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# Brewster: Data Shows Vaccines Effective

By Dick Myers  
Editor



## SMC Fully Vaccinated by Age

“We continue to be in a very high transmission state,” was the bottom-line message from St. Mary’s County Health Officer Dr. Meenakshi Brewster during a Sept. 28 briefing to the county commissioners sitting as the Board of Health.

Brewster presented a series of slides showing the current status and historical local trends of the COVID-19 coronavirus. But the most alarming showed the number of new COVID cases for the last week was at an all-time high of 641 in the county, reflecting the Delta variant surge.

As she went through the data, her message from each data point was that the unvaccinated need to get their shots. “The data clearly shows the vaccines are effective,” she said.

Regarding that 641 peak number, Brewster said, “In fact, it’s far greater than even the peak that we experienced back after the holidays, in the beginning of 2021. This likely is reflecting a variety of factors. Certainly, the in-person school for a few weeks, and then also, a variety of events that we’ve had in the Labor Day holiday and so forth, definitely contributed to the number of cases that we saw last week.” It does not, however, include any effect of the county fair.

“The rates of new cases in those who are unvaccinated is far greater than the rate of new cases in those who are fully-vaccinated,” she said. “We do see breakthrough cases, which is to be expected. No vaccine is a hundred percent.”

She added, “We’re also dealing with some level of waning immunity in some populations. When you have high transmission in the community, you’re naturally going to get more breakthrough cases again, because the vaccines aren’t a hundred percent effective,

but they are effective. They’re strongly effective against severe illness, and they are very effective at preventing illness, from COVID itself.” So, she said, and reiterated, “Getting vaccinated is the number one tool that we have right now to protect our whole community. While it may be an individual health decision, it’s a decision that has far reaching impact on everyone in this community.”

Booster shots are now available at the Hollywood VFD vaccination site on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and some Saturdays. You are encouraged to make an appointment through the health department website.

Brewster said about booster eligibility:

- Persons aged 12 and older with moderate/severe immune compromise (Moderna or Pfizer at least 28 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose).
- Age 65 and older (Pfizer recipients only, at least six months af-

- ter 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)
- Age 18 and older with underlying medical condition (Pfizer recipients only, at least six months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose).
- Age 18 and older with higher risk occupation or setting (Pfizer recipients only, at least six months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose).

She said a doctor’s proof of condition is not necessary.

The county has a 55-percent fully vaccinated rate. She was asked how that compares to others. She said, “A lot of other counties in Maryland have much higher vaccination rates.”

Data shows lower rates in urban counties than rural, Brewster noted. “That’s just the way it is, whether it’s messaging, whether it’s ideals, whether it’s ideology.”

As to the impact on counties, she said, “There’s a big economic cost. If you think of these hospitalizations, they are incredibly expensive to employers, to the county, to public tax dollars. When people are sick and are quarantining and they’re out of work, that’s very expensive on employers. And it’s hard on our industries and our infrastructure that rely upon those employees to provide services here locally, including our health-care industry, which has taken care of the people that are getting sick.”

With the flue season upon us, Brewster said it is okay to get a COVID shot and flu shot at the same time, but not in the same arm.

Brewster supports wearing masks indoors and urged county government to post signs to that effect.

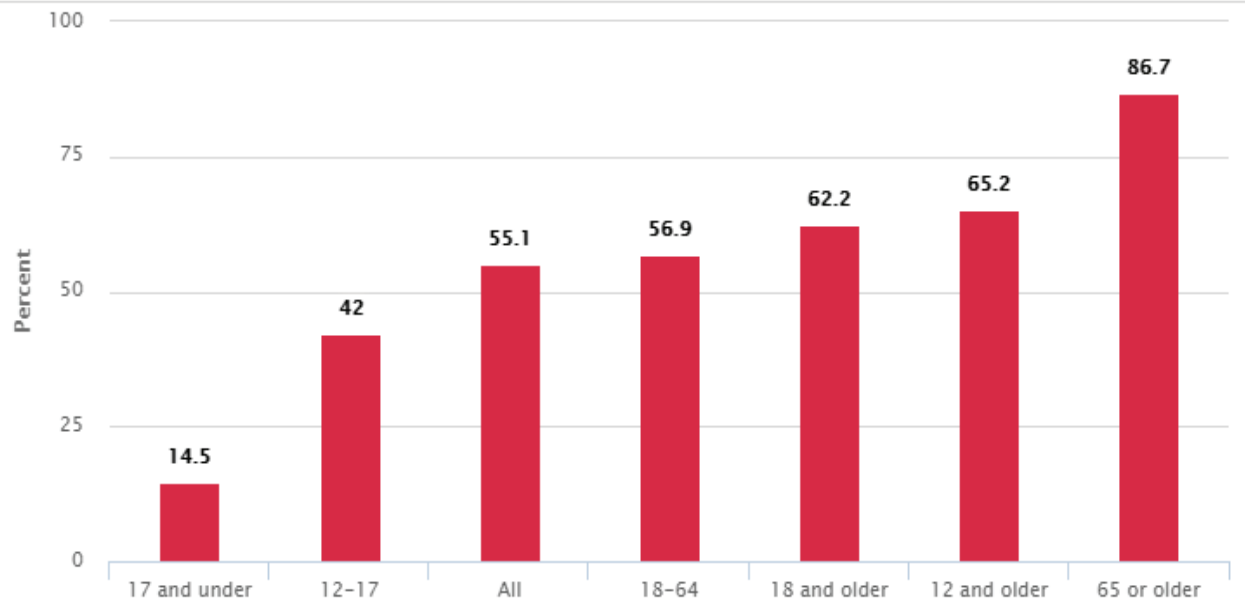
As to why people are resisting

getting vaccinated, she said, “I think a lot of it has to do with information that’s out there that people are paying attention to. It’s a pandemic. It’s a new virus. These are new vaccines. We’ve had the vaccines now for several months and we’ve got great data on them; we probably have some of the best safety data on these vaccines than we have on any vaccines, because there’s been so many people that have taken the vaccines and we’ve had months now to monitor them. There are some very strong beliefs and beliefs being perpetuated, especially on social media, that’s inaccurate, and it’s not scientifically or medically true. And unfortunately, a lot of people are believing it and paying attention to it and it’s influencing what they believe.”

Brewster was emphatic: “I think the data is very clear and shows what is true, which is that vaccines are effective and that the vaccines are protecting people from serious illness. They’re not a hundred percent, but they are the most effective strategy that we have. And at a time when we have a very contagious variant of COVID-19 and we’ve got very high transmission here locally, and we have people who are not eligible to get vaccine, the under twelves in particular, who are very vulnerable now to getting exposed to this virus, it becomes even more imperative. I think for the rest of us who are age eligible to get vaccinated, to get the right information and to make that decision that will help protect not only us, but also protect our community.”

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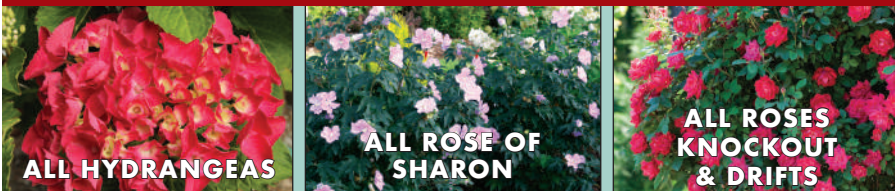
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# New Senate Maps Keep St. Mary's Intact

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission has offered a new congressional map that keeps St. Mary's County whole; a previous map that took a slice of the county from Mechanicsville down to a senatorial district serving Anne Arundel and Calvert counties caused an uproar that led to protests to the commission at their Sept. 20 on-line meeting.

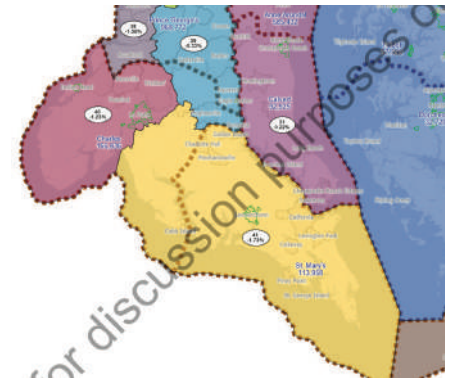
The new map, which still confers a sizeable piece of Charles County into a St. Mary's senate district, was developed from discussion at that same meeting, according to the redistricting commission.

"While this is not a final plan, it shows that your voice mattered in this process and that the Commission heard our concerns," said Sen. Jack Bailey in an e-mail to constituents.

"I am proud to have worked with Delegate [Matt] Morgan and excited to see that so many members of our community were involved to show the redistricting commission the importance of keeping St. Mary's County united."

The prior map that caused such a furor would have placed key economic development aspects, including the Airport Innovation District at the St. Mary's County Airport and the University of Maryland's new satellite campus dedicated to autonomous technological research, under the representation of a senator hours away, with a main constituency focused on entirely different interests.

Morgan, who represents Dist.



29A, called the previous map an attempt at gerrymandering St. Mary's.

County Commissioner Todd Morgan, who also rallied local support against the map that would have carved St. Mary's up between four other counties, said he was pleased that draft changes were made so quickly after the protests.

"I think the maps are significantly improved," said Morgan. "It recognizes the significant impact we have in the state."

The county is home to Patuxent River Naval Air Station and NAVAIR, which is a \$40 billion a year acquisition hub from which the county, and the state, benefits.

It was part of the piece of St. Mary's that would have gone to an Anne Arundel/Calvert County representative.

Morgan praised all those who rallied so quickly against the prior map, but also warned them.

"We had to mount opposition otherwise they would have rolled over us," Morgan said. "It's not over yet; we have to stay vigilant on this."

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# 3-Year-Old Child Drowns In Hollywood



St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office deputies responded on Saturday, Sept. 25, to the 24700 block of Half Pine Point Road in Hollywood for the report of a missing child.

The mother reported that her three-year-old female child walked away from the residence. The child's parents and neighbors had already begun searching the area before deputies arrived.

Deputies, Maryland State Police, Trooper 7, Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad and Cal-

vert Search and Rescue continued the search of the area.

The three-year-old female was located nearby in the water and CPR was started. The child was transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital where she was declared deceased.

The sheriff's office Criminal Investigations Division continues its investigation, but at this time it appears to be an accidental drowning.

The sheriff's office is not releasing the name of the child.

*Sheriff's Office Press Release*

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# CSM Increases Minimum Wage to \$15 an Hour

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has raised its minimum wage from \$12 an hour for all fully benefited and part-time hourly staff members to \$15 an hour. The CSM Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its Sept. 23 board meeting to formalize the salary structure confirming it effective as of July 1, 2021.

