be finished this month as the autopsy report from the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Baltimore has still not been received here.

There also remain other steps in the investigative process to be completed, the county's chief prosecutor said, but he did give answers to a few questions that have lingered since the April 13 shooting in Leonardtown.

Maryland State Police reported that the gun Ham allegedly leveled at Tpr. Joseph Azzari when the law officer responded to reports of a suspect with a gun just yards from the Leonardtown Barrack on Hollywood Road turned out to be an airsoft pistol, but the agency never released an image of the actual replica they recovered.

Instead, they released an image of an airsoft pistol which resembled the one they collected as evidence; they did release an image of the knife they recovered that day.

Ham was alleged to have been on the ground after the trooper initially opened fire and had a knife in his hand when he tried to get back up; the trooper fired

again, killing Ham.

Airsoft pistols usually have a colored tip, sometimes bright orange, to distinguish them from real firearms.

That was not the case in this incident, Fritz said,

"The gun had no orange tip, or any other color," Fritz said. "It looked exactly like the real thing."

This fact would inform as to why the trooper fired on Ham, as he could have had legitimate reason to believe he was faced with a real threat to his life.

Fritz said the medical examiner has said that lack of staffing has contributed to work delays there, lengthening the time it takes to complete the local investigation.

Also there remained the step of bringing witnesses already interviewed by police before the Grand Jury to take their statements under oath, Fritz said.

This was to ensure their testimony aligned with their statements to police, Fritz said, and to elicit more information.

Fritz said there were witnesses who "certainly [saw] parts of [the shooting incident]."

"At least enough parts to add it up," Fritz said.

He said he expected the final investigation report to be finished by the fall.

"I would certainly hope in September," Fritz said.

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Registration is now open for those wishing to participate in the 46th Annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown. Floats, bands, schools, scouts, clubs, cheerleaders, bikes, vintage cars, horses are some of the entries which will be accepted.

The parade will step off at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, from Ryken High School. The line of march will proceed along Fenwick Street to the Leonardtown Town Square. The event provides a great opportunity to honor our

Veterans, participate in a proud tradition and promote your group.

For more information or to request a 2021 Veterans Day Parade Entry Form, please contact the parade organizer, Connie Pennington, at cdpennington@icloud.com or call 301-904-0707.

Information regarding Parade guidelines are included with the forms. Entry forms should be returned to Connie Pennington, parade organizer, by Friday, Oct. 22, 2021. Entries received after Oct. 22 will not be accepted.

Crab Pot Pitch Competition Seeks Entries

Southern Maryland - The Crab Pot Pitch Competition is Southern Maryland's premier pitch competition for entrepreneurs with cutting edge, disruptive and innovative technologies. Made popular by television shows like ABC's "Shark Tank," pitch contests provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs to present their ideas to a panel of judges or investors in front of an audience.

This event is hosted by Southern Maryland Innovates, an organization with the mission to grow and connect the innovation and technology entrepreneurship community in Southern Maryland. And to serve as the connective hub between various groups that represent a casual and high impact opportunity to meet people interested in innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship in Southern Maryland.

This year's Crab Pot Pitch Competition will be held in person Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 6:00PM at the University System of Maryland (USMSM). Entrance is open to anyone with a cutting edge, disruptive and innovative technology that has potential for regional business growth in Southern Maryland. However, this year there will be two tracks!

The Tech Venture Track - Anyone with a cutting edge, disruptive and innovative technology

can register to compete! Pitches can be for new business ventures, products, or processes. Individuals can pitch ideas for brand new businesses. Existing enterprises can pitch ideas for new products. Ventures with high potential for scalability.

Main Street Track - This track is for innovative small businesses / ventures of any stage with revenue and/or initial customers but not focused on scale. Ventures that intend to remain local or that are not focused on scale are encouraged to compete in this track.

Finalists will be selected to pitch in front of a panel of judges at the final competition in October. The winner of the Tech Venture Track will receive \$5,000 and a bushel of crabs, the runner-up will receive \$2,000. The winner of the Main Street Track will win \$3,000, the runner up will receive \$1,000.

Southern Maryland Innovates is currently seeking innovative minds to enter the competition. The deadline for entrance submissions is Monday, August 30th! If you are interested in learning more, competing, and/or registering to attend please visit <https://somedinnovates.com/crab-pot/>. Please email info@somedinnovates.com with any immediate questions.

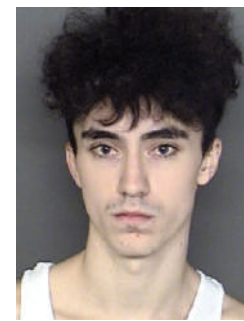
Charles County Man Found Guilty of Vehicular Manslaughter

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A St. Mary's County Circuit Court jury found Avery Stokes, 21, of Indian Head, guilty of vehicular manslaughter in a October 2019 incident in which he and his girlfriend had intentionally run off the road into a tree in Mechanicsville and hit a tree, killing a hitchhiker they had just picked up.

Prosecutors had charged Stokes with first-degree murder but the jury did not convict on that count.

Both police and prosecutors alleged that Stokes held a bizarre belief that he could not be killed



by driving into a tree; his then girlfriend Alexandra Howard apparently shared this belief.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Rus-

tin Family Way and New Market Turner Road; it killed 63-year-old Thomas Douglass and severely injured Howard.

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Volunteers Save Life while Training

Friday, August 6, 2021, started like any other day for the staff at the Joseph Sacco Firefighting and Safety Training School at Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Valley Lee. The training staff was performing live fire training to recertify the students in Basic Fire Fighting. After one of the evolutions had completed the students went into the gear room to remove their firefighting gear, one of the students suffered a medical emergency. Staff was present and witnessed the student fall to the ground and immediately rendered aid. It was found that the student was pulseless and not breathing. The staff immediately began CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and called 911. Assisted by other staff on scene they applied the AED (automated external defibrillator), and a shock was advised, the AED provided the shock and CPR continued. A short time later the student had ROSC (Return of spontaneous circulation) and began breathing on his own. The patient was transferred to the staff of the Second District VFDRS ambulance and Medic 1 (Advanced Life Support Unit). Further assessment determined it would be necessary for the patient to be flown to an appropriate facility that could treat a STEMI (A STEMI (ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction) is the most severe type of heart



attack) and the patient was transported via Trooper 7 (MD State Police Aviation).

The staff at the Joseph Sacco Firefighting and Safety Training School are local volunteers with Bay District and other surrounding departments and we wanted to congratulate them on a job well done!

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Youth Gun Violence Task Force Makes Arrest

On August 4, 2021, members of the Youth Gun Violence Task Force served an arrest warrant on **Charles Henry Thompson Jr.**, age 27 of Lexington Park, for the following charges:

- Assault First Degree
- Assault Second Degree
- Handgun in Vehicle
- Handgun on Person
- Loaded Handgun on Person
- Loaded Handgun in Vehicle
- Reckless Endangerment
- Regulated Firearm/Illegal Possession
- Illegal Possession of Ammunition

Thompson remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown.

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



Charles Henry Thompson Jr.

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Two Arrested in Hollywood Shooting

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has arrested two suspects in a shooting incident at a Hollywood business over the weekend that left two victims injured.

On Saturday, Aug. 7 at 12:22 am, Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the Last Drop Bar at 23955 Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood for the report of a shooting. Deputies confirmed that two victims inside the establishment were struck by gunfire. Both victims were transported to Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown for non-incapacitating injuries.

Diamante Raquan Butler, 23, of Lexington Park, was arrested on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, and charged with Handgun on Person; Loaded Handgun on Person; Loaded Handgun in Vehicle; Handgun in Vehicle; Firearm Possession Felony Conviction; Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm and Illegal Possession of Ammo. Butler was further charged by warrant with two counts of First-Degree Assault; two counts of Second-Degree Assault; two counts of Reckless Endangerment; two counts of Reckless Endangerment from Car; Handgun in Vehicle; Handgun on Person; Firearm in the Use of a Violent Crime; Loaded Handgun in Vehicle and Loaded Handgun on Person. Mackall is also held at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status.



Diamante Raquan Butler

ree Assault; two counts of Reckless Endangerment; two counts of Reckless Endangerment from Car; Handgun in Vehicle; Handgun on Person; Firearm in Use of a Violent Crime; Loaded Handgun in Vehicle and Loaded Handgun on Person. Butler is held at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown on a no-bond status.

Also arrested on Aug. 8, 2021 was **Antoine Keith Mackall III**, age 27 of Lusby, for two counts of First-Degree Assault; Accessory After the Fact; two counts of Second-Degree Assault; two counts of Reckless Endangerment; two counts of Reckless Endangerment from Car; Handgun in Vehicle; Handgun on Person; Firearm in the Use of a Violent Crime; Loaded Handgun in Vehicle and Loaded Handgun on Person. Mackall is also held at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center on a no-bond status.



Antoine Keith Mackall III

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SMADC Seeks New Board Member Nominations

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), a division of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, is seeking interested individuals to fill voting membership vacancies.

SMADC's purpose is to support farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland. We are committed to expanding and promoting a viable and profitable agricultural farming community in Southern Maryland. While the primary programmatic focus is on the five Southern Maryland counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's, many SMADC initiatives reach statewide.

SMADC Board Members represent a broad spectrum of the community, including, farmers, agribusiness, county government, economic development, land planning and zoning officials, chambers of commerce, tourism, the College of Southern Maryland, and the state departments of Agriculture, Business and Economic Development, elected state and local officials, and University of Maryland Extension.

Currently, there are three voting Board Member positions open including:

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The Commission typically meets from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., on the first Thursday of every month (there is no July Meeting). Meetings are virtual or by conference call until further notice.

To be considered, please submit all pertinent contact information with a brief paragraph describing your background and relationship to the agricultural community to Rachel Norris at rnorris@smadc.com. A recommendation letter from a current board member is suggested. Current Board Members are listed on the 'About SMADC' page at www.SMADC.com.

