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Police: Hit and Run Driver Was Looking to Escape County

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Ryan Cherrico, the man police have arrested and charged with taking a stolen truck and colliding with a Mennonite horse and buggy and killing its operator last week, was under suspicion by police almost immediately after the incident on Oct. 27, court papers show.

According to an application for a statement of charges against Cherrico, sheriff's deputies found him at the Third Base store just about one-half mile away from the incident just minutes after it had occurred.

The crash occurred at about 7:30 a.m. and witnesses said they saw the operator of the red 2000 Chevrolet Silverado run away from the scene.

Officers questioned Cherrico and documented their encounter with him but said they did not detain him for lack of evidence.

But they noted that Cherrico, 31, of Mechanicsville had a strong smell of alcohol on his breath and exhibited "slow, slurred, deliberate speech."

Surveillance video from several shops and stores in the area clearly showed Cherrico walking to Third Base, court papers showed, but the defendant gave police a false alibi to avoid being suspected of causing the crash.

Cherrico had a suspended driver's license at the time of the crash, police said.

When law officers contacted the owner of the truck, Robin Lynn Nelson, they found she had re-



Ryan Cherrico

ported the vehicle stolen after she had learned it had been involved in a fatal crash.

Nelson was in Florida at the time, court papers stated, and told law officers she had left her vehicle with a family member, with whom Cherrico would stay from time to time.

Law enforcement officers were also able to obtain text messages between Cherrico and his mother which showed he had been the operator of the stolen truck and knew he had caused a fatal crash; law officers also found that Cherrico's family was attempting to send him to Colorado to avoid apprehension.

Cherrico remains incarcerated at the county detention center on a no bond status.

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Woman Attacked By Own Dog in Mechanicsville

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Mechanicsville woman was bitten by one of her dogs the afternoon of Nov. 1 at her residence on Jacqueline Street, a recently released recording of the 911 call to the St. Mary's County Emergency revealed.

The 75-year-old woman's arm was reportedly "hanging by a thread," the dispatcher on the call can be heard saying, while an emergency responder on the scene can be heard saying that the dogs were not secure and that they were still with the victim.

The victim also said she could see the bone, according to the recording.

"Both of the pit bulls have a good amount of blood on their mouths," the responder said in the 911 call.

Soon after the emergency medical personnel were able to reach the patient and call in a Maryland State Police helicopter to evacuate the victim to a nearby trauma center.

In the aftermath of the incident, Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, which oversees animal control op-

erations, said the dogs were contained at the victim's residence and must be quarantined for the next several days to ensure they were not infected with rabies or otherwise dangerous.

"The dogs are not at large," Walker said. "They are not a danger to the community."

Walker said the incident stemmed from the two dogs being enclosed together and getting in some kind of fight over a stick; when the victim tried to take the stick away, she was bitten in the arm.

"It was not a mauling," Walker said, adding that medics reported the woman's injuries were not as severe as she had first stated. "No bone was observed; she was in a panicked state."

"They flew her out because of her age."

The bite was a significant puncture, however, Walker said, with tissue extruded from the wound.

Walker said he did not expect the dogs to be destroyed as a result of the incident.

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46th Annual Veterans Day Parade

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- ★ Water
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Commissioners Ask Cable Providers for Senior Friendly Options

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Internet and cable television service providers typically bundle the two products but that often drives costs upwards.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have asked the top executives of both Atlantic Broadband and Comcast to consider basic cable television options for seniors who are on fixed incomes.

The commissioners sent letters this week to Comcast CEO David N. Watson and Atlantic Broadband Vice President of Product and Programming Heather McCallion requesting their help.

"We found that some older adults in our community, living on a fixed income are seeking a basic TV package to remain active in our county," the letter reads. "While your organization offers several robust TV packages with extra perks and hundreds of chan-

nels, the cost of these offerings often exceeds what our seniors can afford."

An emerging technology known as internet protocol television offers viewing of preferred channels but it requires an internet connection; this bundling to be used by the providers is likely to drive costs up even further.

"As such, customers have no option to receive this basic cable TV service without also purchasing a bundle internet package," the letter reads. "The Commissioners of St. Mary's County are concerned that current customers with 'grandfathered' basic cable TV service will be compelled to add an internet service package, which would substantially increase their monthly cable bill."

The commissioners said a senior citizens discount would eliminate this problem.

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Leonardtown Route 5 Work Completed by Next Summer



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Officials with the Maryland Department of Transportation told local elected leaders last week that they plan to complete traffic upgrades on far flung portions of Route 5 by the summer of 2022.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County received a presentation on transportation priorities in Southern Maryland at their Oct. 26 business meeting.

The first project, which has recently drawn the ire of Leonardtown residents and town government for work delays, is the reconstruction project on Route 5 at the Abell Street and Moakley Street intersections.

The project seeks to widen the intersection and add a left turn lane into MedStar St. Mary's Hospital; the aim is to reduce congestion and increase traffic capacity for more development, State Highway Administration documents show.

The state estimates the roadway sees 30,400 cars a day but that number is projected to increase to more than 38,000 in 2041.

Andre Futrell, deputy administrator for District Operation with SHA, told commissioners regarding the Moakley Street that: "we do believe by next summer that job will be done."

"We're going to improve that route for bicycles and pedestrians," Futrell continued.

The second Route 5 project was in Point Lookout.

"This is a big project where we will help the traffic get in and out of the park," Futrell said, noting the Point Lookout project should be completed by August.

The details of the project are to widen Route 5 southward from Camp Brown to Lake Conoy causeway — about 2.2 miles — which will also help allow bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

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8x18	\$6.70	20x20	\$17.50
8x20	\$7.45	20x30	\$26.25
9x12	\$5.05	20x35	\$30.60
10x12	\$5.60	20x40	\$35.00
10x15	\$7.00	24x36	\$36.20
10x16	\$7.45	25x45	\$47.15
10x20	\$8.75	30x40	\$50.30
12x12	\$6.70	30x60	\$68.75
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12x20	\$10.50		

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12x12	\$13.35		
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12x20	\$22.20		
12x25	\$27.75		
15x20	\$27.75		
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Under the reduced service, the Charlotte Hall, Route 2, northbound route will run northbound on the even hours and southbound on the odd hours. The route will begin northbound at 6 a.m., leaving the Leonardtown Governmental transfer location and traveling its regular route north to the Charlotte Hall Food Lion transfer location. The Charlotte Hall route will run its last hour at 5 p.m. from the Charlotte Hall Food Lion transfer location traveling its regular route to the Leonardtown governmental transfer location, where it will end at 6 p.m.

The Leonardtown north, Route 12, evening bus runs between Wildewood Shopping Center and Charlotte Hall and will still start at 6 p.m. in Charlotte Hall and run southbound on its normal route. It



will then run the northbound route on the odd hour of 7 p.m. The last Leonardtown bus will run southbound at 8 p.m. from Charlotte Hall. There will be no change for the riders that commute from the north. Those riders returning from the VanGo transfer will make it home to the Leonardtown and Lexington Park areas.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience.

For information on STS routes and services, please visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/sts-transit/>.

Double Murder Defendant Still On House Arrest

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A man accused of killing two people in Charlotte Hall in July when he crashed into their vehicle with his at what authorities say was about 100 miles an hour remains out of local detention following a Circuit Court hearing Oct. 28.

Assistant State's Attorney Laura Caspar argued before Judge Michael J. Stamm that Aleksander Ivanchev, 37, of Lexington Park, should never have been released from jail, even after being restricted to home detention with constant court monitoring.

She failed, though, in getting Stamm to revoke Ivanchev's bond.

Judge David Densford, nearly a month ago, had Ivanchev surrender his driver's license and passport at a late September bond hearing where he allowed the accused to be released on house arrest to recover from the injuries he sustained in the crash as well as to prepare for his trial.

Though Ivanchev has a wife and children here, he is a native of Bulgaria.

Since being placed on house arrest he is forbidden from driving.

The deceased, Shawn Bailey and



Aleksander Ivanchev

Melody Russell, were "incinerated," according to court documents filed by prosecutors, when Ivanchev's vehicle struck theirs at the intersection of Route 5 and Golden Beach

Road.

"I believe this was a suicide attempt," Caspar told The County Times of what she argued in court last Thursday. "He did not care who he took with him."

Caspar argued that video footage from surrounding vehicles and shops showed Ivanchev ran at least two red lights before colliding with the vehicle carrying Bailey and Russell, who Caspar said were either the sixth or seventh car through the intersection.

"That's not an accident," Caspar said. "That was murder."

Calls to Ivanchev's attorney were not returned as of press time; though in court documents his defense counsel has argued that the collision was the result of an accident.

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St. Mary's College of Maryland logo with the year 1840. Below it is a photograph of a wooden structure made of pallets, likely a memorial or art installation.

The Sacred Journey: Re-Making Our World Anew

Observing the first anniversary of the dedication of the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland.

Saturday, November 13 (rain or shine)

Panel of Remembrance and Reverence

1:30 p.m. Panel of Remembrance and Reverence
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Procession of Dignity

- 3:05 p.m. The Procession of Dignity from St. Mary's Hall to the Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
- 4:00 p.m. Program at Commemorative to Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland
- 4:20 p.m. Procession of Dignity from the Commemorative to the Waterfront
- 5:00 p.m. Waterfront Ceremony (includes reading the names of the enslaved)
- 5:30 p.m. The Reception of Reflection (includes refreshments)



Join our processional walk on the St. Mary's College campus as we observe the Commemorative's first anniversary. For more information and to RSVP by November 6, 2021: www.smcm.edu/sacredjourney

Proposed Commissioner Districts Go To Public Hearing

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Next week public hearings begin on a new, proposed map that reshapes the four county commissioner districts based on new population increases recorded in the 2020 census.

But the new map has come under criticism from one county commissioner as well as a member of the redistricting committee that approved it recently on a split vote.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who represents District 2, now encompassing Hollywood and Leonardtown drew the ire of several other commissioners when he spoke out against the proposed map during the comment portion of their Oct. 26 business meeting.

The new map greatly extends District 4 north, taking a significant piece of District 2 on the east side of Route 235 and goes all the way up to abut District 3 in the northern most section of the county.

District 3 also increases in size southward, also taking up a significant portion of District 2.

Conversely, District 2 also expands to take California, which for the last 10 years has rested solely in District 4.

District 1, the southern-most district, also takes a significant portion of a western salient of District 4, Great Mills.