"It was important that we address fair and equitable compensation for members of the CSM team who serve our students with such dedication, and this decision delivers appropriate salaries that reflect today's real living wage requirements," said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. "This move keeps us competitive within our industry as a preferred employer in the region and helps us retain the high caliber of employees that our students need and deserve."

The wage bump impacted 95 employees.

CSM is not the first college to meet this milestone. Inside Higher Education reported over the summer that several colleges raised their minimum wage "either by choice or by the laws of their jurisdictions" after many large employers such as Tar-

get, Amazon, Whole Foods, Costco and many fast food chains increased starting salaries to \$15 an hour to compete for labor.

Maryland's current minimum wage is \$11.75. In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation raising the state's minimum wage in increments each year to \$15 an hour by 2025.

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# Commissioners to Meet with Legislators

## *Eight Proposals to be Presented*

By Dick Myers  
Editor

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will be presenting eight legislative proposals to the county delegation when they meet with them on Tuesday, Oct. 5. The public meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building at 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown.

The commissioners at their Sept. 28 meeting approved presenting the eight items, but two others were removed at the request of the commissioner who suggested it.

Commissioner John O'Connor withdrew the request to give the commissioners more flexibility in determining the Emergency Services Support Tax. He said the county finances seemed to be in good enough shape that additional monies didn't need to be generated.

Commissioner President Randy Guy withdrew the proposal to increase the lodging tax from five to seven percent when there appeared to be opposition to it.

One of the eight proposals that will be submitted to the legislators came from a private citizen and the commissioners did not take any position on it but are simply forwarding it for consideration. Vernon Gray is proposing to put a three-term limit on elected school board members. Even though they didn't vote, O'Connor said he supported term limits.

Gray, in his letter requesting the legislation, said, "It is a fallacious argument that term limits can always be imposed by the ballot box. Incumbents can perhaps insulate themselves from voter-imposed term limits by cultivating a constituency of public service employees, and the favor of the teacher's union."

The commissioners unanimously approved presenting a proposal from Director of Emergency Services Steve Walker allowing animal control officers to wear body cameras. County Attorney David Weiskopf said they are not sworn officers and are thus not covered by state law for police officers.

Weiskopf said they can now wear body cameras, but they



would have to get the consent of the person being recorded before using it. He said that could present awkward situations.

Guy noted the cameras would come in handy for proof if the animal control officer had to shoot an attacking vicious animal.

Another proposal unanimously approved would remove the provision that a newspaper had to be paid in order for it to receive legal notices from the county. Weiskopf noted that a free publication (The County Times) has a circulation of 10,000 and met all the other criteria for running legal notices.

Citizens may attend in person or view the meeting remotely on SMCG Channel 95 and St. Mary's County Government YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcDK2\\_siSdn-SnxDKWVtU7JQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcDK2_siSdn-SnxDKWVtU7JQ), or listen to the meeting by calling 301-579-7236; access code: 963443#.

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d. Submit a three-minute video clip to [publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com](mailto:publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com) by Sept. 30,

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A copy of the legislative proposals will be available in the county attorney's office and online at: <https://www.stmarysmd.com/docs/LegislativeProposals2022.pdf>.

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# Hundreds Gather for Hoyer Bull Roast

## Sen. Mike Miller Remembered

By Dick Myers  
Editor

“We miss Mike Miller,” said Congressman Steny Hoyer. Although the occasion was Hoyer’s annual bull roast which coincides with his birthday (this year the 82<sup>nd</sup>), the late long-time Maryland Senate president and Calvert County resident was on the minds of many of the attendees from around the sprawling 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Miller for years was master of ceremonies for the Hoyer event. Hoyer noted that both politicians served parallel public careers throughout their political life, which for Hoyer has been 53 years, including 41 as congressman. He intends to run again next year.

He had some hard edges,” Hoyer said of Miller. “But he had a heart of gold.”

Prince George’s Congressman and former Maryland lieutenant governor Anthony Brown took over the MC role and gently poked Hoyer. He observed that Hoyer had lost two gubernatorial bids

and Brown only one. There were a number of gubernatorial candidates in the crowd who hope to wrest the seat from the GOP as Governor Larry Hogan is term limited.

The Sept. 24 event was held at the Newton-White mansion in Mitchellville, in a Prince George’s County park. Hoyer’s roots are in Prince George’s, although he currently lives in St. Mary’s.

Among the attendees were U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, former Governor Parris Glendening and many local officials from the counties in the district, including Calvert and St. Mary’s.

Hoyer harkened back to the storming on the U.S. Capitol earlier this year, which he blamed on former president Donald Trump. He said what happened should have been “a wakeup call that we can’t take this great democracy for granted.”

Observing that the country is severely divided, he said, “We really need to come together.”

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Joining Rep. Hoyer at his bull roast were representatives of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) St. Mary’s Chapter 969 VP Geneva Leon and State Federation President Dr. Sudha Haley of Calvert County.



Congressman Steny Hoyer speaking Sept. 24 at his annual bull roast



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# Partnership to Counter Increase in Overdose Deaths



Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford

Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Sept. 27 announced a new partnership between the Maryland State Police (MSP), Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and National Institute of Standards and Technology to identify dangerous illicit drugs and better understand the overdose risk to individuals living with substance use disorders.

"Collaborations at the nexus of public health and public safety are critical to preventing drug overdoses and deaths," said Lt. Governor Rutherford. "This is important work—especially given the increased intentional and unintentional use of fentanyl, which accounted for nearly 93% of all opioid-related deaths and 83% of all fatal overdoses in the first six months of the year."

The groundbreaking Rapid Analysis of Drugs pilot initiative will test prescription opioids, heroin, fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia collected by law enforcement and harm reduction programs to identify the composition and potency of those drug samples. The partnership will improve law enforcement agencies' understanding of the drug market and ability to work with harm reduction programs to educate individuals who use drugs on ways to stay safe.

"The Rapid Analysis of Drugs program provides Maryland with an opportunity to substantially increase its ability to monitor the drug supply in the state," said Secretary Dennis Schrader of MDH. "The information provided by the program will help us to communicate the dangers of these drugs even more effectively and ultimately save more lives."

The pilot program will test drugs and paraphernalia using a Direct Analysis in Real Time (DART) Mass Spectrometer, which details the contents of drugs within minutes. Analysts are expected to test up to 100 samples each week through December 2021.

"For police, there is no other drug detection test available in the field to provide almost instantaneous results with such high accuracy rates. The immediate feedback to the criminal investigators is invaluable," said Colonel Woodrow W. "Jerry" Jones III, superintendent of the MSP. "The innovative instrument also allows for enhanced collaboration with public health organizations."

Also, the Opioid Operational Command Center (O OCC) and MDH released a second quarter report featuring data related to deadly overdoses from alcohol and drugs, including opioids and fentanyl, from January through June of this year. During the first six months of 2021, health officials reported 1,358 confirmed unintentional overdose deaths involving drugs and alcohol compared to 1,351 overdose deaths during the same time period in 2020. Opi-

oids accounted for 1,217, or nearly 90%, of overdose deaths reported through June 2021 compared to 1,204 deadly overdoses in 2020.

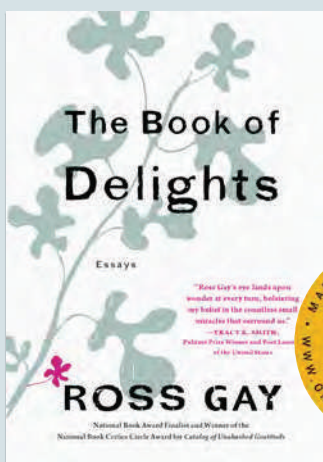
"Although the current environment remains difficult for people struggling with the disease of addiction, the data in our report appear to represent an encouraging development," said O OCC Executive Director Robin Rickard. "Many people are still hurting, but we may be witnessing a slowing of the overdose fatality rate in Maryland."

Earlier this year, the O OCC and MDH released data through March 2021 that showed an increase of 5.7 percent in fatal overdoses involving all substances as compared to the first three months of 2020. This followed a 17.7% annual increase in 2020. The O OCC has developed a new public dashboard to report fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses in Maryland, which includes data provided by the Vital Statistics Administration and the MDH Office of Preparedness and Response and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

In July, the Hogan-Rutherford administration launched the Maryland Stop Overdose Strategy, or "Maryland SOS," in response to the increase in overdose rates observed during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign utilizes \$10 million for grant funding, regional town hall meetings, as well as state, local, and community partnerships to address the consequences of and factors contributing to the opioid crisis in ways that align with Maryland's Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan.

Input from Maryland SOS regional town halls will help inform decisions on how to utilize money available through the Opioid Restitution Fund. The Opioid Restitution Fund was established in 2019 to help guide the allocation of funds that Maryland receives through legal action against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

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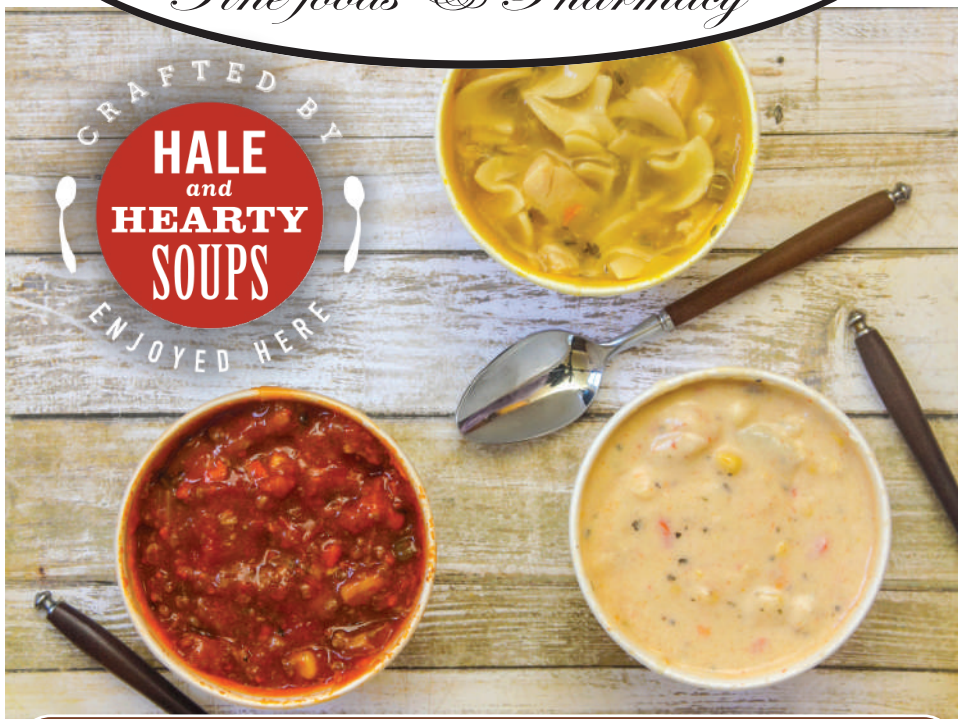
Cannellini and red kidney beans simmered with pork sausage, tomatoes, kale and crushed red pepper.