Please respond by August 31, 2021. Applications will be reviewed in September and new members announced by September 15, 2021. New members are expected to attend the October meeting.

For more information on SMADC programs and the current Commission members, visit www.smacd.com, or call (240) 528-8850.

St. Clement's Island Museum to Host Children's Day

Event encourages families with young children to visit the St. Clement's Island Museum and enjoy a day of community fun

Enjoy a free day of family fun in the sun celebrating the end of summer on the beautiful water-side lawn at the annual Children's Day at St. Clement's Island Museum Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Families can enjoy lots of activities including games, crafts, a bike raffle, free snow cones, balloons and lots more. Outside exhibitors include the local Fire Department and Rescue Squad and many more. Hometown Karaoke & DJ Services will have everyone dancing to kid-friendly tunes. Mathnasium of California will have fun activities related to math.

The Optimist Club of the Seventh District will provide a kiddie tractor pull and a free bike raffle for children 12 and younger. Organizers encourage families to get there early - the first 200 children

will receive a free water bottle courtesy of the Museum Division and sponsors.

The Optimist Club of the Seventh District will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and drinks.

The St. Clement's Island Museum is located at 38370 Point Breeze Road in Colton's Point. For more information, call 301-769-2222 or visit Facebook.com/SCIMuseum.

About the St. Mary's County Museum Division

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets.

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County Opens Cooling Centers as Excessive Heat Continues

The National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory and an Excessive Heat Watch for St. Mary's County through 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021. Heat index values may exceed 100 degrees. Young children, infants, the elderly, and those with health conditions should avoid prolonged outdoor exposure and maintain hydration levels.

St. Mary's County Government will have cooling centers available Wednesday, Aug. 11, and Thursday, Aug. 12, during the hours listed below. St. Mary's County residents, who need to take refuge in a cool place, can go to one of the following locations:

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8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Loffler Senior Activity Center

21905 Chancellor's Run Road
Great Mills
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Northern Senior Activity Center

29655 Charlotte Hall Road



Charlotte Hall
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Charlotte Hall Library
37600 New Market Rd
Charlotte Hall

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Leonardtown Library
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*The times listed above are regular business hours and may change.

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For more information, please visit the St. Mary's County Government website at www.st-marysmd.com



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Library Annual Report Released

St. Mary's County Library is pleased to release the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report. Find the report on www.stmalib.org or directly at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/nZ3Ds6XIDOALg/>.

The St. Mary's County Library experienced new challenges and opportunities this year. Shutdowns and limited public service points made way for new services such as curbside pickup, grab bags of librarian-selected materials, and virtual programs, classes and events.

The new Leonardtown Library opened after a difficult move during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic closures. Our digital content usage grew by 23 percent and we continued to provide excellent customer service and resources for everyone in our community!

Find the statistics, stories, and images that help us demonstrate the Library's community impact this past year. Highlights include:

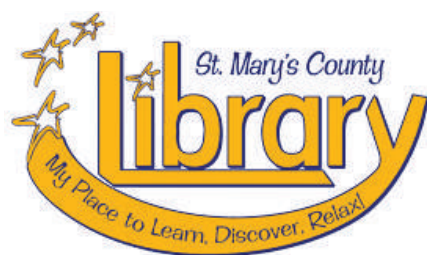
- 767,430 items checked out
- 147,143 digital items were checked out
- 1,086 hours of Lynda.com/LinkedIn Learning training
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- Over 24,000 searches on Ancestry.com
- 80,864 people visited us in-person
- Over 400 programs that over 8,000 people attended
- 20,395 curbside appointments
- Our public computers had over 12,500 sessions logged
- Free WiFi was accessed over 4,000 times.
- 48,097 card users

St. Mary's County Library launched our app and continue to provide vital technology access.

Find our new app on both Google Play and the Apple Store. Check your account, search the catalog, save your library card number directly in the app, check out digital content, and even scan a book's ISBN to instantly see if we have it in our collection! You can access all of our digital content with quick links to apps from Overdrive and hoopla.

Our free-to-use public computers have internet access and Microsoft Office, and we have a workstation at each location that provides assistive technology to citizens of Maryland protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition to computers and WiFi, we have printers at each location that can print full color, scanners, faxing capability, and laptops that can be checked out to use in the Library.

The new Leonardtown Library opened during the pandemic in Au-



gust, 2020 and the drive-thru was able to open earlier in June 2020. The new Library boasts two large meeting rooms, a children's activity room, five study rooms, a makerspace, a computer lab, a full teen area, and a special Maryland Room to hold materials of local interest. Comfortable seating and many new computers stations also add to the welcoming atmosphere.

We helped our community stay connected! Libraries opened for computer appointments before we were able to open fully. In spring of 2020, we extended the Wi-Fi range from our buildings and hours to be on 24/7 at all Library locations, and we continued to offer our mobile hotspots to those that needed connection. Utilized our 3D printers to produce COVID aid items such as face shields for the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home as part of a community partnership.

Our staff answered over 1,500 calls about the COVID-19 vaccine and registered over 400 individuals to help the SMC Health Department. We leveraged grants, such as the CARES grant, to obtain cleaning supplies, personal protection equipment for our staff and the public, and air purifying units to create the safest possible Library environment.

"The last year was of course challenging for our county and country," said St. Mary's County Library Director Michael Blackwell, "but we responded nimbly and innovatively. We reopened after pandemic restrictions as early as any library in Maryland, stayed open as consistently as any, and monitored the situation to offer drive-up and in-person service safely while increasing our virtual programming and digital offerings. We were instrumental in passing Maryland SB432, the 'Electronic Literary Product Licenses Access' legislation, suggesting the legislation, providing testimony, and rebutting lobbying efforts against it. It became law in June. The first bill of its kind in the country, it will ensure increased library readers' access to ebooks and audiobooks for Maryland and indeed all U.S. readers in a time of great demand. I'm proud of our employees who provided cheerful service in new and traditional ways to help our county residents in a most difficult time."

Press Release from St. Mary's County Library.

Eastern Stars Food Drive



Past Patron Nathaniel Scroggins, Associate Matron Jessica Boothe, Worthy Patron Derwinn Boothe, Will, Weis Market Manager, and Worthy Matron, Cathy Blackwell. Fidelity #60 of the Eastern Stars (St. Mary's County, MD) sponsored a Food Drive this past Saturday. Donations were outstanding. Food collected will be distributed to St. Mary's Caring, Zion United Methodist Church, The Mission, and SMILES, Inc. of Lusby, MD.



St. Mary's County resident, Lisa McManus donates several items to the Fidelity #60 Food Drive.

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Crab Festival And Carnival Return This Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A year without the Leonardtown Lion's Club's annual Crab Festival, shutdown in 2020 due to COVID-19, was a loss for the club and the county.

The Maryland blue crab based extravaganza's cancellation meant residents had to go without the combination of crabs and a festive atmosphere they had come to love and expect each year and the club lost thousands of dollars in revenue it uses to aid those with vision and hearing loss.

But the Lions say they are moving forward with the crustacean feast Aug. 28 and are hoping for one of their biggest crowds yet.

Club Treasurer John Brown said this year's crab festival is a chance to refill their coffers to continue serving the community.

"Very little money came in last year," Brown told The County Times. "We started making preparations and sponsors started sending money in."

"We had to cancel and fortunately many of our heavy donors said 'You'll need it, keep it.'"

The generous sponsorships helped, Brown said, but the club was still in a financial lurch.

"That was only between \$4,000 to \$5,000," Brown said. "And we usually get between \$12,000 and \$15,000." As much as \$10,000 of a normal

crab feast haul comes from gate fees, beer and crab sales and some from the sale of arts and crafts at the event, Brown said.

And the event is set to go ahead as the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in the community; Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's health officer, has said she was been in contact with the club and has advised that there are no COVID-related restrictions on outdoor events imposed either at the state or county level.

Though she strongly advised that anyone unvaccinated who attends the event should wear a face mask, especially if they go to any of the indoor exhibits available there.

Anyone attending who is fully vaccinated should also consider wearing a mask indoors as well, she said.

"With the Delta variant we're seeing tremendous community spread," Brewster told The County Times.

Brown said the club is still finalizing its safety plans for the event but they are considering moving the outdoor tables where much of the feasting occurs even farther apart.

"And people have been well trained to stand five-or-six-feet apart in line," said Brown.

The Lion's Club's hearing and vision van will be on hand as well for screenings, Brown said, but aside from the screener in the vehicle

just one patient is allowed at a time.

Brown said the club is hoping that its new members that have joined in recent years will be able to encourage those they know, who may not have come to the festival, to try it this year.

"We think people right now have the attitude that 'Anytime I have a chance to get out, I'm going to get out,'" said Brown.

George Kirby, public relations specialist with the Leonardtown Lions was hopeful for a boost in new attendance.

"We're always hoping Lions will go and bring [new] people," Kirby said. "The more, new people we get, we're trying to hook their friends to come out, too."

There's more to the crab festival than just the state's iconic crustacean; there's also a car show, arts and crafts tables, food vendors for those looking for something other than seafood and then there is the crab picking contest itself.

Kirby said the club is looking for intrepid contestants to enter the event for a chance at a money prize of either \$100, \$50 or \$25, which is awarded based on the weight of crab meat picked against the clock.

Other community organizations are keen to come back with their key annual events this summer, including the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department with their carnival.

It is one of the most anticipated and well-attended events in the county in a normal year.

It has been a county mainstay event for about 60 years.

Bill Mattingly, president of Company 7, said the carnival will proceed this month as it has in prior years – though at a later date – with rides, games and food starting Aug. 19 through Aug. 22 and then again after a three-day break from Aug. 26 to Aug. 29.