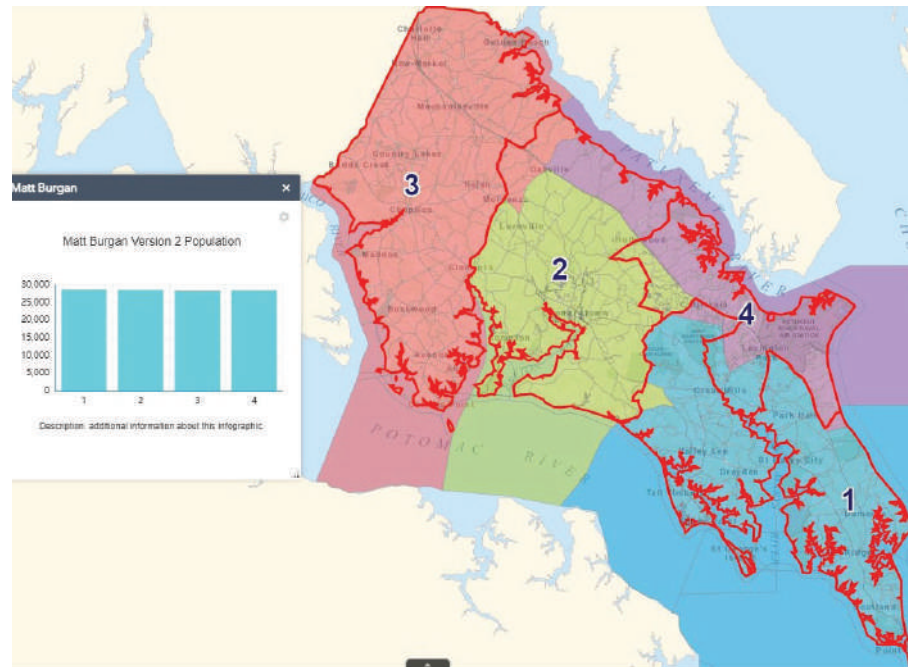
The new map would effectively divide communities such as Hollywood and California.

“What they’ve gone and done, they’re going to go ahead, in my opinion and break up communities,” Hewitt said before bringing out a large poster board of the proposed map to explain his position. “I’ve lived in the Leonardtown/Hollywood district or 42 years and I’m being redistricted into the Lexington Park district.

“It’s not about me but it’s important to understand what is behind these kinds of thought processes.”

The row started shortly.

“I’d say this is inappropriate and needs to be discussed by the commission as this is political in nature,” said Commissioner John O’Connor, as Hewitt continued his explanation of



what the proposed map would mean.

Commissioner President James “Randy” Guy attempted to stop Hewitt.

“Commissioner Hewitt we’ve got a redistricting board that’s is presenting this throughout the county,” Guy said as Hewitt continued.

“You can cut me off if you want to but the point is it was a 3-2 vote, we had a credibility issue if this was a fair distribution for the population and the truth is it wasn’t,” Hewitt retorted.

“There was no credibility issue and

it’s unethical for you to discuss it in this manner because you were affected by redistricting,” O’Connor intoned.

Guy cut off the discussion shortly after O’Connor spoke.

The public hearings begin Nov. 8 at the Valley Lee fire house, Nov. 10 at the county Governmental Center, Nov. 16 at the Charlotte Hall Library, Nov. 18 at the Lexington Park Library and Nov. 23 at the St. Mary’s County Governmental Center.

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The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 for the Veterans Day holiday. This includes the main office in Leonardtown, all satellite offices, and COVID-19 testing and vaccine operations. Notifications to COVID-19 positive patients and contact tracing efforts will continue during the holiday. Normal operations will resume on Friday, November 12, 2021.

COVID-19 testing continues to be available in the community at local urgent care centers and some primary care provider practices in the community. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

and need medical evaluation, contact your personal healthcare provider or a local urgent care facility. If you are experiencing a medical emergency please call 9-1-1 or seek care at the emergency department. For more information on local COVID-19 testing, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-testing.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccine or to make an appointment, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine. For local COVID-19 updates, information, and data visit smchd.org/coronavirus or call the SMCHD COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4330.

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Registration is required through the state's electronic vaccine registration system in order to schedule a vaccination appointment and receive COVID-19 vaccine through SMCHD; the additional phone support from the St. Mary's County Library is intended to assist those who may not have access to a computer or who require additional help with the electronic registration process. SMCHD posts vaccine appointments and eligibility information online at smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine. Please review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 Vaccination prior to regis-



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Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For local COVID-19 updates, information, and data visit smchd.org/coronavirus.

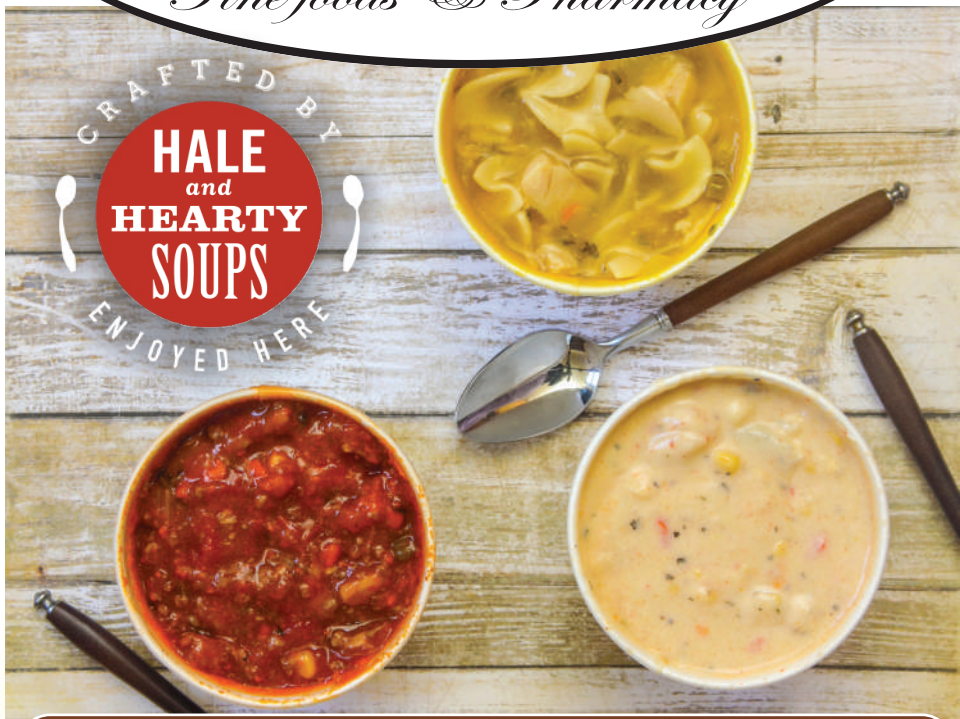
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Historic Sotterley Honored by Underground Railroad Free Press



The 2021 Underground Railroad Free Press Prize for Leadership has been awarded to Historic Sotterley of Hollywood for its exemplary Common Ground Initiative and Descendants Project that has brought together Black and White descendants of people who lived at Sotterley Plantation in the era of slavery.

Says Free Press publisher Peter H. Michael, "With this initiative, Historic Sotterley has become an American trailblazer in racial healing and understanding." To date more than 200 Sotterley descendants of both races living in thirty states and four countries have self-identified. Several, both Black and White, hold leadership positions on Historic Sotterley's governing board of trustees. A full calendar of public events closely involves the descendants. In April of 2017, Sotterley launched its Descendants Project when it dedicated its 1830s slave cabin exhibit to the memory of Agnes Kane Callum, a Sotterley descendant and board member emerita who descended from an enslaved person at Sotterley.

Dating from 1699, Historic Sotterley has been designated as a National Historic Landmark, a Middle Passage Port Markers Site, a UNESCO Site of Memory for the Slave Route Project, and has been honored with numerous awards such as a Maryland Sustainable Growth Award and two Maryland Preservation Awards.

Historic Sotterley has come far since its designation 25 years ago as one of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. At the time, a dedicated board of trustees helped to save Sotterley from being lost. Notable

were two special members: John Hanson Briscoe, former Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates who was descended from the last owner of enslaved persons at Sotterley, and Agnes Kane Callum, respected genealogist and historian, whose descendants were enslaved by the Briscoes. These remarkable individuals, who were not only board colleagues but friends, set the stage for the Descendant's Project which would be formalized two decades later.

Their children, Jan Briscoe and Martin Callum, serve on the board today along with three other Sotterley descendants. In a variety of capacities, descendants are helping to shape Sotterley's future, and they are modeling to our nation how it is possible to come together for understanding, dialogue, and healing.

For more on Historic Sotterley and its work, visit <https://www.sotterley.org>.

Published bimonthly since 2006, Underground Railroad Free Press brings together organizations and people interested in the historical and contemporary Underground Railroad. Since 2008, Free Press has awarded the annual Free Press Prizes for Leadership, Preservation and Advancement of Knowledge, regarded as the top honors in the contemporary international Underground Railroad community.

Free Press is the home of Lynx, the central registry of contemporary underground railroad organizations, and Datebook, the community's event calendar. Visit <http://urrfreepress.com> for more information.

Press Release from Historic Sotterley.

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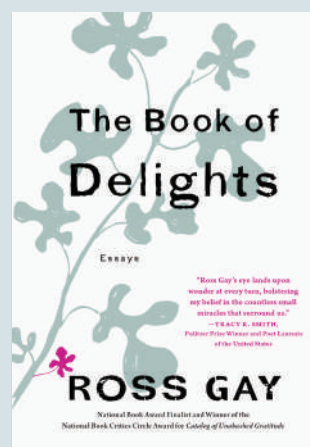
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SMADC Announces Mini-Grant Program Funding

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) is pleased to announce the 9th Round of the Southern Maryland Farmer Mini-Grant Program.

SMADC will begin accepting Mini-Grant applications on November 1, 2021. The Mini-Grant closes on January 1, 2022, with awards announced by mid-February, 2022.

The Mini-Grant program aligns with SMADC's mission 'to support farms and the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland and is designed to assist new and beginning farmers who own or lease existing agricultural properties with small start-up projects, and to assist experienced farmers who are looking to diversify or expand a current agriculture project. The projects should be simple in scope and must be successfully completed within one year.