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(October 1st preview day)

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(October 22 preview day)

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

### Robbery Suspect's Identity Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of the person pictured in a robbery investigation. On Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at 12:30 pm, the suspect took the items he had just received a refund for and left the Great Mills Stop N Shop store. Outside of the store, the suspect assaulted and threatened to kill the store employee who told the suspect to return the items.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or this incident is asked to call Deputy Taylor-Lynn Kril at 301-475-4200, ext. 78006 or email [taylorlynn.kril@stmarysmd.com](mailto:taylorlynn.kril@stmarysmd.com). Case # 47154-21

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

### Sheriff's Office Seeking Theft Suspect

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identities of the persons pictured in a theft investigation. On Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at 7:10 pm, the pictured vehicle entered the rear parking lot of MD Custom Construction on Mervell Dean Road in Hollywood. The suspect, the front-seat passenger, got out of the vehicle with a portable tool, cut off the catalytic converter from a Ford F350 truck and then placed the converter into the car's trunk before getting back into the vehicle.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspects or this incident is asked to call Deputy Benjamin Luffey at 301-475-4200, ext. 72335 or email [benjamin.luffey@stmarysmd.com](mailto:benjamin.luffey@stmarysmd.com). Case # 48039-21

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**Drug Arrest-** On September 15, 2021, a vehicle stop was conducted in the 20900 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Callaway. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and located in the purse of **Alyssa Marie Beierle**, age 19 of Mechanic-

sville, was a pen which was altered to be used as a straw. The straw contained a white powdery substance. A mirror was also recovered containing a white powder residue. Beierle was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession- Paraphernalia.

**Drug Arrest-** On September 15, 2021, Dep. J. Smith conducted a traffic stop in the 45300 block of Alton Lane in California. Contact was made with the vehicle operator, **Alisha Lynn Semiklose**, age 18 of California. In plain view inside the vehicle were two white pills. A probable cause search was conducted and located in a plastic bag were suspected psilocybin mushrooms. Semiklose was arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana.



Alyssa Beierle



Alisha Semiklose

### Editor's Note:

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



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# **FALL FESTIVALS 2021**



# Bruderfest 2021



## Saturday, October 2, 2021

- 2 PM: DOGGIE COSTUME CONTEST
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- 7 PM: STEIN-HOISTING CONTEST
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## Step-by-Step 5K Fun Run/Walk and Kids' Super Hero Dash



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 SOLOMONS ISLAND

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Start Time: 9 a.m.  
Early Registration and Check-in: 8 a.m.

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Start Time: 8:15 a.m.  
Check-in: 7:45 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$10 per participant

The half-mile dash is for children ages 6 and younger. Participants will run on the grassy area just beside the Calvert Marine Museum parking lot.

No dogs or pets. Parents are allowed on the course with their children. Participants are encouraged to dress in their favorite super hero costume (be sure they are safe to run in). Super Hero Dash participants do not receive a T-shirt.

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Saturday's: 10:00AM to 6:00PM  
Sunday's: 10:00AM to 5:00PM

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# St. Mary's Fall Events Calendar



## OCT 2

### Bruderfest 2021

Day Events Free/Cover charge \$5 at 6 p.m.

Duke Street Leonardtown, MD.

Brudergarten Beer Garden

Time: 1:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Octoberfest is here, and there's no better place to spend it than at the Brudergarten Beer Garden! Bring your furry friend to enjoy the festivities and wear your best Dirndl or Lederhosen for free admittance and to get into the festive spirit! Enjoy local craft beer, play outdoor games, and enjoy the beautiful outdoor scenery at Bru.

Event Schedule:

2 p.m.: Doggie Costume Contest

4 p.m.: Family Friendly Weiner Dog Races

7 p.m.: Stein-hoisting Contest

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.: Live performance by HydraFX Band

### Southern Maryland Boat Club Piney Point Regatta

Admission: Free

17139 Piney Point Road

Piney Point, MD

The Vintage Race Boat Regatta is back and ready to soar through the St. Mary's River. Come check out vintage races boats that used to race through the waters of Southern Maryland. Spend the day right on the water and you can visit Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and enjoy dinner or brunch at Ruddy Duck Seafood and Alehouse.

## OCT 2

### Oktoberfest Shenanigans

Admission: Free

Laurel Grove Rd.

Mechanicsville, MD

Xella Winery

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Come celebrate Octoberfest at Xella Winery! Enjoy a live performance by Folk Salad, try some German goodies, sample great local wine, and play a variety of outdoor games. Plus, if you show up in costume, get 10% off your total purchase. Kids and furry friends are always welcome! Prost!

## OCT 2

### Live Music at Port of Leonardtown Winery

Admission: Free

Port of Leonardtown Winery

23190 Newtowne Neck Rd.

Leonardtown, MD

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Spend your Saturday afternoon drinking award winning wine and listening to great music at Port of Leonardtown Winery. Enjoy a live performance by Faith Noel and try a tasty wine slushie at one of their outdoor patio seats or bring your own lawn chair and blanket!

## OCT 6

### Little Explorers

Admission: \$4 per child General / \$3 Members one accompanying adult free

Historic St. Mary's City

St. Mary's City

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Historic St. Mary's City offers a unique program for children ages 3-5 years old for the opportunity for them to learn and make discoveries through stories, play, art, music, science, and nature. After the program, spend the rest of the morning exploring the first capital of Maryland and learn about life at the start of Maryland.

Little Explorers Theme:

53rd annual

**Blessing of the Fleet**

Free Boat Rides

Fireworks Saturday 9PM

**This Saturday & Sunday**  
OCTOBER 2 & 3 • St. Clement's Island Museum



## Saturday, October 2

Gates open at Noon

- **Noon:** 1st boat to the Island-Blackstone Lighthouse Opens
- **1:00:** Blessing of the Fleet and the Waterman of the Year
- **2:00:** The Mid-Eastern Dance Troupe
- **3:00:** Aerial Acrobatics by the Vertical Dance Company
- **3:30:** Last boat to the Island
- **4:00:** Children's Tractor Pull
- **4:30:** Last boat to the mainland
- **5:30:** Robbie Booth
- **7:00:** Museum Closes
- **7:30:** Amish Outlaws
- **9:00:** Fireworks
- **9:15:** Food Vendors Close

## Sunday, October 3

Gates open at 11

- **11:00:** 1st boat to the Island
- **Noon:** Blackstone Lighthouse Opens
- **1:00:** Parade
- **3:00:** Mass on the Island (weather permitting) Grace's Dance Studio
- **3:30:** Last boat to the Island
- **4:00:** Raffle Drawing
- **4:30:** Last boat to the mainland
- **5:00:** Gates Close

## What is there to eat?

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*Trick or Treat  
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**OCTOBER • 23**

*Veteran's Day  
Parade*  
**NOVEMBER • 11**



*Christmas  
on the Square*  
**NOVEMBER • 26**



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# Fall Events Calendar..

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October 6th: Take a Look, It's in a Book  
 October 20th: Leaf Hunt  
 November 3rd: It's Pumpkin Time

**OCT 9**  
**Leonardtown Summer Music Festival**

*Downtown Leonardtown*  
 Latrice Carr from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Port of Leonardtown Winery Southern Maryland singer/songwriter, Latrice Carr, performs sophisticated stylings of favorite adult R&B, gospel, jazz, pop, rock and more.

**OCT 9**  
**2nd Annual Fall Market**

*Admission: Free*  
 27227 Morganza Turner Rd Mechanicsville, MD  
 Location: Southern Trail Distillery  
 Come enjoy a day of shopping with local shopping at Southern Trail Distillery! A great fall activity with local art vendors, food, and handmade drinks from local spirits by Southern Trail Distillery. Make sure to try some flavored moonshine from this family owned distillery.

**OCT 16**  
**55th U.S. Oyster Festival**

*Oct 16 and Oct. 17*  
*Admission: \$10/Children 12 and under are free*  
 St. Mary's County Fairgrounds  
 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
 Come spend your weekend enjoying oysters, live music, craft beer, and more at the National U.S. Oyster Festival. Enjoy oysters served up raw, scalded, grilled on the barbie, on bread, on the half shell, stewed, nude, cooked in savory sauces, in salads, even in desserts, just about every way imaginable and then some.

What festival isn't complete without a bit of competition? Watch as the greatest oyster shuckers in the nation race to become the U.S. National Oyster Shucker with the Oyster Shucking Competition. See who can make the best oyster dish with the U.S. Oyster Cook-Off.

**OCT 16**  
**Amish Outlaws**

*Admission: Free*  
 Downtown Leonardtown  
 Amish Outlaws in Leonardtown Square An exciting cover band from Amish Country that performs any and all music styles plays Leonardtown Square for the first time.  
 Come enjoy free concerts this Summer in Downtown Leonardtown. Listen to local favorites in Leonardtown Square, Port of Leonardtown Winery, and throughout the Town! See the line up below.

**OCT 16**  
**14th Our Lady of the Wayside Annual Drive-Thru Apple Festival**

*Belmont Farm*  
 24079 Budds Creek Rd Clements  
 12 pm to 5 pm  
 This year our event will be held at the Belmont Farm again ---drive thru style --- out of concern for your safety and your well-being,  
 We will have an Apple Harvest Basket Raffle and Money Raffle. In addition to that, there will be delicious apples and desserts. The Apple Festival is right around the corner, and we are still in need of your support. If you would like to donate to the Apple Festival, you may pick up an envelope at the church's entrance and then drop it off at the collection box or during the Mass collection. You may also donate online. Remember, October 10, from 12 pm until 5 pm at the Belmont Farm; you may pick up a delicious dinner for you and your family.

**OCT 23**  
**Trick-or-Treat in the Square**

*Leonardtown Town Square*  
*Admission: Free*  
 Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
 Bring your family out to Downtown Leonardtown for an afternoon of spooky-fun. Dress up in your best Halloween costume and visit the local shops for sweet treats! Admire the spooky and creative decor from the local businesses as they get into the spirit.

**Oct 29**  
**Witches Night Out**

*Admission: \$5 per person*  
 Southern Trail Distillery  
 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
 Enjoy Halloween festivities at Southern Trail Distillery. Sample locally made flavored moonshine, try handmade cocktails, shop amongst local vendors, and enjoy the beautiful fall night. Make sure to show up in your best costume for a chance to win their costume contest!

**NOV 11**  
**Veterans Day Parade**

*Town Square*  
 22670 Washington St, Leonardtown  
 10a.m. to 1p.m.  
 The Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County invite the public to salute America's Veterans at the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown. The parade steps off from St. Mary's Ryken High School, proceeds through Town Square, and is immediately followed by a Memorial Ceremony.