Wash stations and hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the lot, Mattingly said, and the wearing of masks will be encouraged.

"We're not going to mandate it, but we'll have signs up encouraging it," said Mattingly.

The carnival will also feature a bicycle giveaway prize for six children up to 12 years old each night – three boys and three girls – including a helmet, for those who register for the contest and win, Mattingly said.

A raffle will also give out \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 prizes to winning contestants, he said.

Despite being held late in the summer, Mattingly said this could be one of their biggest carnivals yet.

"We're expecting more people since we didn't have it last year," he said.

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Back-to-School Vaccine Clinics Announced

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will offer free back-to-school vaccine clinics for children (birth to age 18) living in St. Mary's County. The following vaccines will be available:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- HPV (human papillomavirus)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, varicella)
- HepB (hepatitis B)
- COVID-19*

Back-to-school vaccine clinics will be drive-thru or walk-up. A parent or guardian must be present and bring the child's immunization record and/or a letter from the child's school nurse. A Spanish speaking interpreter will be on-site to assist community members as needed.

Appointments are required. Click the clinic date below to make an appointment online or call SMCHD at (301) 475-4330 for

assistance:

Saturday, August 14 (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at Spring Ridge Middle School Health Clinic

Monday, August 16 (2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) at Spring Ridge Middle School Health Clinic

Tuesday, August 17 (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) at Margaret Brent Middle School Health Clinic

Wednesday, August 18 (2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) at Spring Ridge Middle School Health Clinic

Thursday, August 19 (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) at Margaret Brent Middle School Health Clinic

Friday, August 20 (2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) at Spring Ridge Middle School Health Clinic

*Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19 will be available for youth age 12 and older (separate registration required on-site at clinic). For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine or call (301) 475-4330.

For more information on recommended vaccinations by age, please visit smchd.org/immunizations

Press Release from SMCHD.

CSM Announces Millions in Scholarships/Relief Funds

Available for New, Existing, Returning Students



The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) announces it has millions of dollars in scholarships and COVID-19 relief funds available this Fall Semester to assist anyone who wants to attend CSM full-time or part-time in a degree pathway or for a workforce development certificate. The scholarships and financial assistance can be used for tuition, college expenses and living expenses and is available to new and existing students, or former CSM students who want to return or have had restrictions on their accounts related to past debt.

"We are currently conducting a robust outreach campaign to our former, existing and potential students to help them understand all of the funding that is available to them," shared CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "The impact of the pandemic put so many of our students in a tailspin – financially, physically, and emotionally – and we want them to know that we're here for them. We've been working hard to secure funding to help them either start, or finish, their education with us."

Among the funds available are new County Commissioner Cares scholarship – funded by Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties' Boards of County Commissioners. Each county board is providing scholarships in the coming year to help students in their respective county attend CSM (Calvert \$225,000; Charles \$405,000; and St. Mary's \$270,000). In addition, there is nearly \$5 million dollars available to CSM students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) which was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), of 2021.

"Add the availability of Pell Grants, the Maryland Community College Promise funds and the outpouring of financial support that is always provided by our CSM Foundation and we are positioned, perhaps better than we have ever been, to help our students financially with some of the problems that the pandemic presented," Murphy said.

CSM is also reaching out to students who may be eligible to have their financial restrictions lifted and is providing them information on how to qualify and register for the fall semester, according to CSM Associate Dean of Financial Assistance and Retention Christian Zimmermann. "We are acutely aware that our students just need a break," he said.

"We believe we have funding available for everyone who wants to attend CSM, and we will prioritize the funding based on need," Zimmermann added. "We will not be requiring students to fill out their (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) FAFSA forms to receive this scholarship money, but certainly students who complete their FAFSA's will help us to identify who is neediest, quicker."

The College of Southern Maryland offers an affordable and wide array of programs of study including Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degree programs. CSM has more than 150 guaranteed transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities and in some cases, CSM's university partners provide scholarships specifically for CSM graduates to help make the baccalaureate degree more affordable. Furthermore, CSM offers a wide range of continuing education certificates and career training programs such as computer programming and repair, truck driving, and nursing.

Beginning with the Fall 2021 Semester, CSM is offering a year-round Focus to Finish schedule that greatly expands the classes offered via a 7-week course format. Instead of taking all your courses in a given semester simultaneously for four months, Focus to Finish lets students take half of their classes in the first 7-week session and the other half in the second 7-week session.

For more information about CSM's scholarships and financial assistance and to how to enroll in the Fall Semester which begins Aug. 25, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/Fall/>.

Press Release from CSM

Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET CHEETO PUFF



How do you make a Cheeto Puff?
Chase it around the block!

Hi, my name is Cheeto Puff. If my name doesn't make you hungry for a snack then you're one of a kind. My dear friends here at TCAS say, "Our sweet little Cheeto Puff is SO ready to find his forever home!" I was a little unsure of my new surroundings at first, but now I'm an ABSOLUTE ATTENTION HOG who LOVES cheek scratches! I also have EXCELLENT LITTER BOX HABITS and I really love warm, soft blankets. I'm hoping to find my new family as soon as I can! To schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP, email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov today! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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Tackle Box Fishing Report



Andy caught a 23 inch speckled trout off the shore at Hog Point.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Spanish mackerel and buefish are now fully encamped in the lower bay and the mouth of the and Potomac.

Catches of mackerel in the lower Potomac from St. George Island to Point Lookout have been very consistent. Trollers are using planers and small spoons (Clarke, Drone, and HHCB) at fast speeds. Birds diving give away the location of the schools of mackerel and there are often bluefish mixed. If there are no birds to make a target, trollers are blind trolling and doing very well. The fish are in Cornfield Harbor, Point Lookout, and scattered along the Ship's Channel in mid bay. The mackerel are approaching Cedar Point and have been at Hooper's Island light for about 10 days. Spanish mackerel have traveled up the Potomac to Stuart's Pier and the rock pile at Piney Point near the mouth of Herring Creek.

Bluefish were breaking just east of the Target Ship last Friday morning. Lure casters using jigs and jig heads with plastic shads landed dozens of blues to to 27 inches. The birds were overhead picking up scraps from the feeding frenzy, The bite was red hot until about noon when the tide stopped. The birds were strung out for miles.

There are more slot redfish being caught in our waters right now than I can recall. Usually we have small rat reds in the creeks competing with perch for small spinner baits, and huge 25 to 50 pounders breaking in the pay in big schools eating the mackerel, blues and menhaden. The legal size (one per day) of 18 to 27 inches are the ones that are rare here except for this year. They are in

the shallows feeding on crabs and minnows and small spot, If you spend some serious time hunting then you will be rewarded.

Speaking of the seriously big channel bass (another name for redfish), they are here now with several big breaks in the bay near bouy 72A, below the Target Ship and in the Mud Leads. When you find them, just toss in a big jig into the frothy water and hold on!

Cobia continue to be prevalent in the Triangle off Point Lookout. Chummers using chum logs, fresh cut bait and live eels in the slick are getting a steady bite. Many are now between 32 and 39 inches, just below the 40 inch minimum. Trollers using big surgical eel lures have also scored.

Spot are everywhere and they are now getting big. We have six weeks of excellent spot fishing left with the "yellows, jumbos, and hump backs" of prime size coming to the fore. The prize bait of bloodworms are in short supply as the shipments from Maine and Canada have been very poor. Substitues of Fish bites, Lug worms, night crawlers and bits of squid will work.

There are plenty of white perch in the creeks for lure casters. The perch are mixed with the spot in the deeper water.

Speckled trout are big and common mixed with rockfish in the shallows for lure casters.

The bay and Patuxent are open for stripers. The Potomac season returns Aug. 21. There were plenty of stripers (rockfish) at Hog Point this week at daybreak for lure casters. Swimming baits like Wind Cheaters and Youzuris work very well. They like top water poppers too.

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Implant Retained Dentures are a Life-Altering Improvement Over Removeable Dentures

By: Jeff Tomcsik

If you are stuck in removeable dentures, a removeable prosthesis like a bridge, or if you've been in need of a replacement option for missing teeth, you need to pay attention to this game changer in the dental industry. Embarrassing moments with removable dentures are a thing of the past with implant retained dentures. In fact, a lot of concerns and issues are a thing of the past with this truly life-like alternative to removables.

Implants have come a long way over the past several years. They are predictable and successful when placed by highly trained and educated professionals. The implants themselves are placed into the jawbone, creating an anchor for the prosthesis (denture, bridge or single tooth replacement). This anchor integrates with the natural bone in the jaw making the connection as permanent as a real, healthy tooth's root.

Because the implant mimics a

natural root, it allows for functionality like a real tooth. In fact chewing function with an implant retained, permanent denture maintains about 80% of original function over the removable's functionality of about 20%. It also creates bone stability, which means the jawbone will not atrophy (loss of bone) over time as with a traditional prosthesis or lack of teeth all together. This will help you keep a more youthful and healthy appearance for the rest of your life.

The fixed option also allows you to care for and clean the prosthetic teeth while in the mouth like you would with your original teeth. No more removing your denture and soaking it or brushing it outside of the mouth. It will not fall out during active events or while you eat. In fact, it won't fall out ever! This creates peace of mind as it avoids embarrassing situations. Only you and your dental team will ever know your teeth are not your originals.

Implant retained dentures are also quite economical over the life of the denture as well. If you've been suffering with ongoing dental problems, finding yourself in the dental chair year after year getting fillings, root canals and crowns, just to lead to bridges and eventually dentures, you could spend tens of thousands of dollars over time.

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Letters to the Editor

Generations of Fair Art

To the Editor:

John and I met the winning student designer of the 2021 St Mary's County Fair Catalog Cover Contest, Abigail Graham, last Monday evening at the Fairgrounds. She was named the winner of the Cover Design Contest earlier this Summer when preparations were being made to print the catalog.