SMADC awards will be up to \$2,000 per applicant and is a one-to-one match by the farmer. A total of \$41,195 in funding is available. However, it is anticipated that the number of applicants may exceed

the amount of funding available, therefore grant applications will be ranked and awards may be less than the requested amount.

Grant funds may be used for equipment/services that help transition a farm's sales strategy (such as online sales, home delivery, on-farm sales, etc.), for other projects that allow the farm business to maintain and/or expand sales, for the purchase of foundation livestock, purchase of plant stock, marketing and promotion of current farm operation, new fencing, hoop house, and materials needed for value-added food production and on-farm upgrades to enhance food safety.

"In short, the Mini-Grant truly set us up for success. We were able to professionalize our operation, increase productivity, create professional jars/labels, and have stock on-hand and ready to go as demand increased overnight," said Kenna Pope Williams, a Round 5 grant recipient, "Our projections for the business were greatly exceeded and our growth continues. We are very grateful to the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development



Commission for awarding us these funds and are excited for the future of our business."

To date, the program has received 166 applications with 124 funded for a total of \$195,813.

For complete details of the SMADC Southern Maryland Farmer Mini-Grant Pro-

gram, including Round 9 criteria and guidelines, and to access the online Grant application form, visit 'Farmer Resources' to find the 'Mini-Grants' page at www.SMADC.com.

Press Release from SMADC.

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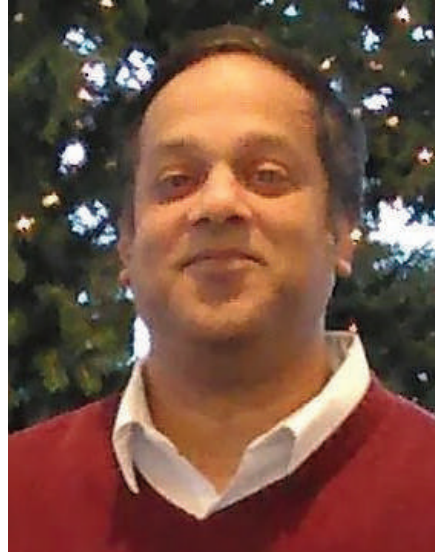
The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) recently welcomed George Kandathil as the Infrastructure and Planning Coordinator. Kandathil's breadth of expertise and educational achievements position him for success in this new endeavor.

In this newly-created position, Kandathil will spearhead planning initiatives developed in response to regional demand. He will manage targeted programs and analyze infrastructure trends and needs. Whether proposing solutions for statewide thoroughfares or supporting non-motorized initiatives that create recreational pathways, Kandathil strives to improve mobility and quality of life on a regional scale.

"My sincere hope is that my position impacts the region in a very positive way," Kandathil shared. "Through communication, planning, and research, I intend to coordinate with government officials, private industry, and other stakeholder groups to ensure that Southern Marylanders are able to continuously maintain and improve their standard of living."

Living and working in East Asia for seven years, Kandathil developed insights on sustainable modes of transit. "From public hearings to bicycle planning to even autonomous vehicle technology, I love all things transportation," he said.

A commitment to fulfilling the needs of evolving communities led him to pursue an MS in Transportation Planning and an MBA from the University of Maryland, College Park. Kandathil brings years of planning achievements



George Kandathil

to the Tri-County region. One key corridor project he developed won accolades from the Washington State Government.

"I was attracted by the opportunity to play a role in improving the lives of Southern Marylanders and others throughout the region. The Tri-County Council deals with several issues that are essential to everyday life, and I am happy to be a part of them," said Kandathil.

TCCSMD is confident that Kandathil's depth of experience will enrich the safety, sustainability, and ease of access for people living and working in the region.

"As an organization, we're devoted to building better, stronger communities. Hiring an Infrastructure and Planning Coordinator is a step forward as we meet regional needs today and anticipate them tomorrow," said TCCSMD Executive Director John Hartline.

Press Release from TCCSMD.

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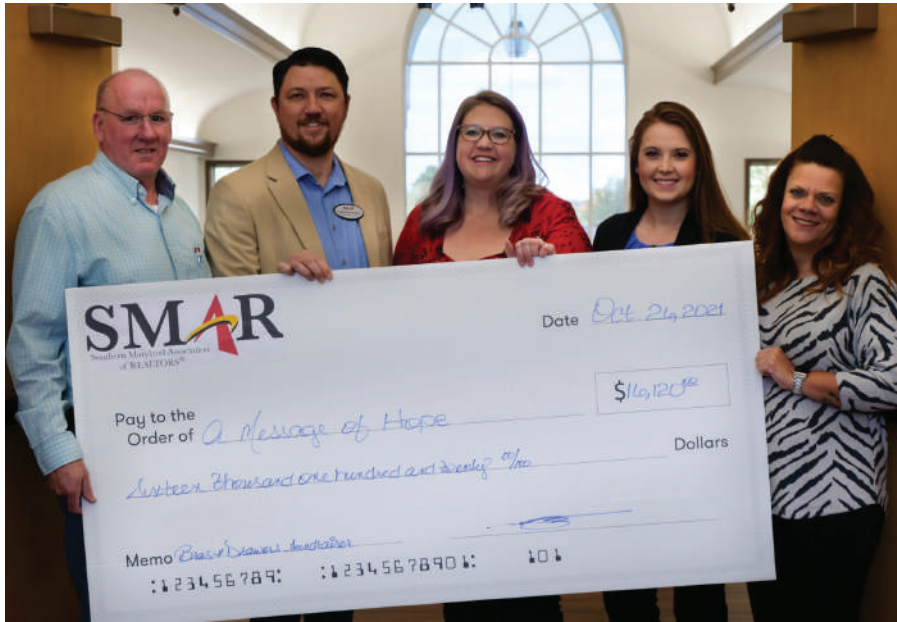
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Association Of REALTORS® Fundraiser Helps Cancer Patients



Pictured from left to right: Jimmy Hayden, Patrick Hilwig, Connie Gunn, Kate Brown, and Kelly Raley.

It was an energetic night at the Hughesville American Legion Post as community members packed the house for a fundraiser unlike any other in Southern Maryland.

The Southern Maryland Association of Realtors® (SMAR) hosted their 7th annual “Bras and Drawers for the Cause,” to directly support the nonprofit “A Message Of Hope Cancer Fund.” After a record-breaking fundraiser two years ago, the association has raised the bar once again, accumulating over \$17,911 in total donations.

The event featured men and women dressing in decorated “bras and drawers” and a variety of costumes, dancing around the room in hopes of raising the most money for charity.

The event also featured a live auction, a silent auction, and balloon pops. Each balloon popped contained a ticket to win a gift card donated by various local businesses.

“The night was a huge success,” SMAR 2020 President and the chairwoman of SMAR Cares Tanya Redding said of the event. “Having our members and the community come together after a year that was so hard on all of us was phenomenal. We crushed our expectations, and the southern Maryland community will be the ones who directly benefit from the generosity we saw.”

By the end of the night, SMAR’s members and affiliates had raised a total of over \$16,120 that goes to A Message Of Hope Cancer Fund and \$1,791 for SMAR Cares, the charitable arm of the association.

On October 26, 2021, SMAR Cares Director Connie Gunn was joined by SMAR’s community relations committee co-chair Patrick Hilwig, community relations committee member Kate Brown, SMAR’s community relations staff liaison Kelly Raley, and A Message Of Hope

President Jimmy Hayden to present a giant check for the donation.

“This was our best year yet. Helping A Message of Hope has always been one mission and SMAR Cares is excited we can continue to fulfill our role as one of their largest supporters, year after year,” Gunn said at the presentation. “Helping local families throughout our community is one of the many things Realtors stand for.”

SMAR Cares is hoping to continue its charitable success with an even bigger event next year.

“This is the 7th year that they have been hosting this fundraiser,” Hayden said. “We really appreciate all the support we get from the Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS®.”

The association would like to take the opportunity to thank the event sponsors and major contributors: First Home Mortgage, Waterstone Mortgage, Capitol Title Insurance Agency, Lakeside Title Company, Bayview Title, REMAX 100, REMAX One, Leonard Realty, Print Links, First Washington Mortgage, Blue Crab Title, Jeff Gay, EXIT By The Bay Realty, Stage & Co and Fairway Mortgage. We would also like to thank our silent auction sponsors: Southern Maryland Blue Crabs; Seabreeze Restaurant & Tiki Bar; Carrabba’s; Helen’s Café; Green Turtle in LaPlata; Krystal Clear Cleaning; Lighthouse Restaurant; April Sage; East Coast Collision; Paramount Property Management; Carrie Parent; Natalie Wood; The Beauty Bar in LaPlata; and the White Plains Moose Lodge – Waldorf Division.

Coming in December, SMAR is planning a “Senior Santa” collaboration, where nursing homes will provide names of elderly residents with little to no family in their lives who can be shopped for during the holidays by community members.

Press Release from SMAR.

Announcing the First Annual Leonardtown Photo Scavenger Hunt

Leonardtown, MD – The Commissioners of Leonardtown invite you to participate in the 1st Annual Leonardtown Photo Scavenger Hunt: A Day in the Life of Small Town America – “Focus” on Leonardtown, Maryland!

This fun-filled activity for the entire family is sponsored by the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District and the County Times. Help capture a day in the life of this vibrant Southern Maryland town by taking images that illustrate the 15 chosen themes (listed below) during one 24-hour day (12:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Veteran’s Day weekend between Thursday, November 11, 2021 to Sunday, November 14, 2021.

You can submit at least one photo in your chosen category (BEST OF will be chosen for each category), or submit all 15 to be entered into a drawing for a GRAND PRIZE! This exciting contest is for all ages and all levels from novice to professional photographers alike. An adult photo entry and one entry for photographers

under the age of 12 years will be selected in each category!

The contest Rules & Guidelines, Photo Contest Map and Scavenger Hunt Themes are included and available for download on the Photo Contest page at VisitLeonardtownMD.com/PhotoContest.

Grab your cameras and join us for the hunt! For questions or more information, please call 301-475-9791 or visit VisitLeonardtownMD.com/PhotoContest.