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# The Blessing of the Fleet

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Blessing of the Fleet has dealt with several struggles in recent years. Declining attendance resulted in the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimists Club reducing the scope of the fair to one day in 2018 with a brief resurgence to two days in 2019 before completely cancelling their largest fundraising event in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Now the club is just days away from reopening the Blessing of the Fleet for the 53<sup>rd</sup> time, if not in consecutive years.

The Optimists are banking on good weather and the community's desire to push more and more towards normal after a punishing two years of mask mandates, viral surges and social distancing.

Each of the more than 50 Blessings of the Fleet that have come before have included a parade, entertainment for families, rides and games for children, booths exhibiting local crafters, food and drink

vendors, stage shows and a fireworks display at the end of the first day of the festival.

The Blessing of the Fleet started more than 50 years ago as a project by the 7th District Optimist Club to bring the community together and also as an opportunity for local Catholic clergy to bless the many fishing boats that once trolled local waters. It was also intended to draw attention to St. Clement's Island, which was shrinking due to erosion.

This year's event, which helps fund the club's scholarships and activities for county youth, will be a replica of the 2019 Blessing of the Fleet, running from Oct. 2 to Oct. 3.

John Laychak, organizer of the Blessing of the Fleet for the 7th District Optimists Club, said masks will not be required at the event but they will be made available to guests if they want one.

The Blessing offers much entertainment for children and adults and is firmly a family affair; the two main acts are local singer and coun-

try recording artist Robbie Boothe and from Pennsylvania, The Amish Outlaws.

Leadership at the Optimists Club had the out-of-town musical entertainment committed back in the spring.

Laychak said the out-of-town entertainment has drawn crowds to many of their other shows and he hopes they will do the same for the Blessing of the Fleet this year.

"They are a popular group and they are a fun group," Laychak said.

The Amish Outlaws, billed as being, "straight outta Lancaster," is comprised of six members, four of whom once belonged to the Amish community but decided not to be baptized into the Amish church.

"In the years since Rumspringa, the members of the Amish Outlaws have become very well acclimated to the pleasures and vices of the modern world... music, most of all," their Web site reads. "Thus, with a bold lust for life and a fire for music and performance that can

only come from 16 years of repression, The Amish Outlaws were unleashed upon the world."

The Amish Outlaws are a cover band, able to play most anything from Ludacris to Black Sabbath.

The Amish Outlaws are set to perform Saturday, Oct. 2 on the grounds of St. Clements Island Museum, at 7:30p.m.

The gates to the event open at noon on Saturday, with the first boat from the shore shuttling visitors to St. Clements Island where they can visit the first landing of English colonists in 1634.

The Blackistone Lighthouse will also be open after much renovation by volunteers with the St. Clements Hundred group.

At 1p.m. the Blessing of the Fleet, the 15 boats used to harvest the local waters, as well as the bestowing of the award for Waterman of the Year.

From 2p.m. to 3p.m. dance and acrobatics troupes will perform; the last boat to St. Clements Island will

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# The Fleet is Back

launch at 3:30p.m. with the lighthouse closing at 4p.m.

On shore the children's tractor pull will begin at shortly after, with the last boat to the mainland returning at 4:30p.m.

Starting at 5:30 p.m. the evening's musical entertainment begins with Robbie Boothe followed by The Amish Outlaws.

Food and drink vendors will be open through the day but will close concessions at 9:15p.m.

The annual fireworks show will start at 9p.m.

Throughout both days of the event arts and crafts vendors will also be on hand as well as fun activities on museum grounds.

Gates open again on Sunday at 11a.m. with lighthouse tours resuming on St. Clements Island at noon; the parade begins at 1p.m. with a mass on the island at 3p.m. with weather permitting.

The last boat to the island runs at 3:30p.m., the last boat to the mainland runs at 4:30p.m. gates close at 5p.m.

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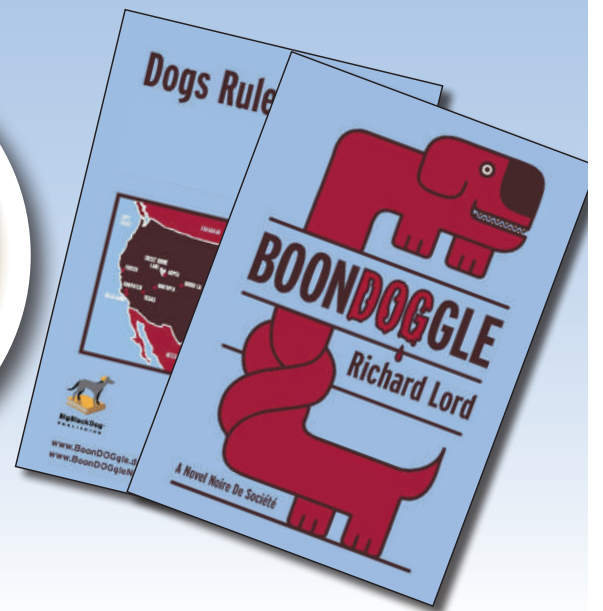
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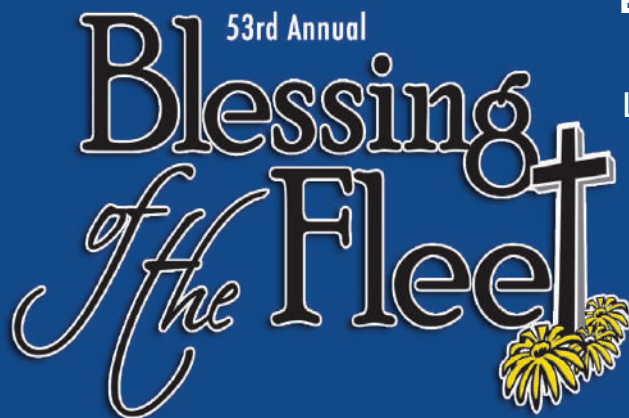
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# Scarecrow Stroll Contest



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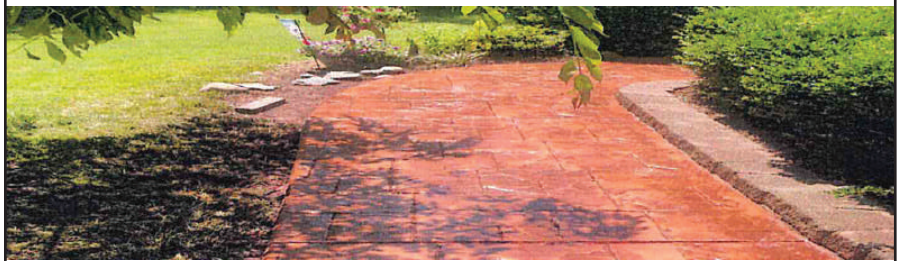
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- Keep equipment away from overhead lines when carrying ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning tools.
- If you are doing work close to power lines—such as trimming trees, working on your roof, or doing exterior renovations—keep yourself, your ladder and anything you are handling a safe distance from the power line.

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# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## A GRATEFUL DAY

It was nice to see, again, how our St. Mary's County community came together last night to support the Bean family of Hollywood who tragically lost their beautiful little daughter Erin last Saturday. Last night's spaghetti dinner fundraiser drew a large crowd of caring individuals, all heartbroken for this family. The line of love was long for the dinner – you can see in the photo almost to the spaghetti tent. The Patuxent Moose Lodge, Fire Department and Rescue Squads, and all who helped, cooked, cleaned, and donated with all their hearts was amazing to see. Of course, no amount of money to help the family can make up for the loss of their child, but the family will know that they are loved and supported. God bless this family and all who know them.

I hear Miss Mindy happily barking outside – no one walks on her streets without getting a bark, or two, or more. She is out in the front yard on her 40 foot lead alternating between laying in the sun and sitting in the shade. Every so often she does the happy dog dance on her back. I can see her from the office window here and have to laugh at her antics. Just a few minutes ago, some of her favorite kids and their grandmother were walking by and stopped to visit with Mindy. I went out and visited for a few minutes too. I love living in a neighborhood where people walk, stop, and talk, and are there to help each other when needed.

The children's grandmother bought some batteries for our fairy garden's fairy lights a month or so ago, which was so nice. It was very welcoming to see the fairy stump lit up at night if we were out and heading home. It reminded me that when I go out and do my Charlotte Hall errand loop of dump, banks, grocery store, and library that I need to get some batteries too. Hopefully when I get back I will still remember to take some fall decorations out to the fairy stump.

My plans for the large pussywillow bush/tree in the front yard that my mother-in-law planted decades ago are no longer a possibility. The awful carpenter ants and the day of high winds last week brought the tree down completely, and my husband cut down what was remaining. I had plans to light the grace-



ful, vertical limbs with the solar fairy lights that my step-daughter bought me for Christmas. I have been looking around the yard for a suitable replacement. But I am also eyeing the stump that remains for another possible fairy structure. It looks like it could be the ruins of an old castle when I look out at him from up here. Hmm... ideas are starting to form, battlements, flags, suits of armor. I'll get the grandkids and neighborhood kids thinking on this. I may have to make a stop to Wentworth's Nursery too to ask about the carpenter ant problem and what can be done about it. I will miss the convenience of Wentworth's being in Charlotte Hall soon and most likely will be sad at the change getting ready to happen on that corner. I still look at street corners in the county and see the ghost images of what was there before. I don't think I will ever get Hill's Halfway House, or the old houses and businesses that stood in other areas, out of my mind's eye.

I know, or I guess I know, that change can be good sometimes, but there are times I still want to cry for what is gone. I hear the remark all the time, "I moved [stayed] down here because it wasn't built up, it wasn't like up the road". I say it myself all the time. I stayed down here after college in '79 because it was so quiet, and you made do with the stores that were here. Then I realize that yes the landscape has changed – a lot, but the people, the caring, helping people have not changed, and for that I am truly grateful.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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



## The Way We Were...

History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday

### St Mary's County Before 1942

Many – if not most – people living in St Mary's County have only a vague idea of what the county was like before the Patuxent Naval Air Station was installed at Cedar Point. The surroundings and roads which we take for granted today are a far cry from what was here before World War II. Cedar Point itself was an area of farms and a couple of small villages, Pearson being the most notable among them. In a real sense, the County owes its economic well-being to World War II.

Before the base, there was little industry in the County – just a few general stores and garages. Most activity cen-



A 1938 aerial view of Cedar Point - what is not the Naval Air Station

tered around tobacco farming, oystering, and crabbing. And bootlegging.

With few opportunities, young people left the County and went north, to Washington, DC, and other more populated and industrialized areas. Murray E Jackson, a former state trooper, recounted as much in his oral history at the Maryland State Archives. "In 1941, the county had less than fifteen thousand people in it" and had not recovered from the effects of the Depression. There was high unemployment. "Most of the young people who went away to college never came back because they found work in the city and elsewhere, because there wasn't anything to attract them here."