The winning design is also made into a Fair sign which appears on road sides in September, announcing the Fair. We went through our usual introduction of the Fair sign painting process which included a peek into the storage room where about 30 past winning cover/sign designs are stored.

Abigail turned out to be a very capable and talented artist with painting skills. On Friday evening her mother, Natalie Graham says "I have a confession to make"... I thought what ???

Then Natalie proceeds to tell us that she is Natalie Strickland Graham, the winner of the contest in 1990. The designer of the now locally famous "Cow, Pig, Horse looking through a fence" sign that announces the Fair dates in Leonardtown Square every September.



She was the winner back when John and I did the jig saw cut outs and painting ourselves, before we got the idea to let the student help. We had never met her! 31 years later, her daughter wins the contest!! What a happy surprise! We will get photos of Mother and daughter and signs as soon as Abigail finishes her work.

We have met so many wonderful, talented students and their very supportive parents in 30 plus years of Being a Fair Volunteer. St Mary's County is blessed with many wonderful Volunteers. We see hundreds of them working at the Fair!

Ann & John Richards

No Mandatory Vaccinations

To the Editor

In the August 5 letter "When 'Personal Rights' Run Amuck," Joseph L. DeVitis argues that everyone must be vaccinated against COVID-19 for the greater good of the populace. He self-righteously claims that "To do otherwise would reinforce the selfishness, or stupidity of those who carelessly put lives in jeopardy."


He correctly asserts that the police powers of the government permit the imposition of mandated vaccinations to protect public health. However, Mr. DeVitis is unaware of 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb-3 - Authorization for medical products for use in emergencies, which states that the emergency use authorization (EUA) of the unapproved vaccines requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to "ensure that individuals to whom the product is administered are informed of the option to accept or refuse administration of

the product."

Likewise, the FDA's guidance on emergency use authorization of medical products requires the FDA to "ensure that recipients are informed to the extent practicable given the applicable circumstances ... That they have the option to accept or refuse the EUA product." Dr. Amanda Cohn, the executive secretary of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, stated that under an EUA "vaccines are not allowed to be mandatory. So, early in this vaccination phase, individuals will have to be consented and they won't be able to be mandatory."

Mr. DeVitis ignores the medical fact that not everyone requires the vaccine to be immune. As exhibited by Mr. DeVitis, a vaccine is needed for the malady of fear and hysteria associated with groupthink conformity.

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Visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging for the most up-to date information

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.

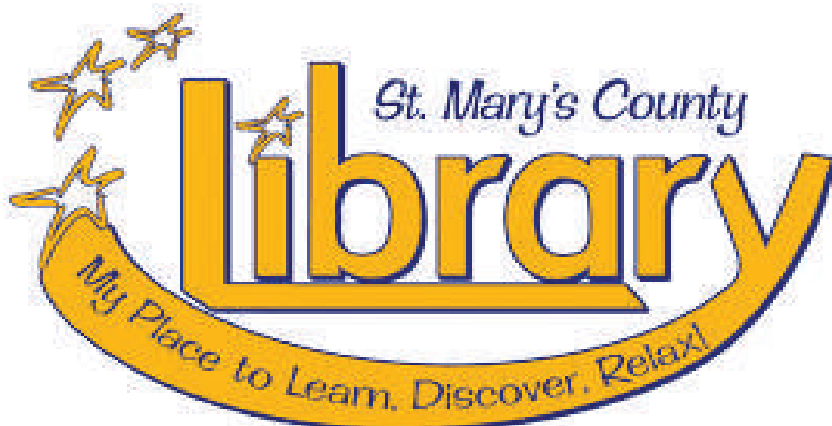
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Reptile Wonders

Meet real, live reptiles from Maryland and around the world! From baby tortoises to giant pythons, learn about their habitats, diet, adaptations, & behaviors. St. Mary's County Library will host two Reptile Wonders programs on Friday, August 20; 10:30 a.m. outdoors on the grounds of Lexington Park Baptist Church (46855 S Shangri-La Dr, Lexington Park, MD 20653) and 2 p.m. outside at Leonardtown Library. Register on www.stmalib.org. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on, and wear your sunblock! In the event of bad weather, this event will be rescheduled. Please register with an email address to get updates in case of a weather-related change. When registering, please include the total number of people (adults

and children) in your group.

Fall Vegetable Gardening 101

Fall is a great time to garden! Master Gardeners Mariah and Patrice will discuss when to plant, what to plant, and more on Monday, August 16 at 6 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org.

One-Room Schoolhouses in Maryland

Dr. James Gibb will explore the architectural variability of the one-room schoolhouse, and the clues it reveals about unique local histories during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Join us Monday, August 23 at 7 p.m. From the end of the Civil War to the beginning of the school consolidation movement in the 1920s, the one-room school-



house was the most common public building on Maryland's rural landscape. In the public imagination, these small red buildings, with banks of windows providing students with natural light and ventilation, epitomized American democracy and pragmatism. This presentation explores the variability within this class of architecture, finding in each building clues to unique local histories, as well as conflicts among educational theories that continue to this day. Register on www.stmalib.org with an email address to receive a link to join the online event.

Intro to Finding Grants

Are you new to the field of grant-seeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants

and how to find potential funders in this introductory course on Tuesday, August 24 from 6- 7 p.m. Zoom meeting information will be shared to registrants via email 1 hour prior to the program starting. This program is sponsored by Charles County Public Library. Register on www.stmalib.org.

The Graphic Novel Round Table

Hey Tweens & Teens! Do you love graphic novels or comics? Come join us in our Graphic Novel Round Table on Wednesday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. We will have an opening icebreaker, then we will share the latest graphic novels we have read with everyone. Mrs. Britany will also share the newest graphic novels that the library has to offer. Register on www.stmalib.org.

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, August 12

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, August 13

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, August 14

Conversations & A Cruise

St. Clement's Island Museum; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Enjoy summer breezes on a fun, educational and family-friendly morning of cruising on the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi during this series of themed cruises throughout the season! \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, kids under 2 are free. Call to book. 301-769-2222

Beatlemania Concert and Car Show

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds; 8 a.m.

Performances at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m., rain date August 15. Please call 301-475-5889 for more information.

Tuesday, August 17

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 18

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 Dis-

abled 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 19

CSM Transfer Thursday

Virtual; 11 a.m.

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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)

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680

Leonardtown Office:

Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 475-4330

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:

Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free

No doctor's order needed

Free of Charge (no out-of-pocket cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.)

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible - Uninsured community members are welcome and will not be charged

Upcoming

Hollywood VFD Carnival

Hollywood VFD; August 19-22 and 26-29, starting at 7 p.m.

Featured will be food, rides, and games. Unlimited rides every night for \$10.00, or tickets may be purchased separately. Free nightly prizes (must be present to win). Free 3 boys & 3 girls nightly bicycle raffle for ages 12 and under (must be present to win). A Treasure Chest cash prize will be raffled the last night of the carnival. Owned and operated by HVFD. ATM - on site. Visit www.hvfd7.com

Pre Labor Day Drive Thru Dinner

St. Peter Claver Church; September 5, noon - 6 p.m.

BBQ pork, fried fish, and fried chicken dinners will include parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, beets, and a roll. \$28, must be prepaid by going to www.stpeterclaverchurch.org, selecting "Donation", "SPC Prepaid Dinners" and completing the form, calling 301-872-5460 to place an order via phone, or giving a cash order after 10 a.m. mass. All orders must be placed by August 22.

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.

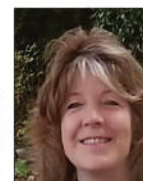
As you can see, it's important to take a holistic approach to retirement in the 21st century. And when you do, you can find your days as a retiree to be greatly fulfilling.

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Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



'LIFE' IS AN ELEVATOR...

This past Monday was one of those days that you never want to relive as long as you live. I had my rheumatologist appointment at Johns Hopkins Arthritis Center/ Bayview in Baltimore at 3:30. I thought leaving at 1:30 would be a good time to miss traffic – the middle of the day after lunch usually is a good travel time, and it was pretty and sunny when we left. I was driving the first half then Robert would take over before we hit 97. That changed pretty quickly as we got off Croom Station Road and headed up 301. Our normal 2 hour trip, including my mandatory potty break in Gambrills where Robert took over driving turned into three hours in pouring rain where you couldn't even see 2 feet in front of you along with bumper to bumper traffic the entire way. I was a shaking, back spasmy mess by the time Robert dropped me off at the doors to the Arthritis Center.

And then to top it all off I got trapped in the elevator and had to wait until they called maintenance. I was FREAKING OUT!!!! The elevator was rumbling and shaking back and forth, and I was screaming into the elevator emergency phone system "Help! Help! OMG. All I could keep seeing in my head was the Chicago Fire episodes about elevator entrapment in burning buildings. Finally, the elevator went up to the 2nd floor by itself. I got out fast and took the stairs down to the 1st floor. But as I got off, a man ran in. I yelled at him to get out, but he just looked at me. 20 minutes later, as I was sitting in the waiting room, I could still hear him yelling help from the elevator. Maintenance couldn't get him out, so they called the fire department. The security officer did get my name for filing a mandatory incident report. When my rheumatologist finally came into my room, she apologized for being so late, and I laughed and said, "I was just getting ready to apologize to you". Afterwards, Robert and I were both ready for a meal and a good stiff drink in Fell's Point on the water (which, I must say, helped the jangling nerves for both of us, even though another pouring driving rain began while we were sitting outside – Thank goodness for their large umbrellas at Kooper's Tavern). Then it was time for our long drive home at night, and of course, in the pouring rain. As I get older, I don't seem to handle driving in rain, traveling, (and elevator) stresses as well as I used to.