Contest Themes:

1. Animals/Birds
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3. Family
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT

Assault-

On October 22, 2021, Dep. Schell responded to the 20200 block of Roh Ranch Lane in Callaway, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Hezaiah Isaiah Fils-Aime**, age 21 of Callaway, assaulted two victims during an argument by tackling one victim and striking a second victim in the head. Visible injury was observed and Fils-Aime was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Hezaiah Fils-Aime

Assault-

On October 24, 2021, Cpl. Beishline responded to the 22200 block of Scott Circle in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Ronald George Flowers**, age 54 of Lexington Park, assaulted the victim by striking the victim in the face, and grabbing the victim's arm, causing visible injury. Flowers was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Ronald George Flowers

Assault-

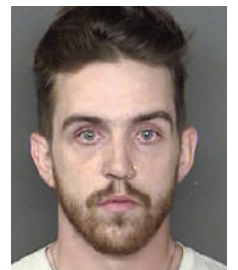
On October 24, 2021, Dep. Katulich responded to the 21600 block of St. Lo Place in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Carlos Isaisas Hernandez-Ticas**, age 19 of Lexington Park, kicked and pushed the victim to the ground, causing visible injury. Hernandez-Ticas was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.



Carlos Isaisas Hernandez-Tica

Violate Protective Order-

On October 26, 2021, Dep. Forbes responded to the 41400 block of New Market Turner Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported protective order violation. Investigation determined **Luke Delbert Dalton**, age 22 of Mechanicsville, contacted the victim in violation of a valid court order. Dalton was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



Luke Delbert Dalton

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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Community Copes With Sudden Loss



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

If there was anything members of the community of plain people — the Mennonites and the Amish — wish would change in the world around them is how those who drive motor vehicles share the roads with those who ride in horses and buggies and on bicycles.

The Mennonite community lost one of their own tragically last week when Ryan Cherrico, 31, of Mechanicsville, allegedly plowed into a horse and buggy operated by Henry Stauffer, 65, of Loveville while he was on the shoulder of Loveville Road, killing him.

Cherrico, believed by police to be under the influence of alcohol and driving a stolen Chevrolet pickup truck when he crossed the center line of the road and struck Stauffer, ran from the scene and was finally captured Nov. 2 and jailed in Leonardtown at the detention center.

He has been charged with numerous felony counts, including negligent homicide while under the influence and negligent manslaughter by vehicle.

Roger Zimmerman, a member of the Mennonite community who operates a bicycle shop, travels the roads in Loveville as the other members of his community do.

He said severe collisions involving the Mennonites and Amish and motor vehicles are rare and draw a great deal of attention, but less severe incidents happen much more often.

Zimmerman said he has had many such encounters himself while travelling on the shoulders of the narrow, country roads in his

community.

“When I’m biking to work and a car is coming up behind me, I try to listen if it’s changing speed,” Zimmerman said. “If I hear it changing [reducing] speed I know they see me.”

If he doesn’t hear a change in speed, he tries to evade the closing vehicle. So far he has mostly been successful.

But he has still had close calls.

“There have been times when a car mirror has almost hit me,” Zimmerman told *The County Times*. “I see them speeding up to take a blind turn and I think ‘What’s the rush?’”

When drivers choose to take a high-risk maneuver, such as a blind turn where they can see perhaps no more than 100 feet, Zimmerman said, and a member of the plain people is close by there may be only two options.

“Either they risk a head on collision or they have to swerve and maybe hit one of us,” he said.

He warns his daughters to always be cautious on the roads; many children and young people among the plain people bike and operate horses and buggies as well as adults.

“When they hear a car coming, I tell them to get as far off the road as you can,” Zimmerman said. “It was just about a month ago somebody got hit a little bit; he was on a horse.”

Though most close calls do not escalate to full catastrophes, Zimmerman said many drivers risk tragedy for five to 10 seconds shorter travel time.

He said many drivers might see an Amish or Mennonite traveler,

but may not truly notice them.

“We’d appreciate it if they’d slow down a bit,” Zimmerman said. “We’re glad for the ones who are a little overly careful.”

The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County spoke out about traffic collisions and fatalities in general this week, expressing their regrets over Stauffer’s tragic death.

Another county resident Mervyn Earl Hampton, 91, of Scotland was killed when he apparently suffered a medical problem and crashed into a tree in Lexington Park.

“Every time you turn around there is another traffic fatality in the county,” said Commissioner John O’Connor. “It doesn’t seem where we go 30 days or more — don’t hold me to this — without a severe traffic accident or fatality.”

Commissioner Todd Morgan lost his wife Maria to a devastating traffic collision in which she was hit by a distracted driver coming through a red traffic light years ago, not far from their home in Lexington Park.

He has battled for years to find ways to get local drivers to attenuate their behavior on the roads; he has even referred to county motorists as mostly “not good drivers” in testimony on traffic impacts for certain proposed projects.

He said the death of Stauffer brought up a deeply personal issue for him.

“It’d be really nice if people started paying attention, slowing down and being courteous to others,” Morgan said.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he attended the viewing for Stauffer, who was widely known in

the county regardless of the community affiliation due to his work as the manager at the Loveville Produce Auction, and said the turnout to honor the deceased’s memory was in the hundreds.

“There were buses from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and Kentucky,” Hewitt said. “It was a wonderful thing to see, this tribute to this man.

“It’s part of our culture [the community of plain people] it’s part of the rural character of St. Mary’s County we enjoy.”

Zimmerman said he and many others in their community were shocked to hear of what happened early that Oct. 27 morning.

He heard from a woman in his community that “something terrible had happened and that Henry had been killed.”

Stauffer was often known by only his first name or simply as “Henry out in Loveville,” Zimmerman said.

“Just hearing it like that... and he’s gone,” Zimmerman said. “He was here and then he wasn’t.

“It’s always a shock when someone goes like that.”

Stauffer, who also operated a butcher shop for wild game taken during the hunting season, was going to work at the produce auction the morning he was killed like he had each week for the past 16 years he helped to run it.

“How was he to know that was what was going to happen that morning?” Zimmerman asked. “You’ll never know if he saw that coming.”

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CSM Vice President Chosen for National Fellowship

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) today announced that CSM Vice President for Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey is one of 40 leaders selected for the 2021-22 class of the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship, a highly selective leadership program preparing the next generation of community college presidents to transform institutions to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success.

The Rising Presidents Fellows will embark on the 10-month fellowship beginning in November 2021. Delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, the fellows will be mentored by esteemed current and former community college presidents who have achieved exceptional outcomes for students throughout their careers, and will learn strategies to improve student outcomes in and after college, lead internal change, and create



CSM Vice President for Operations and Planning Dr. Bill Comey

strong external partnerships with K-12 schools, four-year colleges, employers, and other partners.

“To become institutions that truly advance social mobility and talent development, community colleges must have presidents with a clear vision for equitable student success,” said Monica

Clark, director of leadership initiatives at the College Excellence Program. “We have selected these fellows because they share that commitment and are well-positioned to become transformational leaders.”

“Bill has dedicated his career to developing innovative programs and services that expand access to higher education, assist students in identifying and achieving their goals, enhance the learning environment, and serve the community,” said CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy. “He is a thoughtful and dynamic leader – as demonstrated repeatedly over the last 17 months during the COVID-19 crisis. Bill’s tireless work to ensure the safety and well-being of our faculty, staff, and students during the pandemic allowed us to stay focused on student success and maintain the continuity of our mission. We are all thrilled to hear of Bill’s selection to the Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship and look forward to follow-

ing and supporting his continued success.”

The Aspen Rising Presidents Fellowship responds to the growing need for a new generation of leaders well-equipped to meet the challenges of the future. Nationally, nearly 80 percent of sitting presidents plan to retire in the next decade. While the traditional pathway to the presidency has often excluded women and people of color, the incoming class of Aspen Rising Presidents Fellows is composed of 68 percent women and 70 percent people of color, and represents institutions of varying sizes and locations.

Together, the 2021-22 fellows are leaders at colleges that collectively serve more than 400,000 students. As well, 67 Rising Presidents Fellowship alumni have become presidents of community colleges that collectively serve an additional 953,000 students nationwide.

Press Release from CSM.



Library Closed for Veterans Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Friday, November 12.

Veterans Day Author Talk with Wayne Karlin

Honor our war veterans by exploring their experiences through the work of local author and US Marine Corps Vietnam War Veteran, Wayne Karlin on Wednesday, November 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Following the Vietnam War, Mr. Karlin began an award-winning career documenting the veteran experience on both sides of the conflict. Mr. Karlin's work includes both fiction and non-fiction books as well as film and radio productions. Join our virtual interview as we talk with Mr. Karlin about his journey in Vietnam, his experiences working with Vietnamese authors and artists following the war, and his career as a professor of languages and literature for over thirty years with the College of Southern Maryland. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the

day before the event.

Keeping Deer Out of Your Garden

In this virtual presentation, Master Gardener Mariah Dean will discuss ways to deter deer from your garden using deer resistant plants, exclusion tactics, and types of fencing. Join us on Tuesday, November 16 from 6 – 7 p.m. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

St. Mary's Fort : With Dr. Travis Parno

Join us in welcoming archaeologist Dr. Travis Parno as he discusses his archaeological findings at St. Mary's Fort on Wednesday, November 17 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Dr. Parno is the Director of Research and Collections at Historic St. Mary's City. He has over 15 years of experience excavating and researching historic sites in Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Bermuda. In addition to overseeing the Department of Research and Collections, Dr. Parno runs Historic St. Mary's City's annual Field School in Historical Archaeology, the country's lon-



gest-running program of its kind. Register on www.stmalib.org to receive the link to the Zoom meeting the day before the event.

The Graphic Novel Round Table

Hey Tweens & Teens! Do you love graphic novels or comics? Come join us on Wednesday, November 17 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in our Graphic Novel Round Table! We will have an opening icebreaker, then we will share the latest graphic novels we have read with everyone. Mrs. Brittany will also share the newest graphic novels that the library has to offer. Register with an email address to receive the link. Register to receive the link on www.stmalib.org.

Amazing Apples Cider-Making Demo- 10am Session

Learn to make fresh apple cider! This event takes place at the pavilion in Fifth District Park in Mechanicsville on Saturday, November 20 in two sessions, the first from 10 – 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Learn about the life cycle of apples from seeds to trees and fruit, see how a cider press works,

then get hands-on and help make a batch of fresh apple cider! Please register each child who will attend (accompanying adults do not need to register) on www.stmalib.org. This program is rain-or-shine; we'll be under the covered pavilion, but dress for the weather!