Transportation to and within the county was difficult. Few roads were paved and the main arteries – Route 5 and Three Notch Road – were not at all what they are today.

Murray Jackson again: "You know there was one two-lane,



Route 5 at St Mary's City in the 1920s.

twisting road from Waldorf down here. That's the only way you could get here! Route Five came, that was the principal road down here. It was a little old two-lane road...there were many roads built in the early days, in the twenties and thirties, that were only eight to ten feet wide, because there wasn't any need to build them any wider.

And they were saving money. Later on, the state came along, and they put a concrete lane on the side of that road to make it wider...There was no attempt to straighten curves and go cut down hills and things of that nature. It was a torturous trip down here from, say, Waldorf."

There were no bridges across the Patuxent River. To get to Calvert County, you took a boat or drove up Route Five to the Crain Highway to Upper Marlboro then down into Calvert County. A trip from Leonardtown to Price Frederick could take up to three hours over very poor roads.

When we're zipping along Route Five or Three Notch Road, try to imagine life back in the '30s and early '40s. Certainly slower and a lot more challenging.

This story is drawn in part from the John Hanson Briscoe Historical Project which can be found in its entirety at <https://www.baldwinbriscoe.com/the-john-hanson-briscoe-historical-project/>. Our gratitude to Sam Baldwin and John Sterling Houser for permission to use stories from the Project.

If you would like to learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped St Mary's County, please visit our website – [www.stmaryshistory.org](http://www.stmaryshistory.org)





**Hosted by:**  
**St. Mary's County Department of  
Aging & Human Services**

at the  
**Garvey Senior Activity Center & Leonardtown Library**

**Friday, October 15, 2021**

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Free Community Event**

### **Screenings**

#### **The Pharmacy at PJ Bean**

Flu Shots and COVID-19 Vaccinations

#### **MedStar St. Mary's Hospital**

Diabetes, Prediabetes, Blood Pressure,

Body Composition Screenings

#### **Freedom Hearing**

Hearing Screenings

#### **Center for Vein Restoration**

Leg Vein Screenings

#### **Mid Atlantic Skin Surgery Institute**

Spot Screenings for Skin Cancer

### **Presentations**

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

- Healthy Living for Your Brain - 10 a.m.

- 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's:  
Why Early Detection Matters - 11 a.m.

#### **Serenity Place LLC**

- Mental Health - Time TBD

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## A View From The BLEACHERS



# INTERSECTIONS

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

Robbie grew up surrounded by excellence. A child of the 1980s, his home was tucked between San Francisco and the Silicon Valley. To his north, the 49ers, with a roster full of future Hall of Famers, were winning multiple Super Bowls and running an innovative, pass-heavy offense that would revolutionize football. In the famed Valley to the south, some of the country's greatest minds were developing technologies that would change the course of human history.

Despite the notable intellectual and athletic incubator, Robbie could best be described as unassuming. True to that characterization, as adulthood and college beckoned, Robbie shunned flashy Valley feeder schools and California-based athletic powers for a somewhat unglamorous, cold-weather, mid-western institution. It was here, thousands of miles from home, where Robbie showed some promise; still, his arc indicated "solid contributor" more than star.

Post-college employment moved Robbie even farther from home, all the way to a firm located outside of Boston, Massachusetts. After a brief internships of sorts, Robbie capitalized on some breaks, tapped into the exceptional geographic roots of his childhood, and began a meteoric rise within the company that saw both employee and employer become industry leaders.

A decade later, and years after his surprise ascension, Robbie received a mid-career boost with the arrival of a unique colleague.

Tommy was Robbie's opposite, in personality and journey. Where Robbie was measured, poised, calculating, disciplined and maybe even a bit boring, Tommy was impulsive, fun-loving and goofy. Tommy's plan was to crush life that day; the future – even tomorrow – was of little apparent concern. Unlike Robbie's personal journey from west to east, Tommy had traveled from his childhood home in upstate New York, to the desert southwest for college and back to the Boston area for employment and the fortuitous career intersection with Robbie.

On paper, this relationship was as unlikely to work as it was to happen at all. But life often crafts stories beyond any writer's imagination. Robbie and Tommy were a fantastic

pair and spent nine decorated years together at their Boston corporate home.

Tommy, always the eccentric, was the first to leave, taking a year-long sabbatical of sorts to indulge other interests (i.e. to have fun). After one additional year in Boston, Robbie left the firm too, but true to his work-obsession, he took an immediate lateral position with a new company in Florida. A fresh start and the sunshine were enough to coax Tommy off the fun train and he joined Robbie in Florida to reconstitute the dynamic duo. Their impact was significant. Despite a choppy start, Robbie and Tommy rallied the new organization and, just as they had done numerous times in Boston, quickly transformed it into the envy of the industry.

The trained eye identified "Robbie" as Tom Brady and "Tommy" as his long-time, lovable teammate Rob Gronkowski. Sports often create amazing connections, as measured by both accomplishment and improbability, between players that re-write record books and bring years of joyous moments and a lifetime of memories to fans. Brady and Gronk, with their decade of excellence and four shared Super Bowl championships, certainly qualify.

In contemplating all the fortunate factors that aligned for Brady and Gronk to meet and be delivered to the world, the tendency is to scan one's own life and career for similar gems on our personal rosters. A group of teenagers from different towns, maybe even different states, choose the same college, are placed at random in a quad together, and become lifelong friends. A resume is submitted in response to a job announcement, an interview follows, a job is started and an invaluable mentor is found. On a whim, a person decides to accompany a group of friends for a few drinks, meets an interesting stranger later that night, numbers...and eventually nuptials...are exchanged.

What are the odds? Can it be attributed to sheer luck or was something more powerful and mysterious in play? Whatever the cause, count me grateful for the favorable intersections in my life – the Brady to my Gronk or the Gronk to my Brady, if you will - and hopeful for more; I trust I'm not alone.

Send comments to [RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com](mailto:RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com)

## Rotary Club of Lexington Park Holds Annual Golf Tournament



Well dressed foursome representing Patuxent Partnership Gary Kessler, Ron Oblen, Heidi Fleming, and Rear Admiral Bert Johnston USN ret.

After a year's layoff due to the problems created by the COVID-19 spread restricting most local outdoor gatherings, this year's Annual Rotary Club Golf Tournament at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club proved to be a success in both participation and fund raising by the Lexington Park Club.

This event was held on Thursday, September 2, a day after the remnants of Hurricane Ida roared through our state. This day, however, was every golfer's dream, a bright and beautiful sunny day with a light cool breeze and low humidity that permitted for an enjoyable, spectacular round of golf for the 84 participants who attended.

This was the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual tournament for this volunteer organization of local businessmen and professional people called "Rotarians" who have come together to promote integrity, advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through their fellowship within the community. This year's theme was to have a "Redskins Nostalgia" feel to it and its centerpiece was to be Washington Hall of Famer, running back Larry Brown. Unfortunately, Larry became ill a few days prior and was unable to travel up from his home in South Carolina. All was not lost as two of the famous zany Redskins Hogettes, "Spiggy" and "Hog Ed" arrived to help with the merriment and did an excellent job of putting smiles on all those in attendance! They were all over the course helping players locate their lost balls, encouraging golfers to keep their heads down when they swing their clubs, and creating the fun and hilarity they are known for! And Larry Brown did send an autographed football to be presented to a lucky fan!

Many Rotarian business folks added to the enjoyment by sponsoring the meals that were provided during the day. The morning began with fellow Rotarian and Dunkin' Donut entrepreneur Maria Icaza donating her scrumptious "Dunkin' Donuts" breakfast and

coffee to get things off to a good start. Tasty chicken sandwiches were distributed to the golfers for lunch by the fine folks at "Chic Fil A." Cold libations were delivered by the Breton Bay Golf Club throughout the day. And upon the last foursome finishing the tournament at 4:00 PM, Rotarian Dana Rebarchick served supper to all with her "Blue Wind" food truck.

The Rotary Club of Lexington Park has a long record of accomplishment for generating income from events such as this and the annual Oyster Festival at the St. Mary's Fairgrounds the third weekend of October each Fall. Through these efforts they are able to conduct and participate in a number of community initiatives. Their most notable achievement is their creation of the "Feed St. Mary's," a food bank that serves the County. They accomplished this feat by providing a Rotary Club grant of \$50,000 in funds necessary to launch this wonderful means for serving the needy and hungry citizens of the area. This gift was matched by an additional \$21,000 from Rotary District 7620.

Founded in 2019 and designated an IRS 501[c] charitable non-profit organization in 2020, "Feed St. Mary's" is now a stand-alone corporation serving the food insecure of St. Mary's County. Remarkably, it's first food delivery occurred just as COVID-19 was taking hold in March, 2020 making its debut all the more important and timely!

This year's tournament raised nearly \$10,000 for furthering the Club's efforts in taking care of the needy. The amount of time and energy it takes to put on one of these events is never looked at as work, but rather a "FUN Raiser" as taking care of others should always be fun! Looking forward to 2022, the local Rotarians hope to make next year's golf tournament even bigger and better and cordially invite additional businesses and golfers of the area to join in the fun.



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

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658

Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050

Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

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

### Community Health & Wellness Fair

The Department of Aging & Human Services is pleased to be hosting the Community Health & Wellness Fair at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Friday, October 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.!

This year's Community Health & Wellness Fair will include:

- Screenings
- The Pharmacy at PJ Bean – Flu Shots
- MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Diabetes, Prediabetes, Blood Pressure, Body Composition Screenings
- Freedom Hearing – Hearing Screenings
- Center for Vein Restoration – Leg Vein Screenings Medication Collection (pills, liquids, and sharps will be accepted!)
- St. Mary's County Health Department Behavioral Health
- St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Informational Tables
- CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
- Maryland Relay
- St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Center

- Maryland Insurance Administration
- ACTS (A Community That Shares Incorporated)
- Cedar Lane Senior Living Community
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Presentations (times TBD)
- Alzheimer's Association
  - o Healthy Living for Your Brain – 10 a.m.
  - o 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Why Early Detection Matters – 11 a.m.
- Serenity Place LLC
  - o Mental Health

Register in advance to be entered into a special drawing! For more information visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair.asp](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/healthfair.asp).

### Pink Craft Bags – Breast Cancer Awareness

Make a Pink craft bag for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Monday, October 4 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. This would be a thoughtful gift for someone close to the breast cancer awareness cause. Give it with love and fill it a few favorite items your person would appreciate. Various gems, beads, ribbons, tissue paper are available as well as pre-cut pink embellishments and pink cause ribbons. You will design and assemble your custom bag with some artful guidance from Martha B. All supplies are provided; class is free of charge. A reservation is required by calling the

Reservation Request Line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115.