Speaking of getting older, I went to a class about Medicare at the new Garvey Senior Center in Leonardtown last Friday given by Debbie Barker. First, I must say what a magnificent space the new library/Senior Center boasts (not that I don't enjoy using our Northern Senior Center services in Charlotte Hall). I have already enjoyed using the library with its cheerful,



colorful space. This was the first time, however, that I've made the tour of the Senior Center side. Lots of nice, light-filled meeting space, and rooms for ping pong, billiards, exercise studios, cafeteria/meeting room, and art rooms. Really nice. I haven't played ping pong in years, so maybe during the winter my husband and I could go up there and play and exercise. And I could get my library books at the same time.

Secondly, I thoroughly enjoyed the Medicare/Medicaid seminar. My husband just turned 65, so it was time to understand what we need to do and when, since he is a retired Federal Firefighter. And I am 60, but already on Medicare because of my arthritis. Debbie Barker gave a lovely presentation to those of us in attendance with a very large projection screen behind her so we could easily see what she was talking about. She explained everything, and patiently answered our questions even if we (I) asked them in a few different ways to make sure it was understood. I was surprised that there are Medicare supplement/Medigap plans that range from E through N. From EHealth: "Medicare Supplement (also known as Medigap or MedSupp) insurance plans help cover certain out-of-pocket costs that Original Medicare, Part A and Part B, doesn't cover. There are 10 plan types available in most states, and each plan is labeled with a different letter that corresponds with a certain level of basic benefits." So much to learn, but Ms. Barker helped so much with deciphering all of this information. I hope, if any of you are in the age frame to start thinking about all this, that you sign up for some of these great seminars, or make use of the local Senior Centers, which by the way, you can register once you turn 50.

Oh, and what do you think was on the Chicago Fire re-runs this week: The two awful elevator scene episodes.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

PMA-234 Holds Change of Command

Capt. David Rueter relieved Capt. Michael Orr to become the 19th program manager of the Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) Systems Program Office (PMA-234), during a private change of command ceremony Aug. 5.

Rear Adm. Shane Gahagan, Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft Programs who presided over the ceremony, complimented Orr on the ability to navigate the program office during extreme environments.

"I am incredibly proud of the work that Capt. Orr has done to lead this program office over the past few years," said Gahagan. "He has been a tremendous asset to his team, PEO(T) and naval aviation. His hard work and dedication are directly reflected in the strides that PMA-234 has made to increase naval aviation readiness through process improvements and bringing new capabilities to the fleet."

Under Orr's leadership, the program office retired the EA-6B Prowler; established the Joint Program Of-

fice with the Royal Australian Air Force; received approval for the Next Generation Jammer (NGJ) Mid-Band to enter the production and deployment phase and proceed with low-rate initial production; and awarded the engineering and manufacturing development contract for NGJ Low-Band, which was only a concept when he first accepted command.

Orr, a 1995 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was selected to fly the EA-6B Prowler out of flight school and spent his entire operational career supporting the Electronic Warfare (EW) mission.

With characteristic humility, Orr professed what an "honor and humbling experience" his time spent with the program was and then took a moment to thank attendees including Scott Dailey, PMA-234 principal deputy program manager and his family for being his inspiration and motivation.

"Leading the men and women of PMA-234 these last four years has been the highest honor of my profes-

sional life," said Orr. "I am so proud of what this amazing team has done in support of the EW warfighter and look forward to hearing the even greater contributions that they will achieve in the future."

After Rueter officially took the reins of the AEA program office, he took a moment to recognize his predecessor's success.

"I can't thank Capt. Orr enough for the outstanding leadership and accomplishments he's given to PMA-234 and the Airborne Electronic Attack community over the years," said Rueter. "We are a more capable Navy and Nation because of his dedication."

With 21 years in the Electronic Attack community, Rueter accumulated more than 2,900 flight hours in 22 different aircraft and completed 658 carrier arrested landings, including 105 combat missions.

While on shore duty, Rueter served as Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 project officer for EA-6B and EA-18G. In 2016, he reported to the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Of-

fice (PMA-265), serving as both the EA-18G Growler Systems Integrated Program Team lead and the deputy program manager, which uniquely prepared him to lead the 1,100-member workforce at PMA-234.

Most recently, Rueter served as Executive Assistant to the Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development & Acquisition).

Rueter closed with a message to the PMA-234 team with whom he will share the next four years, "I'm humbled to be joining this amazing organization and look forward to continuing to advance the electronic attack capabilities of the joint force."

PMA-234 is responsible for acquiring, delivering, and sustaining AEA systems, providing combatant commanders with capabilities that enable mission success.

Story by Lisa Rendzio, PMA-234 Communications

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Audrey Veronica Yates

Audrey Veronica Yates, 86, of Valley Lee, MD passed away peacefully with her children at her side on August 4th, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD.

On November 28th, 1934, Audrey was born upstairs in the family home at 3005 7th Street SE, Washington, DC. She was the youngest child of the late Joseph E. Richards, Sr. and Dorothy L. (Hall) Richards. Audrey had three older siblings, Helen, Earl Jr. (Booba) and Melba. Audrey grew up in Congress Heights, attended parochial school in DC and was a graduate of St. Patrick's Academy - Class of 1953.

Audrey worked for the FBI, then the Naval Research Laboratory, retiring with over 30 years of Federal Service. In 1958, Audrey married Blair Quentin Yates of the 1109 Alabama Avenue, SE "Yates Family". Audrey and Blair raised two children, a son James Quentin (Jimmy) and a daughter, Karen Veronica. In 1967, Audrey, Blair, Jimmy and baby Karen moved from an apartment in "Southeast" DC, to their first home on Dee Lane, in Clinton, Maryland.

Audrey became a "housewife," as she didn't drive, yet. In 1968, Audrey took it upon herself to learn how to drive a car, via the "Easy Method Driving School". Mom got her license and began transporting her kids, relatives and the neighbor's kids in a 1962 Rambler station wagon with a "push button" transmission, but no reverse gear! Audrey was very active in her Walden Woods neighborhood, organizing summer block parties, poker games, many Yates & Greenwell Family picnics at Cosca Park and numerous "hat shows", performed by her beloved Sheltie, "Peanut". Audrey loved the Washington Redskins and serving Blair's famous chili on game day. Mom loved to travel, which took her and Dad to Las Vegas, Atlantic City, many sunny beaches, and Newport, RI for the Americas' Cup races and the Jazz Festivals. Sometimes, no long road trip was needed, Audrey and Karen would sunbathe in the back yard, relaxing and waving to mom's longtime friend, Edwina Kearns and her twin girls, who were doing the same thing in their adjacent back yard. Good times with good friends!

Mom made growing up in Clinton fun for everyone. It was like living in a TV sitcom, but so much better! Audrey's support and guidance of her husband, children and grandsons Alex and Joe, ensured

their success with careers and in life. Her Catholic faith and upbringing, guided her and gave her strength and inspiration. Mom's faith and guidance helped all of us make it through self-doubt and personal crisis.

In 2001, after living in Clinton for over 34 years, Audrey and Blair sold their "First Home" and moved to "The Cottage," in Valley Lee. Mom and Dad enjoyed living on the water in her parent's old home, but most of all, being close to nephew Charles and Virginia Foster of River House Farm and great nieces Amber Wood and Jamie Foster, who treated Mom and Dad with so much love and kindness. Audrey and Blair's retirement years at The Cottage were comfortable and fun, due to Charles and Virginia's support and generosity. There was always something going on at The Cottage, or River House. Audrey and Blair were very active with picnics and other social events held at the Oxon Hill American Legion - Post 248, St. Clements Hundred, or Russell's Bar in Valley Lee. Mom was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution - Gen. William Smallwood Chapter, the St. Mary's County Historical Society and The St. Clements Hundred.

Since 2017, Audrey resided on Peabody Street in Leonardtown. Mom received amazing care from the nurses and staff at SMNRC and great pleasure from the many letters and photos sent by her nephew Jody Richards and "Care Packages" from Charles and Virginia. The prayers and spiritual support provided by Father Paul from St. George RC Church and great niece Jamie Foster gave mom great comfort. Audrey was predeceased by her husband, Blair Q. Yates, her sisters Helen Foster, Melba Richards, brother Joseph E. Richards, Jr. and lifelong friend Juanita F. Gass. Audrey is survived by her son James Q. Yates and fiancé Teresa E. Jones, daughter Karen V. Marquess and husband Timothy D. Marquess, Sr., grandsons Alexander J. Yates, Joseph T. Yates, great-grandson Leo T. Yates, beloved nephews Joseph E. (Jody) Richards III and wife Lynnea, Charles R. Foster and wife Virginia, niece Dorothy Anne Richards, her maid of honor Jane Payne, great and great-great nieces and nephews. In addition, Audrey is survived by her sisters in law, Betty Steinle, Barbara Greenwell, Bebe B. Bopp, Colleen Yates and many more nieces and nephews. At a later date, a private memorial service and interment will be held at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD. In lieu of flowers and to share Audrey's love of family history, memorial donations may be sent to: St. Clements Hundred, Inc. Box 71 - Colton's Point, MD 20626 and/or the St. Mary's County Historical

Society - P.O. Box 212 - Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Mom, your unconditional love, kindness and humor touched so many people and will live forever in our hearts.

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Love, Jimmy and Karen

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William "Billy" Richard Dexter, Jr.

William "Billy" Richard Dexter, Jr., 57 of California, MD, formerly of Waldorf, MD passed away on August 2, 2021 at his

home. Born on November 6, 1963 in LaPlata, MD, he was the son of Barbara Dexter of Waldorf, MD and the late William Dexter, Sr.

Billy is survived by his loving wife, Teresa Dexter, whom he married on November 18, 2005 in Leonardtown, MD, his children Shelley (Chris) Johnson of Edgewater, MD and Kimberly (David) Hamilton of Chaptico, MD, siblings Joseph Dexter of Waldorf, MD and Kathleen (Jerry) Golba of Negley, OH, grandchildren Marissa, Ryan and Joshua Hamilton, Regina Cowan, Avery and Brooklyn Johnson, great-grandson Connor Raley, nieces and nephews Joseph "Joey" Dexter, Kimberly Dexter, and Justin and Sarah Golba.