We Tried!: An Audacious Art Program

Have you ever seen a piece of beautiful art and thought, “I could make that!”? Now is your chance to try! Saturday, November 20 from 2 – 4 p.m. In this program, you will be presented with famous art pieces that you will try to recreate just for the fun of it and test out your amazing (or not so amazing) art skills! We'll give you the materials and you supply the enthusiasm. It's okay if it looks NOTHING like the original. Laugh it off because hey, you tried! This is a virtual program held on Zoom. Supply kits will be available for registered participants a week before the meeting. Be sure to register with an email on www.stmalib.org to receive the Zoom link. Registration required. Intended for ages 10 to 18.

PAX Sound of Freedom Visits White Marsh Elementary



(l to r): Gerry Lague, Karen Myers, Harry Arnold (another teacher at White Marsh Elementary School), and Sylvia Lague.

On October 20, group leaders Gerry and Sylvia Lague and Jerre Stephens from PAX Sound of Freedom, visited White Marsh Elementary School in Mechanicsville. The students were attending an assembly and learning about the history and care of the U.S. flag from representatives of the American Legion from Avenue.

The American Legion provided each student in the school with a small U.S. flag and stand.

Karen Myers, a second-grade teacher at the school, invited

Quilts of Valor to the school and presented them with a quilt that had been completed by her former students. These pupils, who are now in sixth grade, created a patriotic themed quilt with handwritten personal messages suitable for either a veteran or active duty service person.

PAX Sound of Freedom will award this special quilt to a military person at an upcoming quilt presentation.

Press Release from PAX Sound of Freedom.

COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available for Children Ages Five & Older



The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has updated the eligibility criteria for local COVID-19 vaccine clinics to include children ages 5 through 11 years of age in accordance with updated authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 through 11 years of age is administered as a two-dose primary series, 3 weeks apart, but is a lower dose (10 micrograms) than that used for individuals 12 years of age and older (30 micrograms). Please note: the Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized for those under the age of 18, and parental consent is required.

"We have already seen strong effectiveness of these vaccines in

preventing serious illness from COVID-19 in those aged 12 and older. People fully vaccinated also have a lower likelihood of getting infected and possible long-term complications from COVID-19 illness," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "The currently authorized COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 - 11 years is 1/3 of the dose used for ages 12 and older. We encourage parents to consider it in order to protect their children."

For more information or to make a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, please visit smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine-kids or call the SMCHD COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4330. Please review the allergy guidance and the FAQs for SMCHD COVID-19 Vaccination prior to registering for a vaccine appointment.

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College Alumnus Featured in Gallery Exhibition



(L-R) Boyden Gallery Director Erin Peters, Professor of Art Carrie Patterson, and St. Mary's College alumnus Eli Hill '21

Over the summer, St. Mary's College of Maryland held its annual St. Mary's Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program, which provides students opportunities to engage deeply in independent research, laboratory and creative work across disciplines, under the guidance and with the expertise of faculty mentors.

Now an alumnus, art major Eli Hill '21 worked with mentor Carrie Patterson, professor of art, on his SURF project titled "Metropolis Scrolling."

"For Eli's project, I was on campus almost every day with him for six weeks. I was watching and guiding how he set things up, how he mixed paint, what size brushes he used, how he stored paint, how the light was projected, what the ideas were, and finally helping set goals that were possible to attain," said Patterson. "Originally the goal was to complete 25 small works on paper, and 10 large-scale paintings, but we had to adjust - in terms of expectations - to 20 works on paper and six large-scale paintings."

That body of work created during SURF is now on display in the College's Dwight Frederic Boyden Gallery and Collection through November 20, 2021, in the exhibition titled "Metropolis Scrolling with Eli Hill." According to Patterson, "Part of what he did during SURF was apply for two solo shows."

Hill's Boyden Gallery exhibition incorporates in-process video projection with music he selected. Using a plethora of media, Hill translates his experience as a young Black man raised in Washington, D.C., into imagery and sound. Relying on personal, distinct symbolism, he weaves a non-linear story of joy, chaos, resolve and determination. This story captures mundane imagery and pop culture references to highlight humor, absurdity and survival through gesture, marking, color, symbolic representation and scale.

Continued Patterson, "The Boyden Gallery experience was such a gift and opportunity provided by Boyden Gallery Director Erin Peters. The art department is grateful for her showcasing one of our recent grads and also Eli is grateful for the professional opportunity."

This was Hill's first exhibition and first time really showing others his artwork, saying he typically doesn't share his work. Hill said it was "cool seeing and

hearing people's interpretations of my work."

Hill was grateful for the SURF opportunity and especially grateful for Patterson, for helping him through the entire process. Hill said he was appreciative of Peters not just coming out to see his work but noticing that it was something that needed sharing.

"I was thrilled to see Eli develop as a student artist in submissions to two years of the annual all-student show and the Studio Art Capstone exhibition. From seeing his work in these contexts, Eli's maturity, intellectualism, and artistic potential was evident," said Peters. "This became exceptionally clear when Carrie and Eli invited me to see the first four large-scale paintings of Metropolis Scrolling in the art studios in summer 2021 - I was struck, and knew the whole body of work would be artistically intricate and conceptually complex. I am continually intrigued by Eli's use of media that are not immediately evident to create a processual body of work."

According to Peters, there were additional reasons Hill's work was chosen as the primary exhibition for the fall 2021 semester. "I wanted to showcase that we are updating our mission and vision as the public gallery to expand creative and underrepresented voices - towards this aim, Eli is a recent graduate - recent graduates are rarely represented with solo exhibitions - who was a commuter and a transfer student. Commuting and transfer students are also underrepresented at SMCM and other traditionally residential colleges and universities. Most importantly, it is especially important to add Eli's voice as a person of color to those long present in the contemporary art community of Southern Maryland."

SURF is made possible by generous support from the Office of the Provost, St. Mary's Foundation and other internal funding at St. Mary's College, in addition to Dominion Energy Inc. The Boyden Gallery and Collection is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org). The gallery was recently awarded a MSAC grant in recognition of its efforts to expand creative and underrepresented voices.

Press Release from St. Mary's College of Maryland

Tackle Box Fishing Report



Dwane Clomax caught this 6 lb 5 oz Bullhead catfish with Bellador Charters out of Tall Timbers. This appears to be a state record for this species.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

The storm last Friday had a monumental tide surge that had docks underwater and water in the trees. The high water mark probably measured in the top ten of the last four decades and was pretty much a surprise.

There is still a lot of debris and floating hazards everywhere in the creeks, rivers, and bay. This event will speed the migration of our summer visiting fish. Spot, mackerel, bluefish and redfish will be migrating to the ocean as the water cools and clears.

However, this is rockfish weather. Striped bass will school up and feed on the plentiful baitfish that have permeated creeks, rivers, and bay.

There was little fishing in the last four days because of the conditions. This will make us all pioneers on our next trip out. The

rock should be plentiful in the rivers for trollers using tandems and umbrellas. The fish will be active at Cedar Point Rip at dawn and dusk. The reefs south of Point No Point should be holding rockfish all day. Breakers will be popping up most everywhere attracting diving sea birds.

Catfishing in the Potomac above St. George Island is very good for bait fishing using cut alewife and mud shad. There are catfish off the shore line in Breton Bay, Chaptico, and Bushwood wharf. The upper Patuxent has plenty of big catfish.

Crappie are active in St. Mary's Lake for lure casters using tine jigs. Live minnows are excellent bait too. The bass there are jumping on deep diving crank baits.

Trout were stocked by DNR last week, and those targeting them have had good catches.



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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Timeline, Discharge Details for Service Members Refusing COVID-19 Vaccine Announced

With COVID-19 vaccines now mandatory for all military members, the Navy has announced plans to start processing for discharge those who refuse vaccination without a pending or approved exemption.

The Navy's mandate began at the end of August after the release of the Secretary of Defense memo instructing military departments to enact the new vaccination requirement for DoD uniformed personnel who are not medically or administratively exempt. With the release of ALNAV 062/21 and NAVADMIN 190/21, all service members were given 90 days to comply.

Now, NAVADMIN 225/21, released Oct. 13, sets a deadline for all active-duty Sailors to be fully vaccinated by Nov. 28, while those in the selected reserve have until Dec. 28. The message also outlines the consequences for failing to comply.

This deadline makes Nov. 14 and Dec. 14 the final days active and selected reserve, respectively, can receive the second of the two required shots for a two-dose vaccine or the single dose of a one-dose vaccine, and complete the 14-day waiting period required to achieve full vaccination.

Sailors must be prepared to execute their mission at all times, in places throughout the world, including where vaccination rates are low and disease transmission is high. Immunizations are of paramount importance to protecting the health of the force and the warfighting readiness of the Fleet.

"To date, over 98% of active-duty U.S. Navy service members have met our readiness responsibility by completing or initiating a COVID-19 vaccination series, ensuring the continued readiness of our worldwide deployable Navy" said Adm. William Lescher, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, in the message.

The Navy's policy goal is to achieve a fully vaccinated force against the persistent and lethal threat of COVID-19.

"Tragically, there have been 164



deaths within the Navy family due to COVID-19, far exceeding the combined total of all other health or mishap related injuries and deaths over the same time period," wrote Vice Adm. John B. Nowell, Jr., the Chief of Naval Personnel. Of those, he noted, 144 were not immunized. The vaccination status of the remaining 20 remains undetermined.

To oversee the administrative discharge process for those refusing the vaccine, the Navy established the COVID Consolidated Disposition Authority (CCDA). This, Lescher wrote, will "ensure a fair and consistent process" for separation determinations.

The Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) is the CCDA for the administrative separation processing of Navy service members, with the Chief of Navy Reserve (CNR) providing support to the CCDA for cases involving Navy service members in the Selected Reserve. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations retains authority for non-judicial punishment and courts-martial.

Administrative actions may begin as soon as a Navy service member meets the definition of "refusing the vaccine", which is a Navy service member who received a lawful order to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, is not or will not be fully vaccinated on the date required by the order, and does not have a pending or approved exemption request.

Effective immediately upon the

release of the message, commands shall not allow Sailors refusing the vaccine to promote or advance, reenlist, or execute orders, with the exception of separation orders, until the CCDA has completed disposition of their case. Transfer orders may be cancelled by Navy Personnel Command.

For officers and enlisted serving in Navy leadership roles refusing the vaccine, they will be notified immediately in writing that they have five days to either begin a vaccination series or request an exemption before being relieved and have detachment for cause initiated.

Senior leaders are members of command triads and those key staff positions, including any flag officer or flag officer select, regardless of their current billet. A complete list of these positions is found in the message.