### Nutrition Education: Vegetarian Awareness Month

Donna Taggert, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician, will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Monday, October 4 at 11 a.m. to help answer your healthy eating questions. The topic for this session will be Vegetarian Awareness Month. There is no cost to attend; however, advance sign up is required. Register for the presentation by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

### Ridiculously Easy Halloween Décor

Come to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Friday, October 8 at 11 a.m. for a bit of fun and a hands-on demonstration. This free presentation is a must if you love easy but effective Halloween decorations for your table or event. You won't believe what can be done in just a few minutes! Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1660.

### Card Making Class

Join us in the Art Studio at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Thursday, October 14 at 2 p.m. to make one-of-a-kind cards for your family and friends. This is a great way to interact with others while making cards for holidays, birthdays and more. Everything is included for you to make 3 cards per class. You will be given the opportunity to use rubber & clear stamps, die cutting and embossing machines, cardstock, embellishments, and punches. Whether you are new to card making or want to learn a new skill, our Card Making Classes will give you the opportunity to show off your creativity and have fun! The cost for the class is \$2 per card and payment is required in advance. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to make reservations.

### Walk Maryland Day

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 9-11 a.m. for the annual Walk Maryland Day. This year the event will be held at all three senior activity centers in St. Mary's County so you can choose where you want to go the distance! There will be refreshments available and an opportunity to be entered into a drawing for prizes ranging in values \$25-\$75, based on your distance category. No need to register, just put on some comfy clothes and shoes, then show up! Safe distancing and other COVID protocols will be in practice. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1073.

# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, Sept. 30

### Blood Drive

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital  
25500 Point Lookout Rd  
Leonardtown  
10a.m. to 4p.m.

From burn victims to individuals with chronic diseases, trauma survivors to cancer patients, the selfless gift of blood has no substitute!

Join us for our next Blood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown.

Advance registration is requested. Call Health Connections at 301-475-6019 to sign up, or make an appointment online: [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=MedStarStMarysHospital](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=MedStarStMarysHospital)

## Friday, Oct. 1

### Old Jail Museum Extended Hours for Leonardtown First Fridays

The Old Jail Museum  
Court House Drive  
Leonardtown  
10a.m. to 7p.m.

The Old Jail Museum, a popular landmark in the heart of Leonardtown, will be open to the public during Leonardtown First Fridays. Come take a tour of this unique and fascinating historic site while enjoying Leonardtown First Friday that evening.

Numerous safety precautions will be enacted during the available hours, and staff will be on-hand to showcase the Old Jail and its interesting story.

This location also serves as the official Leonardtown Visitor Center. Information and literature about Leonardtown and area attractions, activities, dining, events and much more is available.

A museum store is on-site with local products, books, apparel, kids items and more for purchase.

Admission is FREE and open to all ages. Walk-ups only.

## Friday, October 1

### \$400.00 Gift Card Raffle

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## Saturday, Oct. 2

### 100 Mile Car Cruise & Show

Charlotte Hall Park & Ride  
30030 Three Notch Road,  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
7:30a.m. to 3p.m.

All vehicles invited, from classics to imports, trucks, motorcycles and more. 100-mile Cruise through three Southern Maryland Counties begins at 9:00 am at the Charlotte Hall Park & Ride (30030 Three Notch Rd. Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, behind Burger King) and arrival at the last stop is estimated to be 2:30 pm at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Registration begins at 7:30 am. Maps and route info will be provided upon arrival. Optional Poker Run available for an additional \$10.00 per entry—50% of proceeds go to charity, 30% to winning hand, and 10% each to the next two highest hands. 50-50 raffle tickets available all day, must be at the last stop to win. Registration Fee is \$30.00 per Vehicle, (pre-registration deadline September 22) which includes a free Cruisin' Southern Maryland Event T-Shirt for the first 150 vehicles registered. Checks should be made payable to: Cruisin' Southern Maryland, Inc. [www.CruisinSOMD.com](http://www.CruisinSOMD.com) (rain date October 3 weather permitting)

### HUGE YARD SALE

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Sunday & Weekdays – 9 am to 3 pm

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information, donations or

table rental.

## Sunday, Oct. 3

### Carryout Breakfast

St Johns Church  
St. John's Road  
Hollywood  
8a.m. to 11a.m.

St John's Knights of Columbus Breakfast returns on Sunday October 3 from 08:00 till 11:00 in the Parish Center. The usual fare of sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns and pancakes with toppings. Carryouts available as well. Families are welcome. The cost is your donation.



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# In Remembrance

## Howard Rollins Britton, Jr.



Howard Rollins Britton, Jr., 91, of Valley Lee, MD, passed away on September 18, 2021. Born on July 8, 1930 in Wynn, MD, he was the son of

the late Howard Rollins Britton, Sr., and Gertrude Boumans Britton. He was preceded in death by his sisters Doris Miles, Bernice Owens, and Joan Porte, as well as his brother Gerard Britton. Howard is survived by his loving wife Mary "Kitten", his sister-in-law Maryann Springer, brother-in-law George Springer (Joan), and 19 nieces and nephews.

He retired from the Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center as a Financial Systems Analyst in 1985. Prior to his retirement, he and Kitten started a catering business which extended into his retirement for many years.

Howard was initiated into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on September 21, 1958. He was a member for 63 years and was the last living charter member. He was Exalted Ruler for the Lodge from 1978 to 1979 and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South West District of the MD/DE/DC Elks Association from 1982 to 1983. He was awarded the prestigious Elk of the Year three times. He and Kitten cooked for 20 plus years for the Elks, and he was honored by the members with the Lodge Hall being renamed "Britton Hall."

In addition to his work for the Lodge, he cooked for St. George Church during their dinners. He and Kitten introduced the fall fried oyster and stuffed ham dinner, which was successful for many years. Additionally, Howard volunteered at Mary's Song, an early soup kitchen in Lexington Park, preparing breakfast and lunch meals for many years. He assisted Kitten in delivering Meals on Wheels until he was no longer able.

He was devoted to his family and his pet kitty, and his dedication to helping others will be remembered by everyone whose friendship he treasured.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's at P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com). Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

## William C. Elkins, "Bill"

William C. Elkins, "Bill", 85, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of La Plata, MD, passed away on September 17, 2021 in Charlotte Hall, MD. Born on December 1, 1935 in Gould, AR, he was the second of six children and was the loving son of the late Piccola Nichols Elkins and Fred Elkins. Bill was the loving husband of



Beverly Rose Elkins whom he married on July 3, 1960 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, South Plainfield, NJ. He is survived by his children Pauline Norris (Ricky) of

Leonardtown, MD, Laura Beth Westmore of Newington, CT, three grandchildren Colleen Westmore of East Hampton, CT, Mallory Norris of Leonardtown, MD, and Stephen Norris of Leonardtown, MD, as well as his siblings Bennie Joe Elkins (Rose) of North Litter Rock, AR, Patricia Johnson of Star City, AR, Vicki McDaniels of Pine Bluff, AR, and Violet Kelley of Batesville, AR. He was preceded in death by his brother Vendell Elkins.

After high school, Bill joined the United States Air Force in 1955 while stationed at Fort Dix, NJ. Bill met his soon-to-be wife, Beverly, and had two children. He ended his Air Force Career at Andrew Air Force Base in Camp Springs, MD after 20 years. Bill went on to work 18 more years for IBM. Bill loved playing Gold, working in the yard, and spending time with his family.

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## Sarah Lee Latham



Sarah Lee Latham went home to Jesus on September 21, 2021.

Sarah was born of Ralph and Juanita Quesenberry, on July 13, 1947 in Berkeley,

WV.

She was one of six siblings. Married of 42 wonderful years to her late husband Charles Irvin Latham.

Survived by her two daughters, Barbara and her husband (Roger Pritchard), and Sharon and her husband (Nick Norris); two grandchildren, Roger Lee Pritchard III and Nicholas Ryan Norris and one great grandchild, Roger Lee Pritchard IV.

Her role as mother and grandmother was the most important thing to her. This is where she drew her strength and left her legacy. She was kind and generous to many people. Being with her family was what Sarah enjoyed most of all.

She gave us a wonderful lesson in so many, many, ways. Many of us get distracted by insignificant things in life. Many of us brood and focus on our little problems and forget that which is most important. Mom kept her faith through all her trials.

This is a wonderful legacy. This is a wonderful example to follow.

At this time services are private.

In lieu of flowers please make contribu-

tions in Sarah's memory to Mother Catherine Academy, 38833 Chaptico Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

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

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## Darlene Theresa DeGraves



Darlene Theresa DeGraves, 75 of Piney Point, MD passed away peacefully at home on September 18th, 2021.

She was born on July 26, 1946 in Baltimore,

MD to the late Edgar Chambers, Sr. and Ruth Merling Chambers.

On December 28, 1974, Darlene married her beloved husband, Donald Andrew DeGraves, Sr. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church. She was employed for fifteen years at First National Bank of St. Mary's as a New Accounts Manager until her retirement. Prior to her working for the bank Darlene worked for a State Farm agent in Dundalk, MD and for Topps Department Store. She was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. She was active in her children and grandchildren's lives and

especially loved being "Granny" to the grandkids. She spent many years volunteering for the athletic and band boosters at Leonardtown High School as her children attended school there. Darlene was featured in an article in Woman's Day Magazine when she was recognized by Little League Headquarters for managing a Senior League team in St. Mary's Little League. She was an excellent cook and had many family favorites. She went out of her way to make everyone their favorite dishes and had grand holiday dinners. Her other hobbies included dancing, duck pin bowling, flower gardening, and cross-stitch. She enjoyed trips to Atlantic City to play the slots as well. She also enjoyed watching tennis and cooking shows. Darlene had an affinity for the water having lived on the Potomac most of her married life. She especially liked vacationing in Emerald Isle, NC and Ocean City, MD. Being at the beach was one of her favorite places to be. During her beach trips she and Donald enjoyed visiting light houses and collecting them. Her greatest love was spending time with her family and caring for them.

In addition to her husband, Donald; Darlene is also survived by her children: Thomas DeGraves of Hollywood, FL, Dawn Pipkin (Michael) of Hollywood, MD, twins-Edgar Brockman of Baltimore, MD and Veston Combs (Sam)

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of Florence, KY, Stephen DeGraves of Greenville, NC, Donald DeGraves, Jr. (Caren) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Timothy DeGraves Sr. (Rachel) of Newburyport, MA; her siblings: Betty Ricketts of Baltimore, MD, Edgar Chambers (Sherry) of Westminster, MD, Bob Chambers (Naomi) of Essex, MD, twin sister-Marlene Kraemer of Dundalk, MD, and Robin Blume (John) of Stewartstown, PA; her grandchildren: M. Andrew Pipkin (Amanda), Emily Pipkin, Jesse Newton, Jonathan Brockman, Derek DeGraves, Jack Newton, Megan DeGraves, Rachel Brockman, Natalie DeGraves, Paul DeGraves, Timothy DeGraves, Jr. and Connor DeGraves. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Peggy Wagner.