Billy graduated from Maurice J. McDonough high school in 1983, and moved to St. Mary's County from Waldorf, MD in 1987. He was a Landfill Attendant for St. Mary's County Department of Public Works, and retired October 1, 2020 after eight years of employment.

Billy enjoyed spending time with his family and watching the Washington Redskins.

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Melody Ann Russell

Melody Ann Russell, 29, of Clements, MD, passed away on July 30, 2021 in Charlotte Hall, MD. Born on April 2, 1992 in Leonardtown,

MD, she was the loving daughter



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of John Steven Russell and Patricia Ann Russell of Clements, MD.

Melody was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident, and graduated from St. Mary's Ryken in 2010. She attended the University of Maryland Global Campus and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Melody worked as a baker at McKay's in Leonardtown, MD for eight years.

She enjoyed knitting, painting, drawing, and crafting, as well as painting old furniture and restoring it. Melody liked to go thrift store shopping, collect sea glass on the beach, and play tennis.

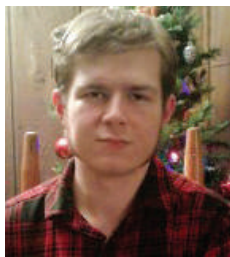
Melody was to be married to Shawn Douglas Bailey on November 27, 2021. She met him at work at McKay's and they fell madly in love. They were engaged after three months, and planned to remodel the house next to her parents, John and Patricia. The couple planned to have it finished for their honeymoon and live there as husband and wife. Both proud Catholics, they were religious. With their photos all over the house, Melody could not wait to marry Shawn. She loved her family; aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was very crafty, and a sweet, smart, and kind-hearted person. Melody loved the tennis team that she was on at St. Mary's Ryken and going to David Cook concerts with Melissa Rosa, her maid of honor and best friend. Her friends Mary Depperschmidt and Claire Kayser were her bridesmaids-to-be; they were like the sisters she never had. Shawn and Melody were planning a beautiful life together. Now two lives cut short are together in Heaven forever, both young and in love.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 13, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD, with Father Drew Royals officiating, accompanied by Deacon Joe Lloyd. Interment will follow at Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Jamieson Russell, Daniel Russell, Alan Harper, Ethan Gott, Samuel Walter, and Clint Walter. Honorary pallbearers will be Dorothy Gott, Sandy Reisinger, Joseph Lloyd, and Francis H. Walter.

Contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 175, Morganza, MD 20660 and St. Mary's Ryken Girls Tennis Team, 22600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Shawn Douglas Bailey



Shawn Douglas Bailey, 27, of Loveville, MD, passed away on July 30, 2021 in Charlotte Hall, MD. Born on November 15,

1993 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the loving son of Joseph Alton Bailey III of Williston, FL and Dolly Lynn Green of Mechanicsville, MD.

Shawn was a lifelong St. Mary's County resident, and graduated from Chopticon High School in 2012. He worked as a Produce Manager at McKay's in Leonardtown, MD for two years.

For Shawn, life was an adventure. An aspiring banjo player, a proficient marksman, a collector of antiques, and a self-taught historian, Shawn had a good heart and helped people whenever he could. He had a passion for wildlife and enjoyed spending time in nature. Shawn had found true love in his life when Melody Russell accepted his hand in marriage. Their love for each other will live on forever.

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Glenn Ellyson Gardiner



Glenn Ellyson Gardiner, 71, of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2021. Born in April 1950 in the District

of Columbia, Glenn was the youngest child of Gwyn Ellyson Gardiner and Margaret Redding Gardiner.

After spending part of his youth in Norway, Glenn attended High Point High School in Maryland, and later graduated with a degree in business from Bowie State University.

After graduating, Glenn worked in the automobile industry for Chrysler Corporation and later became a Business Owner in southern Maryland. As an entrepreneur, Glenn owned and operated several small businesses. Glenn believed strongly in contributing to one's community. Aside from being involved in local politics, he served as President of the Charlotte Hall Rotary in Charlotte Hall, Maryland, and additionally served on the local airport commission. He was also a pilot.

In 1998, Glenn suffered a major stroke while on a family ski trip. From that time till his recent passing, Glenn was faced with many neurological medical challenges, but he never gave up trying to remain active. Glenn worked doggedly at his recovery and found solace in sharing stories, often using technology to assist him with the writing process. Later in life, after moving to Florida, Glenn co-authored, along with Leona DeRosa Bodie, *Glimpse of Sunlight*, a work of historical fiction surrounding the life of adventurer Jonathan Dickinson for which they won an award from the Florida Writer's Association.

Glenn possessed a rare 'joie de vivre' outlook on life, and he will certainly be remembered for his larger-than-life spirit. He enjoyed several hobbies ranging from reading to building and flying airplanes. He was always eager to explore the outdoors, whether by biking, kayaking, fishing, boating or hiking and loved relaxing, listening to every genre of music.

Glenn met his wife of 49 years, Myra Elaine Gardiner, on Golden Beach in southern Maryland in the early 70's. They were married on June 03, 1972, and together they raised three children: Merritt Juliano (42), Emily Vanlandingham (39), and Luke Gardiner who passed away in 2015 (32). They have three grandsons who adored their Pops: Peirce Gardiner (14) of California, Maryland, Grayson Vanlandingham (9) of Metairie, Louisiana, and Jonah Juliano (7) of Westport, Connecticut.

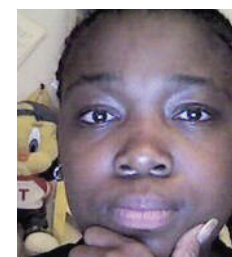
Glenn is survived by his sister, Marsha Protzel, of Southport, Virginia.

The family has entrusted Aycock at Tradition in Port Saint Lucie, Florida and Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home in Leonardtown, Maryland to coordinate arrangements. A funeral service for all family and friends will take place at All Faith Episcopal Church on Monday, August 23 at 11 AM, 38885 New Market Turner Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. A reception also for all family and friends will immediately follow the funeral at the home of John & Brenda Bowling in Hollywood, Maryland. The Reverend Debbie Kirk, Rector of All Faith Episcopal Church, will officiate the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: General Patient Care at the Treasure Coast Hospice Mayes Center, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997, (772) 403-4500, <https://www.treasurehealth.org/292/Donate>.

The family would like to thank The Mayes Center for their incredible care and support during this difficult time. National Ataxia Foundation, 7701 Golden Valley Rd, PO Box 27986, Golden Valley, MN 55427, www.ataxia.org.

LaKieta Nicole Toon "Kieta"



LaKieta Nicole Toon "Kieta" age 35, of California, MD departed this life on August 3, 2021 at home. She was born the only child of Maurice

Toon and the late Brenda Marie Whalen on December 24, 1985 in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Kieta was educated in the St. Mary's and Calvert County Public School systems. She graduated from Patuxent High School in 2003. She continued her education with American InterContinental University (AIU) earning her Bach-



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elor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting in 2011.

Kieta was a free spirit and entrepreneur at heart. She began her career with Food Lion, then BJ's, and ended her career as an employee at Giant to become the entrepreneur she was always meant to be. She opened a business called Angel's Tees where she used her passion for creating. She created various arts and crafts, such as t-shirts, masks, mugs, and glasses just to name a few. She also became an independent contractor for both AVON and Scentsy. Keeping still was never in her DNA. Kieta deeply loved her family and friends. She was genuine and had no problem letting you know how she felt when asked. She had a truly unselfish spirit and constantly put others above her own needs. Kieta spent her Mondays assisting the St. Mark UAME Food Pantry. She enjoyed cooking a variety of meals and desserts for her loved ones (just ask anyone about her dump cakes or cheesecakes). She was constantly researching and learning new techniques to express herself and never seemed to back down from new challenges. Kieta hated to stay idle; she found pleasure in the freedom of driving on the open road. At home, she spent some time reading a variety of novels. She enjoyed all things dealing with Tweety, Betty Boop, Mickey Mouse, and Minnie Mouse. She shared a bond with many family members through watching wrestling. Kieta also kept a large collection of candles throughout her house.

Our Angel is now home with the Lord and was preceded in death by her mother, Brenda Marie Whalen; grandparents, Alean Whalen, Robert Whalen, Patrick Toon, and Mary Toon; and a host of family members welcoming her home. Kieta leaves to cherish her memory her father, Maurice Toon; a devoted companion of 18 years, Darrell T. Thompson, Jr.; a Second Dad, Otis White; five brothers, Otis White, Jr., Daryl White, Michael White, Demekus White, and Raymond White; Aunts, Bonita Smith, Larnice Hall, and ReDahlia Curtis (God Mother); Uncles, John Whalen, Lorne Whalen, Marvin Whalen, Patrick Toon, and Robert Whalen, Sr.; Cousins, Alonzo "Pac-Man" Dent, Brianna Smith, Daijah Toon, Debora Pinkney, Deon Pasaqua (Brian), Durell Whalen, James "T-Man" Toon, Jr, Jocelyn Toon, Kendrea "Kee-Kee" Jones, (Stan), Kyle "KD" Toon, (Ahjanae), Lamar Curtis (Raquel), Mya Ford, Perry Whalen, Renata Toon, Robert Whalen, Jr, Sabrina Holloway, Skyla Dyson, Sonja Taylor, Thomas "Tommy" Pinkney; Godchild, Yah'Mere; Life Long Friends, Danielle Madison, Lisa Murray and Vantaya Banks-Briscoe.