With COVID-19 vaccination now mandatory, commanders, commanding officers, or officers in charge, with the concurrence of the first flag officer in the chain of command, are authorized to temporarily reassign Navy service members who refuse the COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of exemption status, based on operational readiness or mission requirements.

Commanding officers must identify those refusing the vaccine and verify that the Sailors have an initial counseling NAVPERS 1070/13, or "Page 13." Within 30 days of a Navy service member re-

fusing the vaccine, reporting seniors must submit a special evaluation or fitness report. In addition to documenting failure to comply with individual medical readiness responsibilities, the report shall document other facts as appropriate, including any misconduct related to UCMJ Art. 92.

Commands are required to report Sailors refusing the vaccine to Commander, Navy Personnel Command. Rules differ depending on whether the member is an E-6 and above or officer, or an E-5 and below. Information on reporting procedures for each, along with points of contact, are available in the NAVADMIN.

For Navy service members refusing the vaccine, the CCDA also retains the authority for administrative processes regarding removal of warfare qualifications, additional qualification designations (AQD), Navy Enlisted Classifications (NEC), or subspecialties, except in cases where removal authority is otherwise authorized by law or Executive Order. The CCDA may also seek recoupment of applicable bonuses, special and incentive pays, and the cost of training and education for service members refusing the vaccine.

Those separated only for vaccine refusal will receive no lower than a general discharge under honorable conditions. This type of discharge could result in the loss of some veterans' benefits.

Navy service members who started terminal leave on or before the applicable deadlines are administratively exempted from vaccine requirements.

Sailors seeking an exemption to the vaccine mandate can apply for medical reasons or a religious accommodation. Details on how to apply for each are available in NAVADMIN 190/21.

Complete information on the administrative ramifications of vaccine refusal can be found in NAVADMIN 225/21. Information on the Navy's COVID-19 policy is in ALNAV 062/21 and NAVADMIN 190/21.

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 for the most up-to date information

Special Veterans Events at Loffler

The Loffler Senior Activity Center will host a day of special events for veterans on Friday, November 5. The Annual Veterans Circle Celebration will take place from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Reservations are required for the ceremony and can be made by leaving a message on our reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Limited seating available for this portion of the day. Veterans are free, Civilians \$3.

Beginning at 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. there will be a Free Veterans Resource Day, which will be open to the public. (No reservations required) Several organizations will be available to share information and a presentation by the MD Department of Veterans Affairs will be done at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Sarah Miller, at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Center closed for all other activities on this day

- Presentations
- Maryland Dept. Of Veterans Affairs – 1 p.m.
- Informational Tables
- Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
 - Disabled American Veterans
 - Maryland Department of Labor - Veterans Services
 - Maryland's Commitment to Veterans

- The Vet Center
- Wounded Warrior Project
- ClearCaptions

Art Pottery Jewelry

Our pottery operation at the Northern Senior Activity Center is firing back up so be on the lookout for various projects! Up first is a two-part jewelry making class to be held on Fridays, Nov. 5 and 19, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., led by Pam King. The fee for this class is \$10. All materials are provided, such as clay, pins and glaze with firing fees also included. There will be various shape cutouts to choose from so you can customize your pieces. Finished art will be available for pickup on Tuesday, Nov. 23. If interested, please call the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115, to leave a reservation request message and staff will call you back.

Play with Watercolors with T. L. Ford

Come learn the basics of watercolor painting in a relaxing, informal setting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, November 9 & 16 at 1:30 p.m. No experience or drawing skills are necessary and everything you need is provided. For November, we'll be painting a gecko and a floral pumpkin. The cost for the class is \$20, payable in advance. Secure your spot in the class by calling the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

Health Eating during the Holidays

Donna Taggart, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician, will be at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Monday, Nov. 15 at noon. This is perfect time to get help and answers to your healthy eating questions. The topic for November will be Healthy Eating During the Holidays! There is no cost to attend; however, advance sign up is required. Register for the presentation by calling the request line at 301-475-4200 ext. 3115.

Five Element Qi Gong at Loffler

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be teaching Five Element Qi Gong in 3 sessions on Tuesday Nov. 16, Thursday Nov. 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. It is important to attend all 3 sessions to learn the entire series. Qigong is an exercise which cultivates better and stronger Qi in order to develop and maintain stronger health. Five Element Qigong is an ancient Chinese philosophy that all things in the universe are made up of five elements: wood, fire, earth, metal, and water which represent the five major organs in the human body. Though in itself, Five Element QiGong is a stand-alone exercise which anyone can learn with no previous skills required, it also enhances and develops a deeper understanding of the Tai Chi routines, which are comprised of QiGong movements. Learn how to practice Five Element QiGong whether or not you have studied Tai Chi. Five sessions. Free. Call the Loffler reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 1660 and leave a message to sign up.

Taking Care of Your Mental Health: Anxiety & Coping Skills

As we age life's events can often become overwhelming. During this it's even more important to take care of your mental wellness. The Garvey Senior Activity Center has collaborated with

Hope & Healing Psychotherapy, LLC to bring a series of mental health related presentations to the Garvey Senior Activity Center. On November 16 at 12:30 p.m. the topic presented is Anxiety & Coping Skills. Advance sign up and payment of \$5 is required. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to register in advance.

November Health Watch Presentation at Loffler

The topic Mary Tennyson will present for November at the Loffler Senior Activity Center is Build Up Your Immune System on November 17 at 10 a.m.

Now is the time to strengthen your body's resistance to illness! Get some tips to help you stay healthy during this flu/virus season. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1660 to sign up for this free talk. Limited seating available.

November Video at Loffler

The Americans in the Bulge will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, November 18 at 10 a.m.: Tour the frozen Ardennes Forests to Malmédy, St. Vith and Bastogne and see how the surprise Nazi plan to encircle and destroy the Allied armies was foiled by the actions of U.S. forces. Visit the frozen foxholes and fog-shrouded hills of the battlefield, listen to veterans who fought there and learn how they pushed the Nazis back behind their Siegfried Line. The production uses animated maps, archival footage and first-hand accounts to explain the Battle of the Bulge. 90 min. Free. Register to see this video by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1600.

Loffler Book Club News

The next meeting of the Loffler Book Club will be Friday, November 12, at 2 p.m. We are reading *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V. E. Schwab. If you are interested in joining our casual, peer-led discussion group, contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Nov. 4

St. John's School Pumpkin Dash—Pet Edition

Virtual

6a.m. to 6p.m.

You and Your furry (or slimy) pets "Pumpkin Dash-Pet Edition", the St. John's School Eagle Virtual 5K Run-Walk and 10K Bike Ride (1-Mile Run-Walk and 3-Mile Bike Ride for Ages 10 and Under)

Anytime between Nov. 4—10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 6th

Anywhere

Run, Walk, Bike, Treadmill, Stationary Bike

For more details visit:

sjshollywood.org/st-johns-eagle-5k-run-walk-10k-bike-october-31st-november-6th-2021/

SOMD Vegan Restaurant Week

St. Mary's & Calvert Counties

8a.m. to 7p.m.

Back by popular demand, ALL diners are invited to enjoy animal-free dishes during this local celebration of creative and compassionate culinary delights:

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

-Botanic Deli—Café

-Ruddy Duck Alehouse

-IL Piccolo Morso

-Good Earth Natural Foods

CALVERT COUNTY

-Lotus Kitchen

-Lobby Coffee Bar & Café

-Ruddy Duck Brewery

-Hook & Vine

Follow the Facebook event page for menus and updates

fb.me/e/jP8z5a81j

Friday, Nov. 5

St. Mary's County Woman's Club Clothing Drive

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

9:30 am to 12:30p.m.

The purpose of this event is to raise money for the Club's scholarship fund. The organization awards three scholarships annually to students who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence.

Items that are accepted include all types of clothing and shoes; accessories such as handbags, belts, backpacks, hats scarves, briefcases (but no suitcases), gloves and ties; and household items such as blankets, tablecloths, bed linen, draperies, curtains, pillows, towels, small rugs, quilts and

comforters. All types of toys, stuffed animals and bicycles of all size are also accepted.

Items should be put into large tightly tied plastic bags, with the exception of toys that should be put into boxes.

Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be available.

For more information, contact Betty Currie at 301 373-4816 or Carole Romy at 301 863-6969.

Special Veterans Events at Loffler

Loffler Senior Activity Center,

21905 Chancellors Run Rd

Great Mills, MD 20634

9a.m. to 3p.m.

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•Disabled American Veterans

•Maryland Department of Labor—Veterans Services

•Maryland's Commitment to Veterans

•The Vet Center

•Wounded Warrior Project

•ClearCaptions

Saturday, Nov 6

All Faith Church Dinner: Oysters/Stuffed Ham/Chicken

28165 Hills Club Rd Mechanicsville

Noon to 5p.m.

All Faith Church will host their Annual Fall Dinner at the Mechanicsville VFD on Saturday, November 6th. Noon—5:00 pm. No pre-ordering. DRIVE-THRU ONLY. Serving 800+ meals—first come, first served! \$28/dinner includes: SoMD stuffed ham, fried oysters, fried chicken, green beans, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, pickled beets, applesauce and a roll. Two drive-thru lanes taking cash, check or credit card. Bake goods for sale separately while in drive-thru lanes, cash preferred.

Community Carnival Craft & Vendor Fair

The King's Christian Academy

20738 Point Lookout Road,

Callaway

Noon to 6p.m.

The KCA Community Carnival, Craft & Vendor Fair is BACK! This event is OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. We are excited to have you join us for a day of fun on November 6, 2021, from noon to 6 p.m. We will have over 35+ carnival games and attractions, including a Zip Line, Pony Rides, Big Baller, Mobile Ninja Warrior Course, Laser Tag, and more! There will also be 30+ Crafters & Vendors! You can shop for yourself or the upcoming holidays! Bring your appetite; we will have freshly grilled food and treats for sale (reasonably priced). T-Bone and Heather from STAR 98.3 will be broadcasting live at the carnival from 2—4 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at this family-friendly, fun event!

For more information, call 301-994-3080 or visit our website www.KCAeagles.org

Sunday, Nov.7

Mechanicsville Moose Texas Holdem

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge

27636 Mechanicsville Road

Mechanicsville

1p.m. to 10p.m.