Family will receive friends on Friday, October 1, 2021 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be celebrated by Pastor Matthew Borrasso on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 46707 S. Shangri La Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Interment will follow at St. George's Catholic Church, 19199 St. George's Church Road, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

Serving as pallbearers will be Donald "Donny" Andrew DeGraves, Jr., Thomas Andrew DeGraves, Timothy Andrew DeGraves Sr., Stephen Andrew DeGraves, Edgar Charles Brockman, and Veston "Mike" Combs. Honorary Pallbearers will be Michael Karl Pipkin, M. Andrew Pipkin, Derek Andrew DeGraves, Timothy Andrew DeGraves, Jr., Connor Andrew DeGraves, Paul Andrew DeGraves, Jonathan Andrew Brockman, Darryl Franklin Kraemer Jr., Jesse Roy Newton, and Jack Roy Newton.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

## William Calvin Dozier



William Calvin Dozier, 74, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Monday, September 20, 2021 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on December 26, 1946 to the late, William Calvin Dozier, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Sauerwein.

Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in February, 1966 and would serve his country with pride before his honorable discharge in January, 1970. During his tour, he would earn the National Defense Ribbon and was awarded commendation for Rifle Marksman.

Bill worked as an Assistant Director of Veterans Employment for Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. through the Federal Government. He enjoyed being able to surround himself with fellow patriots and continuing his efforts to keep veterans safe.

Bill would go on to marry his forever love, Alice Dozier and spend twenty-five (25) years happily married before her untimely passing in December, 2020. Bill missed his bride every day and is now happily reunited with her in heaven.

He always enjoyed visiting the VFW and American Legion especially when Alice was by his side. He was always his happiest when she was around, keeping him out of trouble. He loved his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed watching their sporting events. He was an avid football fan and proudly wore green for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bill is survived by his step-children, Francis Wheatley (Janet), and John Shea (Tammy); sister, Lois Hortalosa (Fred); grandchildren, Catherine Wheatley (Wesley Hancock), Danielle Johnson (Chad), Heather Miller (Jacob), Justin Shea (Katie), Autumn Schraeder (Mark), and Jessica Wheatley; and thirteen (13) lov-

ing great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by both of his parents, William Calvin Dozier, Mary Elizabeth Dozier, and his brother Robert "Bobby" Wayne Dozier.

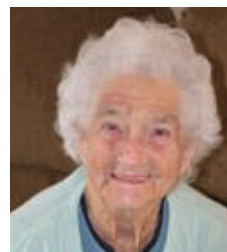
The family will receive friends for Bill's Life Celebration on Friday, October 1, 2021 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am with a Funeral Service officiated by Pastor James "Ed" Chance at 11:30 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be held immediately following at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

In lieu of flowers the family would request you consider making a donation in Bill's name to the VFW Post 9619, 6527 Suitland Road, Morningside, MD 20746.

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

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

## Frances Regina Wise Dean



Frances Regina Wise Dean, 94, of Ridge, MD passed away on September 19, 2021 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center in Lexington Park, MD.

She was born on July 14, 1927 in Ridge, MD to the late George Clarence Wise and Annie Ruth Wilkinson Wise.

Frances is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. On December 27, 1945 she married her beloved husband, Frank William Dean, Sr. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD. Together they celebrated over 66 wonderful years of marriage before his death in January 2012. Together they had 15 children. She was a devoted catholic and loving mother, sister and grandmother.

Frances is survived by her children: Thomas Dean of Vero Beach, FL, Earl Dean (Sandy) of Lexington Park, MD, Ann Insley of Millington, TN, Susan Carter of Ridge, MD, Leon Dean (Diana) of St. Inigoes, MD, Martha Kaszowski of Jacksonville, FL, Bertille Phillips (Dean) of Fairbanks AK, Timothy Dean of Ridge, MD, Alan Dean of Lexington Park, MD, Laura Cook (Bobby) of Ridge, MD, Lucy Bradburn (Robert, Jr.) of Ridge, MD, Henry Dean of St. Inigoes, MD; Many- Many grandchildren; great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren; extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her children; Millie Dean, Ruth Whitt and Frank Dean Jr. siblings Clifford Wise, George Wise, and Thomas Wise; and sisters, Marguerite Smith, Marion Tennyson, Mary Theresa Adler, Agnes Roberta "Berta" Pratt and Annie Lucille Wright.

All services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680 and the Ridge Rescue squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge MD 20680.

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

## Lt. John David "Wick"

### Wickenhofer, USN (Ret.)



Lt. John David "Wick" Wickenhofer, USN (Ret.), 64, of Great Mills, MD passed away on September 21, 2021 at Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born in Clarksburg, WV to the late John Davis Wickenhofer and Dorothy Riley Stallman. The third of six children, he enjoyed sports, music, movies, gaming and family. He wrestled in his youth and was a lifelong WVU football fan. He played guitar and was known for his Tom Petty and John Prine covers as well as some original works. He loved to relax to a good movie or playing one of his favorite video games. He served 23 years in the Navy working with aircraft, during which he earned his Bachelors Degree in Engineering and traveled the world. Upon his military retirement, he commenced a second successful career as a government contractor in the area of air worthiness, making many friends and being known for the caliber of his work and his sense of humor.

John is survived by his daughter, Jenna Wickenhofer of Sterling, VA; companion of 22 years Moira Johnson of Great Mills, MD; her children Sean Martin (Randi) of Essex, MD, Sarah Metcalf (Bobby) of California, MD and her children Gatlin, Ryker and Abram, and Robert Martin (Sam) of Lexington Park, MD. He is also survived by his siblings Darrell Wickenhofer (Nancy) of Bridgeport, WV and Richard Stallman (Jamie) of Salem, WV, as well as nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and stepfather Raymond Stallman, as well as sisters Carol Lynch, Marsha Wickenhofer and Nancy Lewis.

Family will receive friends on Monday, September 27, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service at 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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## Joseph "Joey" Michael Curtis

Joseph "Joey" Michael Curtis, 57, of California, MD passed away on September 14, 2021 at University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center in Largo,

## In Memory of Rose Johnson Emory

Who passed away Oct. 1, 1992

The World changes from year to year, Our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you shall never pass away.

Love,  
Dad, Susan & Tracy







MD. He was born on April 27, 1964 in Leonardtown, MD to Michael Hawthorne Woodland of Leonardtown, MD and Ella Noreen Curtis of

Oxon Hill, MD.

Joey is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He is a 1983 graduate of Leonardtown High School and played on the basketball team. He was employed for many years in the Machine Shop at Patuxent River Naval Base in Lexington Park, MD and Merkle Mailing Services in Hollywood, MD. He was also a skilled auto mechanic at Curtis Tire in Lexington Park, MD. In his earlier years, he enjoyed spending quality time with his father, Michael by repairing cars.

He was an avid fan of the Washington Football Team (WFT) and looked forward to rooting his team on despite their inconsistent winning record. If you are or ever was a WFT fan, you know exactly how emotions fly when they win or lose.

Joey was always very sociable. In fact, he was the life of the party and never met a stranger. If you know Joey well, you can best believe that he gave you a "nickname." He loved giving everyone a nickname and even named his cars. He enjoyed music from the 80's, and his favorite songs were "Ring my Bell," by Anita Ward, "Rump Shaker" by Wreckx-n-Effect and "This is How We Do It," by Montel Jordan. Joey definitely knew how to do it on the dance floor and loved his family and looked forward to family gatherings.

In addition to his loving parents, Joey is survived by his two sons, Marcus Curtis of Lexington Park, MD and Jerome Herbert of Leonardtown, MD. He is also survived by his siblings: Tracy Woodland of Lexington Park, MD, Cynthia Cary (Alfie) of Washington, DC, Felicia Scruggs of Lexington Park, MD, Melissa Brown of Lexington Park, MD, Resheena Woodland of Lexington Park, MD, Michaela Mason (Joseph) of Leonardtown, MD, and Blair Spicer of California, MD. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, his companion, April Briscoe, as well as his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; and many extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Memorial Contributions be made to Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.O. Box 279, Leonardtown, MD to assist with funeral expenses.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### James Stanton Urban

James Stanton Urban, 77 of Leonardtown, MD passed away on September 10, 2021 at home.



He was born on September 27, 1943 in Hartford, CT to the late Stanton Urban and Constance (Kearshes) Urban. Growing up in Levittown, NY, Jim attended

college close to home at Hofstra University where he received a bachelor's degree in English literature and studied the Russian language. Of all of his accomplishments, Jim took pride in his service in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served in aviation operations and intelligence during the Vietnam War. With orders to MCAS El Toro, he and childhood sweetheart Sue settled in sunny Southern California where they quickly fell in love with the sunshine and beaches. After moving to Northern California in the early 1980s, Jim found new life in a personal relationship with Jesus. Jim was a professional salesman by trade, having worked at a variety of companies in education, publishing, and the burgeoning Silicon Valley super computer industry in the latter half of the 20th century. He was a man of sharp wit and dry humor and was known for his intellect and calling it like he saw it, but he had a soft heart for people in need and animals, especially various golden retrievers over the years. Papa Jim, as he was known to "his boys," delighted in the successes of others, especially those of his son, daughter in law, and grandsons. Towards the end of his life, he enjoyed the peaceful country living found in rural Maryland with Sue. He was deeply loved and will be warmly remembered for his unending generosity, good humor, a hearty laugh, and his devotion to his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sue; his son, Timothy Urban and his wife Nicki of Rhode Island; his siblings, Tom Urban of New York, and Dale Urban of South Carolina; his sister-in-law, Tracy Urban; and his grandchildren, Hunter and Shepherd Urban. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Norm Urban who passed on September 20, 2021 in CA.

A Graveside Service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

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

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### Jo Ann Maloney



Jo Ann Maloney, 72, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home September 15, 2021 in Mechanicsville, Maryland. She was born on January 23, 1949

in Washington D.C. to George D. and Eliza Rackey "Harris".

Jo Ann was full of life. She loved to

laugh and she truly enjoyed being around people. It wasn't hard for Jo Ann to make friends because she was kindhearted, honest, generous, and funny. People knew they could always count on her. She met the love of her life, Robert David Maloney, in Prince George's County. In 1988 they said their vows to each other and they were married for 33 years.

Jo Ann never had children of her own, fortunately God put Brandie Lynn Richards in her path. Jo Ann raised her like her very own daughter. They were fortunate to have each other. After moving to St Mary's County with her beloved husband, she found a passion in driving for the Amish and Mennonite communities. She did this for more than 20 years. During this time, she made many long-lasting friendships.