Kieta will be sorely missed. She has made an impact on everyone

and now we're left with a void that only God can fill. Family, friends, and loved ones take solace in knowing that she is no longer suffering or in pain. She is now at peace, and we will be reunited with our Angel when we are called home. Let us remember Kieta for all the joy she brought during her short journey here on earth. Amen!

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

Margaret "Marge" Ann Laney



Margaret "Marge" Ann Laney, 87, of Hollywood, MD passed away on July 31, 2021 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, VA.

She was born on August 18, 1933 in Anadarko, OK to the late Wilfred and Jessie Lacer.

Marge was a 1951 graduate of Anadarko High School. She was employed by Consolidated Aircraft Corporation as an Electrician on the B-36 Peacemaker aircraft. She met her loving husband, Edward V. Laney, Jr., a career Naval Officer, in Kingsville, TX. On January 23, 1954, they married and celebrated 67 wonderful years together. She was a dedicated and loving Navy wife. Over the course of 30 plus years of Navy life, Marge joined Ed on Military tours that crisscrossed the United States and overseas. They settled down in Hollywood, MD for the past 46 years after their tour at NAS Pax River. In the 1970's she was employed as the office manager for Dr. Barley.

Marge loved the outdoors (camping and fishing) as well as traveling around the globe. She enjoyed raising flowers of all types. For many years, she was a member of the St. Mary's County Garden Club, serving as the president from 1974 to 1976. She also enjoyed square dancing for the St. Mary's Ark and Doves. She was a devout Christian, studying the scriptures, an attending the Leonardtown Nazarene Church. Her greatest love was for her family and she enjoyed taking care of them and spending time with them.

In addition to her beloved husband, Ed, Marge is also survived by her children: Michael Laney (Brenda) of Leonardtown, MD, Karen (Laney) Schaeffer (Jack) of Woodbridge, VA and Diane (Laney) Kellam (Jeff) of King George, VA; seven grandchildren: Heather Smith, Michael Laney, Jr.,

Christopher Laney, Kelli Makin, Kevin Schaeffer, Jeffrey Kellam, Jr., and Steven Kellam; 17 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandson on the way. In addition to her parents Wilfred and Jessie Lacer, she is also preceded in death by her great granddaughter, Jessie Marie Kellam.

A Funeral Service will be celebrated by Pastor Paul MacPherson on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Both services will be held at the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 79, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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Grace Bolton



Grace Bolton, age 88, died peacefully in her home in Hughesville, MD on August 8, 2021.

Grace will be remembered for her

love of family and her enjoyment of cooking, gardening, and local history. Born in 1933 in Leonardtown, Grace attended the Little Red Schoolhouse, a one-room school in Charlotte Hall, and graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1951. After 31 years of employment with the Charles County Board of Education, she retired in June 1990.

Grace was a lifetime member of All Faith Episcopal Church, serving as Director of the Altar Guild, Treasurer, and as a member of the Vestry. She also sang in the choir, helped with annual church dinners, and never missed a Christmas Eve service in over 80 years. She will be buried there beside her husband, Raymond, amongst other family members. She will be missed by many.

Grace is survived by her daughter Judith Diane Walker of Edge-water, MD and her son Glenn Marshall Cross of Hughesville (Susan); her five grandchildren: Joshua Phoebus (Rachel), Andrew Phoebus, Alex Walker, Keith Cross (Irina), and Laura Grace Renteria (Ryan); as well as five great-grandchildren: Wesley Renteria, Benjamin Renteria, Max Cross, Margaret Phoebus, and Natalia Cross. She was predeceased by her brothers Harry Davis Jr., Joseph Davis, Charles Davis and George Davis; and by her parents Harry Davis Sr. and Mary Burch Davis; and by her first husband Raymond Cross in 1987 and second husband Richard

Bolton Sr. in 2014.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 12, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at All Faith Episcopal Church, 38885 New Market Turner Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. Interment will follow immediately in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the All Faith Episcopal Church Altar Guild, P.O. Box 24, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

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

Tommy Lee Cook, Sr.



Tommy Lee Cook, Sr., 70, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away at home on Sunday, August 1, 2021. He was born on April 14, 1951 to the late Kenneth

and Annie Mae Cook.

Tommy met his wife and best friend, Mary Ann Thomas at a young age. The two were married for over fifty (50) years before her untimely passing in November, 2019. They were very much in love and worked very well together raising their family and making a living.

A devoted father, Tommy always made sure to spend time with his family, even when his work obligations kept him busy. A self-made entrepreneur, Tommy owned and operated numerous businesses throughout his career. A man of many interests, Tommy had laundromats to ice cream shoppes and a few things in between. His customers became his friends and his outgoing personality made him a treasured man of the community.

Tommy felt great pride in how hard he worked to provide for his family.

Tommy was a devoted and loving father. He always made sure his family had what they needed and usually what they wanted. Tommy and his wife owned and operated several businesses during their career. Tommy could work on and fix anything with a motor. He could be found working on a car or fixing someone's washing machine in his spare time.

Tommy was a hard-working man who cherished and loved his family and friends very much. He was a caring man who would do whatever he could to help someone out.

Tommy's family and friends loved and respected him. The world has lost a great man.

Tommy is survived by his children, Jimmy Cook (Kim) of Mechanicsville, MD and Tammy Naumoff of Mechanicsville, MD; siblings, Chris Webb (Bill), Brenda Kahn and Greg Cook (Rhonda); grandchildren, Amber, Shelley, Shawn, Shane, Britney, Lexi, Camryn and A.J.; and great-grandchildren, Bentley, Hailie, Vinney, Brystol and Timmy; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Annie Mae Cook; wife, Mary Ann Cook; son, Tommy Cook, Jr.; and siblings, Ella Whitehurst, Jane Wilen, Kenneth Cook, Jerry Cook, David Cook and son-in-law, John Naumoff.

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Lorrie Anne Eveson (Schmidt)



Lorrie Anne Eveson (Schmidt), 56, passed away unexpectedly July 28, 2021 in the comfort of her home in Mechanicsville, MD.

She was born on August 2, 1964 to Lewis A. Schmidt and Gloria J. Schmidt (Strickland) in Oxon Hill, MD. She was one (1) of four (4) children.

Lorrie graduated at La Plata High School and later worked as a baker. She was well known for her careful attention to detail and creativity in her wedding cakes. Every one that walked into her bakery, was greeted by her smile and you couldn't help but feel like family. She was always so welcoming and kind hearted you couldn't help but smile back.

She enjoyed swimming in the hot summers and occasionally make time to drive down to Myrtle Beach. She loved spending time laying in the sun, listening to the waves crash, the seagulls sing and watching her grandchildren play in the waves. She was always the happiest spending time with her two (2) beautiful daughters, three (3) grandchildren, her treasured niece and the true love of her life, Buster, her faithful, unconditional loving companion. It was rare to see Lorrie without Buster close by or right by her side. They were two peas in a pod and he was considered a part of the family.

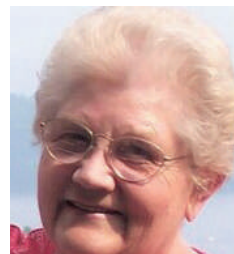
Lorrie is survived by her father Lewis A. Schmidt; her daughters Kara Elizabeth Eveson and Krista Dawn Eveson (Kenny); her brother Lewis A. Schmidt, Jr.; her sister

Deborah J. Miller; her niece Michelle Mattingly and her three (3) grandchildren Lexie Eveson, Jaxon Eveson, Bella Brotherton and her dog, Buster.

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Marcia Jane Mueller



Marcia Jane Mueller, 87 of California, MD passed away on July 31, 2021 at the Hospice House of St. Mary's, Callaway, MD.

She was born on December 10, 1933 in Overbrook, PA to the late James Melvin Davidson and Martha Catherine Ball.

Mrs. Mueller grew up in Pittsburgh, PA suburbs Overbrook and Dormont then lived in Harmarville and Lower Burrell, PA and Lexington Park and California, MD. She was a legal secretary, winning typing and shorthand awards in high school and excelling at her craft while running legal offices in Pittsburgh and New Kensington, PA until she retired in her early 70s.

Mrs. Mueller was a hard-working, kind, modest, loving and very giving person with a wry sense of humor. She always sacrificed her own pleasure for that of others. Mrs. Mueller met her husband John at a dance. She raised her children on her own after her husband was incapacitated and took great care of her husband for decades until he passed. She considered her family as her greatest achievement, and was extraordinarily proud of her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Mueller enjoyed pets, especially dogs, one of which was a champion Welch Corgi. She mostly enjoyed time and vacations with her family and occasional cruises with a small group of friends.

She is survived by her children, John C. Mueller, Jr. (Marie) of Colorado Springs, CO, William S. Mueller of Leonardtown, MD, and Lois A. Mann (Timothy) of Brunswick, OH; her grandchildren, Matt Kaye, Eric Mann, Rachel Mann, Lukas Mann, William Stuart Mueller, Jr., Dean Mueller, and Lindsey Patton. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Melvin Richard Davidson and James Stuart Davidson.

Mrs. Mueller will be interred at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Mt. Lebanon, PA, with her husband and family.

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

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Eric Floyd Hisington



Eric Floyd Hisington, 75, of Charlotte Hall, MD, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

He was born on June 7, 1946, in Syracuse, NY, to the late Howard Hisington and Betty (Carnrite) Hisington.

Eric was born in Syracuse, New York but became a world citizen after joining the U.S. Navy in 1965, eventually stepping foot on six out of seven continents. Eric served two tours in Vietnam, working with the Seabees as an electronics technician in the NMCB-10 and Navel Combat Construction Battalion, laying a communication line and building landing strips. While in Vietnam, he served in Quang Tri, Phubai, and Hui, earning the Vietnam Service Medal with Fleet Marine Force Combat Operation Insignia, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon. He also had six years of sea service earning him the Sea Service Deployment ribbon.