\$120.00 Buy in (includes Bounty)

Starting Stack 20,000 chips

Registration opens at 12pm. Pre-registration is encouraged but not necessary

There will be one re-entry for players who bust out until the second break.

Blind levels will change every 20 minutes

Cash Game will start at 12 pm for

anyone interested and will run concurrent with the tournament.

Food available for additional cost.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and cash wheel separate from tournament entry.

For more information please contact James Dean

240 577 0828

jdeanjunior@gmail.com

Monday, Nov 8

Pax River Quilters Guild

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church

20850 Langley Road

Lexington Park

6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Pax River Quilters Guild Welcomes You

Visit our Website www.paxriverquiltguild.com or our Facebook page Pax River Quilters Guild for more information to join our group.

Pax River Quilts Guild is a 501(c) (3) Organization and is open to everyone.

Currently meetings are online 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Following CDC Guidelines. This Month Monday Nov 8, 2021, We

will be having an in-person and Hybrid zoom meeting. Show and Tell and then Demos by Guild members, Mosaic quilt techniques, Machine quilting, hand quilting, interfacing ideas,

Sale tables will be set up for non quilting fabric and Quilting books. For more info contact Cindy Miskolczi 301-769-1151.

Tuesday, Nov 9

Monthly Adult Grief Group

23630 Hayden Farm Ln

Leonardtown, MD

5p.m. to 6p.m.

Adult support groups are designed for individuals, 18+, who have lost a loved one through death. All groups will be held at the Leonardtown Library. Space is limited, please call 301-994-3023 for details.

Fall 2021 Drop in Adult Schedule:

November 9—5:30 to 7:00 pm

December 14—5:30 to 7:00 pm

Groups will transition to virtual if required.

We do not charge a fee for our services. We ask only that those who are able to make a donation do so. Our goal is to continue to provide grief services to all members of our community, whether or not they have had a loved one served by Hospice of St. Mary's.

The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

Henry Brubacher Stauffer



Henry Brubacher Stauffer, 65, of Loveville, MD passed away on October 27, 2021 in Loveville, MD. Born on February 25, 1956 in Loveville, MD, he was the son of Annie Gehman Brubacher Stauffer and David Martin Stauffer. Henry was the husband of Alma Martin Sensenig Stauffer. He is survived by his children Arlene Stauffer of Loveville, MD, Verna M. Stauffer Martin (Sylvan) of Ephrata, PA, Henry Stauffer (Julie S.) of Homer City, PA, Daniel Stauffer (Jenna S.) of Loveville, MD, Nancy Stauffer (Andrew S.) of Indiana, PA,

Ivan Stauffer (Verina) of Loveville, MD, Rachel Stauffer of Loveville, MD, Elsie Stauffer (Philip S) of Armagh, PA, Elvin Stauffer (Janice) of Loveville, MD, Marcus Stauffer (Brenda) of Loveville, MD, Marion Stauffer (Daniel) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Evelyn Stauffer of Loveville, MD, along with forty seven grandchildren. Henry is also survived by his siblings David Stauffer (Edna) of Loveville, MD, Samuel Stauffer (Edith) of Elkhorn, KY, Mahlon Stauffer (Alice) of Loveville, MD, Susannah Sensenig of Ephrata, PA, Luke Stauffer (Ruth) of Indiana, PA, Nathaniel Stauffer (Miriam) of Loveville, MD, Michael Stauffer (Connie) of Loveville, MD, Christian Stauffer (Dawn) of Hillsboro, OH, and Joseph Stauffer (Karen) of Loveville, MD. He was preceded in death by his son Jonas Stauffer.

Henry worked on the family farm in Loveville, MD.

The family received friends on Monday, November 1, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, a second visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Stauffer family home. A funeral service was held on November 2, 2021 at 8:45 AM in the Stauffer Mennonite Church, Loveville, MD. Interment followed in the Stauffer Mennonite Cemetery, Loveville, MD.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrange-

ments provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Martha P. Carroll



Martha P. Carroll (Patti) was born October 9, 1941 to Martha Priscilla (Snyder) Mower (Marti). When Marti later married Marvin Lokey, he loved and raised Patti as his daughter as well. Patti passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on October 28, 2021.

Patti enjoyed owning and operating a day care center with her partner Barb for over 35 years. Patti loved teaching the children arts and crafts, helping them learn all the basics like colors, numbers, ABC's and how to read and write. Her day care parents always knew when they came to take their youngsters home, Patti would have already helped them with any homework or assignments. In addition to painting landscapes, doing puzzles and numerous craft projects, Patti maintaining her yard as one of the best in the neighborhood and was known for having the cleanest floors anywhere.

Patti was preceded in death by her partner of 43 years, Barbara Bowden and in April of this year by her former husband and best friend Allen J. Carroll. Patti was also predeceased by her mother Marti (Snyder) Lokey, father Marvin Lokey and foster brother Ron (Dinky) LaVelle.

Patti is survived by her son Vincent (Randy) Carroll, her Uncle Charles (Bucky) Snyder and her foster sister Sharon Keenan.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all those who helped care for Patti in the last years of her life, most especially the Care with Grace family and Patti's special angel Chris Newman.

Flowers may be sent to Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home or donations may be made to either The Clements Cuties (www.clements-cuties-foundation.org) or the Dementia Society of America.

Viewing will be held at Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home (41590 Fenwick St, Leonardtown MD) November 9th

at 10:00 am with services to follow at 11:00 AM. Internment will be at Charles Memorial Gardens followed by a repast held at Real Life Church at 27399 Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

James Juston Coady



James Juston Coady, 88, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Chesapeake Shores in Lexington Park, MD. He was born on August 6, 1933 in Washington, DC to the late, James Joseph Coady and Helen Katherine Hoffman.

Jimmy met and married the love of his life, Shirley Mae Coady and they lived a wonderful life together until her untimely passing. He missed his wife and spoke of her often. Family and friends are now rejoicing knowing they have been reunited in heaven.

He moved to St. Mary's County in the early 80's. He would spend countless hours driving around the county with his dog, Joey, stopping often to talk or offer a hand. He would love to tell people stories of growing up in the South-East side of DC, where he was a boxer and a swimmer as a young man. Jimmy supported his family as a roofer and other ventures. He had a strong work ethic and was known for his impeccable work. A man with a heart of gold, Coady would help anyone in need. He was a dedicated and honorable friend and the very best person to have in your corner. You never saw Coady without his beloved pup, Joey. They were the best of friends.

Whether you know him as Bucky, Jimmy, Coady, Mayor of Country Lakes, or friend, you knew a wonderful and caring man. He will leave behind a legacy of strength and kindness.

Jimmy is survived by his brother, Ed Coady "Sharon" of FL; his sisters, Shirley McCallister "Gary" and Nancy Coady, of PA and many close friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Mae Coady, his beloved daughter Sharon Lynn and parents, James and Helen Coady.

A visitation for Jimmy will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three



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Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Funeral Service will be held 12:30 p.m. with interment immediately following at Charles Memorial Gardens, 26325 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

Shirley Jean Lease



Shirley Jean Lease, 90, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. She was born April 4, 1931 in Berwyn Heights, MD to the late Arthur Hyman den Hartog and Edith Emily (Hubbard) den Hartog.

Shirley graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1948. She was employed with the Federal Government as an Accounting Technician with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Services for 34 years. After retirement she continued to work within the Maryland School District for 15 additional years. Shirley loved her puppies, Panhead and Rusty, and enjoyed gardening and watching her favorite shows. She valued spending time with her family and dear friends, as well as chatting on the phone with them.

A caring and wonderful woman has left her family to mourn her passing, but remember her beautiful smile and rejoice in the impact she made in your life. As you see the sun shining bright in the morning and hear the birds singing their song, know Shirley is at peace surrounded by her family and pups, sending you love and light.

Shirley is survived by her son, Arthur Leroy Lease of Charlotte Hall, MD; daughter-in-law, Carol Elizabeth Keats of Prince Frederick, MD; grandson, Thomas Wayne Lease of Prince Frederick, MD; granddaughter, Linda Jean Russell of Prince Frederick, MD and great-granddaughter, Lilly Russell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Alan Lease; brother, Arthur Gerald den Hartog and sister-in-law, Ethel Pearl Becker den Hartog.

Condolences to the family may be

made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Elizabeth (Liz) Mary Medved



Elizabeth (Liz) Mary Medved, 54, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, passed away peacefully with her family by her side, October 21, 2021. She was born in Cheverly, Maryland on November 6, 1966, to Denis Joseph Moriarty and Ellen Theresa Moriarty "McAuliffe". She was one (1) of three (3) children.

She graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, Maryland and worked in a variety of administrative positions before starting her career as a U.S. Navy Operations Officer for the U.S. Government. Admired by many for her dedication and work ethic, she was committed to excellence.

She often said that her husband of 27 years, Christopher Medved was the love of her life. Together, they raised three wonderful children, Erin, Denis, and Jack. The family divided their time between their homes in Mechanicsville, Maryland and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. A water lover, you could find Liz on early mornings walking Finley, her beloved Boykin spaniel, along the beach.

Liz loved her family, her career, and people. She enjoyed cooking and entertaining. Never one to say no to someone in need, she opened her home for relaxation and fun.

To know Liz was to know a strong, loving, and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. The bright spot she brought into the lives of those who knew Liz will be missed.

She is survived by her beloved husband Christopher Medved of Mechanicsville, Maryland; her daughter, Erin Robyn Sutton of Mechanicsville, Maryland; her sons, Denis Joseph Medved of Mechanicsville, Maryland, and Jack Nicholas Medved of Mechanicsville, Maryland; her sisters, Maureen Ann Moriarty of Mt. Airy, Maryland and Kathleen Theresa Tichnell of Pasadena, Maryland; and her three (3) wonderful grandchildren.

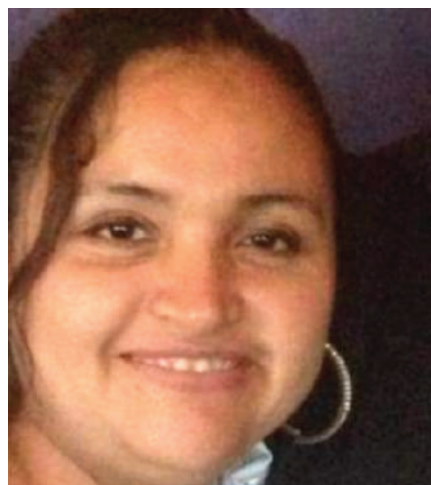
There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on November 4, 2021, at the Immaculate Conception Church, 28297

Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659, starting at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

Please make condolences to the family at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

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

Maria Olga Ruiz



Maria Olga Ruiz, 43 of California, MD (formerly of Milton, DE) passed away on October 26, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 20, 1977 in Santa Ana Pacuoco, Mexico to the late Ramon Ruiz Delgado and Carmen Maciel Chanero of Mexico.