Jo Ann enjoyed playing cards and games, crafting, crocheting, and she loved bingo. She also found light in her life again by helping Brandie Richard's raise her own children, Benjamin Mason Richards (Age 10) and Brooklyn Elizabeth Richards (Age 8). She loved being a grandma and enjoyed every moment with the children. Jo Ann and the children had a very special relationship. There is nothing Jo Ann wouldn't do for her grand babies. She will always be their Jo-Jo.

Since Roberts passing, Jo Ann found life in her grand babies and her friends. Jo Ann missed Robert so much but now they are together once again, and we know she is smiling down on us.

She is survived by her Daughter Brandie Richards of Mechanicsville, Maryland; her cousin Brandi Marie King of Mechanicsville, Maryland and her two (2) grandchildren Benjamin and Brooklyn Richards. She is preceded in death by both of her parents George D. Rackey and Eliza Rackey "Harris" and her husband Robert David Maloney.

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

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

### Kenneth Ray Lotter



AO1-AW Kenneth Ray Lotter, 58, of Great Mills, MD, passed away on September 16, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with

his loving family by his side.

He was born on January 7, 1963 in Clare, MI, to William Harry Lotter, of Tioga, PA and Karen Lee Lotter, of Falmouth, MI.

Kenneth Ray Lotter graduated from McBain High School in McBain, MI in 1981. He was involved in track and football. Ken joined the United States Navy at the age of 19 and retired in 2002 as a Petty Officer First Class. After his retirement, Ken worked as a government

contractor under several programs – most currently with KBR Wyle. Ken was very active in the special Olympics, bowling, horseshoes, hunting, softball, his love of Harley Davidsons and was a member of the VFW Post 2632. Ken will be remembered by those who loved him by his humor, his zest for life, his love for his family and friends, his sportsmanship, his love of our country as a proud veteran

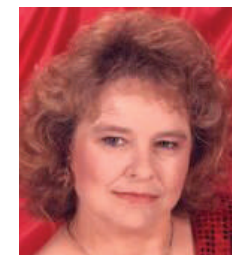
In addition to both parents, William Lotter and Karen Lotter, he is survived by his wife Lorrie; his mother-in-law Deanna Pace; his children, Shane Lotter, Shawn Lotter (Gloria) of Great Mills, MD and Chryel Gilcrease (John Michael) of Pollack, LA, and Breana Nichols of Tallahassee, FL; his grandchildren Skyler, Logan, Emmett, London, Reece, Karson, Ariel, John, and Jasiah; his stepchildren Johnathan Swain (Daja) of Palm Coast, FL and Jennifer Haley of Jacksonville, FL.; Jackie Hart of Falmouth, MI., Mathew Nederhoed (Alayna) of Shepard, MI.; 10 step-grandchildren; One step-great grand-daughter; his siblings, Joyce Sandelius (Jeffrey) Cadillac, MI, Darrell Lotter (Debbie) of Naples, FL., Steve Lotter of Cedar Springs, MI, Janet Thomas of Eva Beach, HI; and a large extended family.

Memorial contributions can be made in Kenneth's name to St. Mary's County Special Olympics, P.O. Box 921, Hollywood, MD 20636.

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

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### Jacqueline Nadine William



Jacqueline Nadine Williams, 77, of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

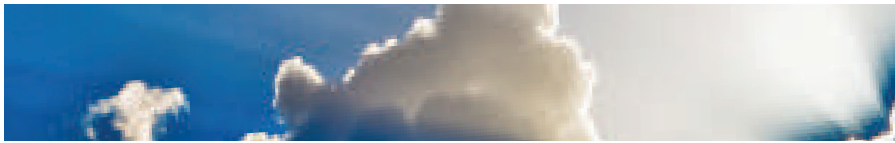
She was born on July 27, 1944 in Thomsville, GA to the late, Gatson D. Wilson and Lois E. (Bowles) Wilson.

At 16 years old, Jackie would meet the love of her life, Ronald Williams. They would marry on January 2, 1963 and would welcome five (5) children into their happy home. Together they have shared over 58 years of marital bliss, weathering storms and rejoicing in triumphs always as a tight unit.

Jackie's greatest joy in life was being a wife, mother and grandmother. She always put her family first. She loved to gather her family and friends together to celebrate birthdays, holidays or just a Sunday afternoon. The smiles of her children and laughter of her grandchildren brought her peace. Togetherness was her goal and she always strived to get everyone under the same roof.

She was an artist at heart and very creative. She enjoyed painting and coloring.





Jackie could be found coloring in her own adult coloring books or sitting with the grandchildren, crayons and giggles, surrounding them. She made beautiful crocheted blankets that will be passed down for many generations to keep you warm and loved, as if she were there with you wrapped in her arms. A treasure hunter, Jackie loved an early morning when she could go to yard sales and pick-up item's she didn't even know she needed. She would happily spend her hours exploring thrift stores with her husband and children, sharing laughter and stories.

Family was everything to Jackie and if you spoke to her, you heard about her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They put the twinkle in her eye and sunshine in her heart. She loved to spend time with her youngest grandchild John. Being able to see his face, made her day. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Jackie is survived by her husband, Ronald Williams Sr. of Leonardtown, MD; children, Tammy Rigsby (Robert, spouse) of Gordonsville, VA, Ronnie Williams, Jr. (Kristen, spouse) of Broomes Island, MD, Carl Williams of Leonardtown, MD and Sarah Heidenberg (Nikki, spouse) of California, MD; honorary son Buck Ramsey, (Nancy, spouse) of Prince Frederick, MD; six (6) grandchildren and two (2) great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Gaston and Lois Wilson.

At this time all services will be held privately. A celebration of Jackie's Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations in Jackie's name to the American Cancer Society.

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

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

### Robert Olson



LCDR Robert P. Olson, 90, passed away peacefully in Chesapeake, VA on 30 August 2021. He is survived by his children Robert B. Olson (Mau-

reen) of Glen Allen, VA, Katherine E.

Springer (Cecil) of Valley Lee, MD, Ruth Chris Lawton (Mike) of Chesapeake, VA and Nancy E. Soles (Donald) of Smithfield, VA, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by first wife, Ruth M. Olson, and second wife, Nancy Dörner Olson as well as his only sibling, David O. Olson.

As a Naval officer and pilot of single- and multi-engine Patrol, Anti-Submarine Warfare and air transport aircraft, Bob discovered new limits of his physical and mental capabilities, traveled the world in peace time and war, and always felt privileged to wear gold pilot wings. He treasured his 21 years of faithful Naval service providing aviation flight and training support to Air Transport Squadron, NAS Norfolk, Naval Air Reserve Training Unit, Norfolk, NAS, Brooklyn, NY, Air Transport Squadron 22, and NAS, Bermuda.

Bob received his BS degree in Biology from Wagner College, Staten Island, NY and his MS degree in Microbiology – Virology from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. He especially enjoyed working as a Research Assistant with his esteemed colleagues at ODU and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

In retirement, Bob appreciated the company of his dear neighbors of Briarfield Drive, friends from the Swedish American Society, National Sojourners, Quiet Birdmen Society, Khedive Shriners Temple and membership as a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Norfolk, Orient of Virginia.

Bob was surrounded with people who cared deeply for him in a community like no other. The abundance of help from his neighbors and special friends has been constant and generous for both Bob and his family. Their love, kindness and selflessness can never be measured or repaid. Bob's family is also grateful for the kind and caring support of his caregivers Primo Mamaril and Flora Panimdim, and Kindred Hospice.

Bob truly led a blessed life and, as a believer in Christ Jesus, will live forever in his eternal home. Online condolences may be made at: <https://www.hollomanbrown.com>. A small service by Reverend Don Geller will be held for family members only, in keeping with COVID restrictions. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's memory to: Kindred Hospice, 5544 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

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We've discussed the importance of asset allocation to your success as an investor. Harry Moscovitz won a Nobel prize for inventing modern portfolio theory in 1954 based on the concept that if you allocate your assets across a broad enough spectrum of equity, fixed-income and other types of investments, and one of your investments declines in value, the others are likely to take up the slack and keep your investment returns on an even keel.

Pundits refer to asset allocation as the "Rule of 92" meaning 92% of your success as an investor is directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not.

Ok, now we know that allocation is the way to go. But, one big problem with asset allocation is, how does an ordinary investor select the proper allocation of stocks versus bonds? The big mutual fund companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, BlackRock and others think they have it all figured out. They do the allocation for you.

### TARGET DATE FUNDS:

Target date funds contain a mixture of stocks, bonds and cash. They have a future date in the title you can select to correspond to your retirement date. As you get older, the asset allocation within the fund changes and gets more conservative over time. The fund manager will put fewer assets into stocks which are inherently risky as you get closer to retirement. You do not have to take any action. The fund manager does that for you. You simply pick the date when you think you will retire. For example, suppose you will turn sixty-five in 2020. You pick the 2020 Retirement Fund. You can buy the fund at any age and with a minimum investment, but the target date is what matters.

The big boost for target date funds came in 2006 when pension laws changed so that employers could choose investments for employees who had not designated investments for their 401(k) plans. Target date mutual funds became the most popular investments for employers to offer and to use as a default if employees failed to designate anything else. Fidelity launched its target date funds in 1996; Vanguard in 2003 and T. Rowe Price in 2002—together, those three fund companies control about 75% of the market. Fees for the allocation are included the cost of the funds themselves.

**LIFECYCLE MUTUAL FUNDS**  
Lifecycle funds include cash, stock

and bonds and may include both U.S. and foreign securities. The percentage of funds in each asset class is determined by the fund manager who attempts to earn the highest return possible by switching portfolio weightings in each type of asset class by market conditions. Lifecycle funds generally include three or four "portfolios" with varying percentages of funds in each asset class. The portfolios are designed by fit investors of various ages or risk tolerance levels. For example, Vanguard has a LifeStrategy fund with four asset choices: income (lowest percentage of stock in the portfolio), conservative growth, moderate growth and growth (highest percent of stock in the portfolio). As with target date funds, fees for allocation are included in the cost of the funds.

### ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Active management involves the use of a portfolio manager who works directly with you on your investments. This clearly is the most custom tailored to your wishes. Your portfolio may include everything from securities to real estate. The manager in this case reviews all of your assets and your personal goals with you and selects those types of investments that will give you the most return for a risk that meets your expectations. The upside of professional management is that your strategy is tailored for you. No one except the portfolio manager is going to ask about the strategy you have to exit your small business, for example. That question, along with many others, should be asked by the portfolio manager in order to provide the best retirement approach for you. The fees involved will be a percentage of the assets and, as your assets grow, the fees will grow. This means at the very least that the portfolio manager has a vested interest in seeing your portfolios grow.

Whether you choose target date, lifecycle or active management, the principal is the same. Your success as an investor and an investor preparing for retirement will be directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not. As usual, I advise you to investigate before you invest. Take a look at all of the options available to you first, then decide. No one will protect you like yourself.

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