Like many other combat veterans, Eric rarely spoke about his time in Vietnam, but in his final years, the emotional wounds of combat were finally healing. He retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 1985 but continued to serve his country as a contractor for the Navy, traveling the world fixing ship's navigation equipment. In just one of his passports, 41 visas could be counted, a testament to his dedication to his country.

Eric loved being part of something larger than himself, contributing to organizations such as the U.S. Olympic Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and National Rifle Association, to name a few. His favorite past times included spending time in his garden and playing chess while jamming out to music from all generations ranging from classical to bluegrass and rock and roll. Every day he filled the house with music and the curse-laden groan of losing a chess game to the computer.

He was a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his daughters, Kimberly Hisington of Charlotte Hall, MD, and Stephanie Simm of Cobb Island; brother, Douglas Hisington and sister, Judy; two grandchildren Megan and Tyler (who followed in his steps joining the Navy) and one great-granddaughter Amelia.

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All services will be private. Please do not send flowers.

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

Thomas Michael "Mike" Anderson



Thomas Michael "Mike" Anderson, 67, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on August 7, 2021 in Callaway, MD. He was born on

November 7, 1953 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the son of Mary Alice Anderson of Mechanicsville, MD and the late Thomas Lewis Anderson. Mike is survived by his wife Robin Priscilla Anderson, whom he married on July 26, 1980 in Mechanicsville, MD. Mike is survived by his children Justin Anderson (Denise) of Mechanicsville, MD, and C. Travis Anderson of Mechanicsville, MD, three grandchildren Kellan, Harper, and Finely, as well as his sister Joan Diehl of Mechanicsville, MD.

Mike was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD, and graduated from Chopticon High School in 1971. He was a farmer and TV repairman for Woods TV in Mechanicsville, MD.

Mike was an avid Redskins fan and sports enthusiast. He loved coaching and watching softball games. His true passion was farming--- raising tobacco and his yearly garden. There was never a stranger in Mike's presence; anyone who met him was an immediate friend. He loved his wife and sons more than anything. Mike was an even proud grandfather.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 16, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Chapel, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Father Michael Tietjen officiating. Interment will follow in Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, Helen, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Diehl, J.W. Abell, Wayne Smith, Troy Wooddell, Buddy Tippet and JR Wood. Honorary Pallbearers will be Gerald Wood, Wayne Cheseldine, Adrian Hill, Vernon Burch, Jimmy Lacey, and Minor Buckler.

Contributions may be made to ACTS (A Community That Shares) P.O. Box 54, Bushwood, MD 20618.

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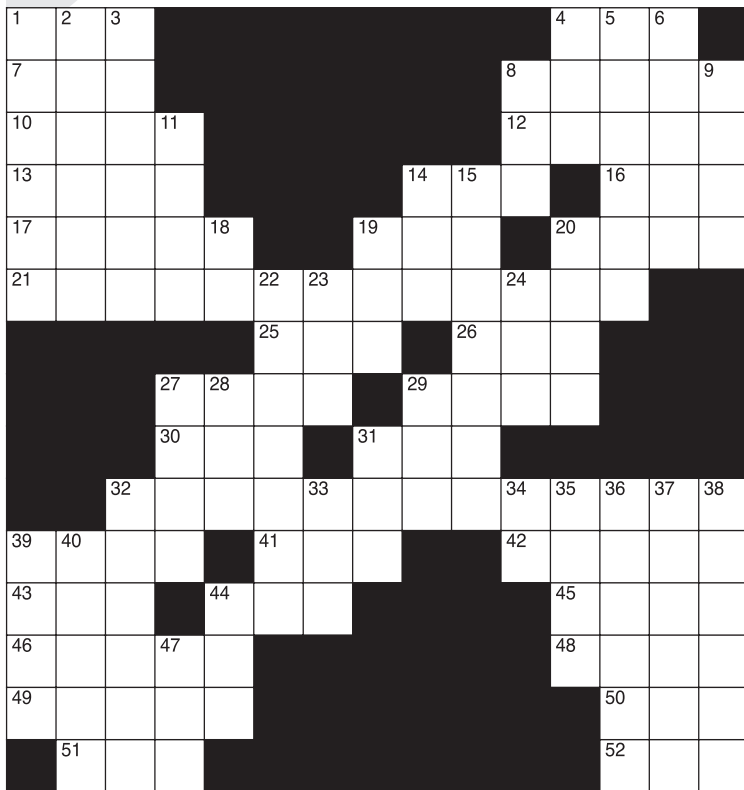
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 7. Japanese honorific
- 8. Czech name for Prague
- 10. Ochocinco's first name
- 12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- 13. Scots word for "home"
- 14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- 16. Monetary unit of Albania
- 17. Raise
- 19. Drain of resources
- 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
- 21. Hikers use them
- 25. Retrospective analysis (military)
- 26. Tibetan form of chanting
- 27. Influential European statesman
- 29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 30. Monetary unit of

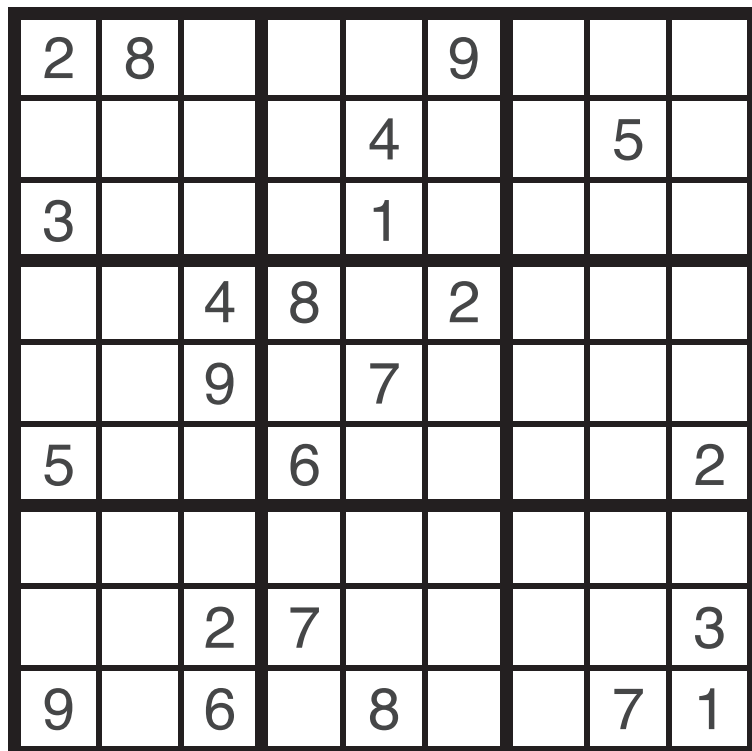
Romania

- 31. Round green vegetable
- 32. Well acquainted with
- 39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 41. Basics
- 42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Tall deciduous tree
- 45. Russian river
- 46. Long Balkans river
- 48. Ancient Greek coin
- 49. Senegal's capital
- 50. Unwell
- 51. Snout
- 52. Low bank or reef of coral

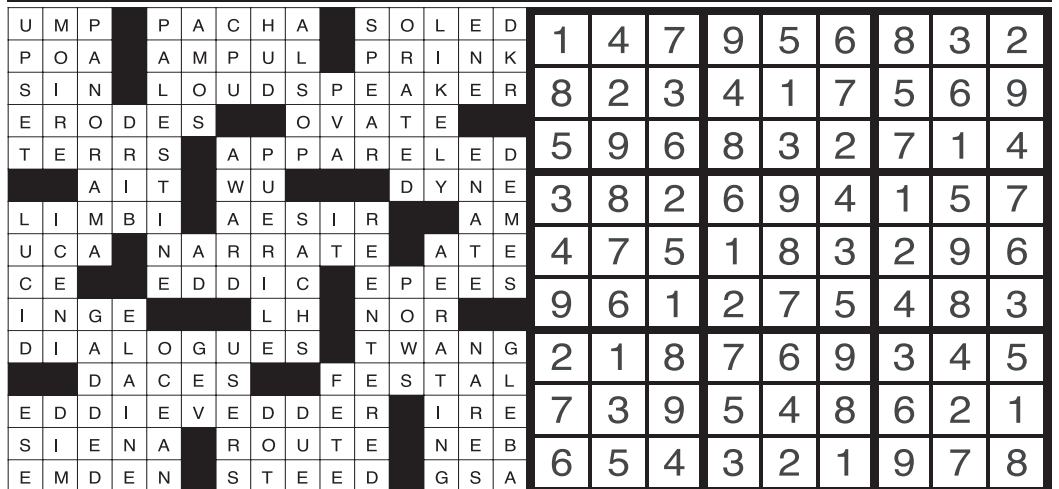
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Abstain from
- 2. Vast desert in North Africa
- 3. Cover the crown of a tooth
- 4. A major division of geological time
- 5. Urban center
- 6. Crook
- 8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 9. Questions

- 11. A pack of 52 playing cards
- 14. Recording of sound
- 15. Pithy saying
- 18. Atomic #22
- 19. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 20. Plant with ridged seedpods
- 22. Innate
- 23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
- 24. Soda receptacle
- 27. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
- 28. Viet Cong offensive
- 29. Large body of water
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Dissimilar
- 33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- 34. Shows who you are
- 35. Chinese dynasty
- 36. Type of verse
- 37. African nation
- 38. Quite
- 39. Former Bucks star Michael
- 40. Showed again
- 44. Body part
- 47. Steal



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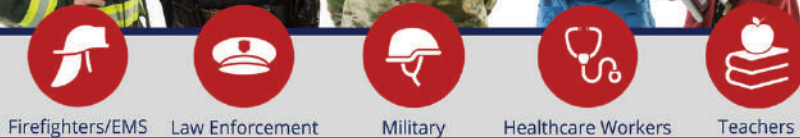
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