Maria married Jose Carlos Herrera Esparza on February 20, 1993 in Mexico. She loved her husband and was devoted to him, always taking extra good care of him and spoiling him. She and her husband were partners, owning and operating the Plaza Tolteca Restaurant since 2013. She was a hard worker and always made sure her restaurant and staff were prepared and managed efficiently. Maria was an excellent cook and made the best Albondigas soup along with many other great dishes that all of her family really enjoyed. She was a great mom to her six children whom she adored. She loved caring for her children and grandchildren and would do anything for them, oftentimes being a little overpro-

tective because she only wanted the best for them. She and her family enjoyed taking trips to the beaches of Delaware including Rehoboth, Lewes, and Bethany Beach. She loved to sing and dance and just always loved to be a happy and free spirited person. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lexington Park, MD.

She is survived by her mother, Carmen; her husband, Jose; her children: Mayra Herrera Ruiz (Carlos) of Lexington Park, MD, Juan Carlos Herrera Ruiz (Savanna), Denise Herrera Ruiz, Ezequiel Herrera Ruiz, Rolando Herrera Ruiz, and Aaron Herrera Ruiz, all of California, MD; her siblings: Francisca Ruiz Maciel, Mercedes Ruiz Maciel, Josefina Ruiz Maciel, Aurora Ruiz Maciel, Marta Ruiz Maciel, Maria Luiza Ruiz Maciel, Felipa Luis Maciel, Agustina Ruiz Maciel, Maria Ruiz Maciel, Simon Ruiz Maciel, Margarita Ruiz Maciel, Lourdes Ruiz Maciel, Jose Ruiz Maciel, Carmela Ruiz Maciel, Ramon Ruiz Maciel, Francisca Ruiz Maciel, Juan Lopez Ruiz, Lourdes Lopez Ruiz, Salvador Lopez Ruiz, Tereza Lopez Ruiz, and Jose Guadalupe Lopez Ruiz; her grandchildren: Alexis Schaffer-Herrera, Liliana Herrera, and Carlos Santana Hernandez; and her extended family and friends.

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William "Bill" Curtis Millman

William "Bill" Curtis Millman, 75, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on June 16, 1946 in Washington, DC to the late, Curtis Aaron Millman and Amanda Jane Thomasson.

Bill enlisted in the US Navy in 1967 and received an honorable discharge in 1968. He then went on to serve in the Naval Reserve until 1971. Bill met and married the love of his life Juda and



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In Remembrance



they had been married for over 50 years. Their love grew and so did their family when they welcomed two children, Aaron and Kristie. He would go on to support his family of four as a computer specialist, and in retirement he sold cars locally.

He was a simple man who loved his family, God and country. May your memories of Bill put a smile upon your face.

He is survived by his wife, Juda Birchfield Millman of Mechanicsville; children, Aaron Millman and his wife Dasher of Prince Frederick, MD and Kristie Lawrence and her husband Lincoln of Lexington Park, MD; four (4) grandchildren, Calliope, Clara, Max and Landyn; and brother, Harry Millman of Winchester, VA. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Amanda Millman.

The family will hold both a private Memorial and Interment service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Bill's honor to Hospice of St.

Mary, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

Breanna Rose Fenwick



Breanna Rose Fenwick 23, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on October 22, 2021 at her home in Huntingtown, MD.

She was born on January 4, 1998 to Eric Fenwick and Christine Davis, Maryland.

Breanna went to Great Mills High School and she enjoyed being part of the choral program sharing her love of singing. She was working towards getting her GED. She worked in the customer service field in the food industry where she enjoyed meeting people. She took great pride in her work, helping customers and working with the vendors bringing merchandise to the store. Her hobbies included going to the beach, fishing and getting tattoos. Her favorite color was purple and that the same color of her favorite football team the Baltimore Ravens. Her greatest love was spending time with her children and grandparents.

In addition to her parents, Breanna is survived by her children Jamia Molls and Jazarah Fenwick; siblings; Jalashia Gross, James Gross, Calista Fenwick, Rianna Fenwick, E.J. Fenwick, Gage Fenwick and Alivianna Fenwick; her paternal grandmother Rose Fenwick of Lexington Park; paternal grandfather Windell Niles (Leslie Bryan) of Lexington Park, MD; Paternal great grandfather James Holmes; maternal side Aunts and Uncles Tracie King-Carter of Califor-

nia, MD; Sherry King-Davis of Lexington Park, MD; Anthony Charles Davis, William C. Davis III and Michael King all of Lexington Park, MD; Paternal Aunts and Uncles, Gloria Bryan, Cornelius Fenwick and DerAndre Gross; Paternal Great Aunts and Uncles, Percilla Fenwick, Lisa Thomas, Agnus Fenwick, Thomas Fenwick, Elvis Fenwick, Frankie Fenwick, Elijah Holmes and Ofori Holmes; her cousins Brittny Warwick of Lexington Park, MD; Shianne Newman of Waldorf, MD; Laryanne McConaty of Virginia, Valeriee Cromwell of Lexington Park and Gani-sha Niles and many extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents William c. Davis Jr and Rebecca Faye King, her maternal aunts Diane Dorsey of Lexington Park and Dawn McDonald of Baltimore, MD; her paternal great grandparents May and Jimmy Fenwick.

Memorial contributions are optional.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Rosemary Combs Hinkle



Rosemary Combs Hinkle, 73, of Charlotte Hall, MD passed away peacefully at her home with her daughter by her side on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Rosemary was born on May 17, 1948 in Hagerstown, MD to the late William Combs and Gladys (Buchanan) Combs.

A proud mother, Rosi was the fierce defender of her only child Diane. As the years passed Rosemary was extremely proud of the wonderful woman she raised.

Rosi spent many years as a realtor and loved knowing she was helping families find their forever home. She was an active member of Crabtowne (Annapolis), Fleet Reserve and Annapolis Sail and Ski Club. Being on the water brought her a deep peace. No matter the stress of life, as the sails caught the wind, Rosi relaxed and enjoyed the calm of the moment.

She was considered the entertainer and party planner in her friend group. If plans were being made, Rosi was on the top of the list to bring the best

food and beverage to make every event memorable.

She was an avid and much sought-after pet sitter. Her love of animals made her a special person to her furry friends.

Rosi had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit that stayed with her till the end. She would joke with her family, friends and caretakers even through some very difficult times.

Rosi is survived by her daughter, Diane Hinkle of Mechanicsville, MD and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Gladys Combs.

A Life Celebration for Rosi will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Rosemary's name to Hospice of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

Robert Eugene Ulibarri



Robert Eugene Ulibarri, age 82 of Bridgeville, DE, passed away on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at Tidal-Health Nanticoke Hospital in Seaford, DE. He was born on April 21, 1939, in Coffeyville, KS, son of the late Seraphim and Louise (Cross) Ulibarri.

Bob proudly served in the United States Navy. He was a dedicated employee who worked as a government contractor for decades. Aside from time spent with his beloved wife, Sandi and his family, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; Bob's hobbies and love of barbershop quartet kept him active and traveling to competitions all over the country. When he wasn't traveling for singing, he would be found diligently at his computer playing with the stock market or tearing apart and building computers and operating systems.

After retirement, Bob took a contractor job overseas in Kuwait for several years maintaining network systems on a military facility. This location allowed a unique opportunity for Bob and his wife Sandi to travel to beautiful places in Europe.

Frankie Bowles

Nov. 8, 1989 --- Mar. 25, 2017



This heartfelt birthday greeting is sent to you to express how much you are truly missed on this special day of your life.

May you have a great time there in heaven today, Happy Birthday

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sandra (Edwards) Ulibarri; his sons: Robert "Bobby" Tew of Fort Wayne, IN, Forrest Ulibarri of Corpus Christy, TX, Paul Ulibarri of Smyrna, DE, George Ulibarri of Coffeyville, KS, and Brian Propst, Sr. of Baltimore, MD.; his grandchildren: Amber, Kylee, Danny, Logan, Katie, Veronica, Shawn, Skylar, Tasha, Tyler, Brian, and Brandon; his great-grandchildren: Madison, McKinley, Miley, Liam, Josie, Zachary, Christian, Ada, Blake, Brynn, and Bryce; and his brothers: Don Ulibarri of Phoenix, AZ, and Mike Ulibarri of Pueblo, CO.

A Celebration Of Life is planned in November. Arrangements have been entrusted to Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, Bridgetown, DE.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Ulibarri's memory to Thomas J Shryock, Lodge #223, P.O. Box 759, Hollywood, MD 20636-0758 to be used for the Lodge Refurbishment or to benefit The Shriner Hospital of Philadelphia.

Please visit Mr. Ulibarri's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his virtual guestbook at www.parsellfunerlhomes.com.

Joseph Scott Bowles



Joseph Scott Bowles "Scottie", 49, of Scotland, MD, formerly of Hollywood, MD, passed away at his residence on October 26th, 2021. He was born on September 27th, 1972 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Mary Helen Abell Bowles, and Lewis Clements Bowles, Jr.

Scottie is survived by his two daughters Ciara Nicole Bowles, of Scotland, MD, and Bianca Marie Buglisi, of Lusby MD, and his two brothers; Gene Michael Bowles, of Avenue, MD and Francis Lewis Bowles, Sr., of Mechanicsville, MD. In addition to his parents, Scottie is predeceased by his brother James Richard Bowles, of Hollywood, MD.

After Joseph graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1990, he was a machine operator for the U.S. Government. Scottie was an avid Steelers fan and loved spending time at the Moose

Lodge. In his spare time, he loved racing his 1981 Chevy Camaro at MIR Raceway.

The Family will receive friends on Wednesday November 3rd, 2021 from 9:00AM to 10:30AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Chapel, Leonardtown, MD. A mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 11:00AM at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Great Mills, MD.

Serving as pallbearers will be; Mike Sparks, Jacob Sparks, Cliff Wallace, Andy Tennyson, Joey Bean, Ricky Lathroum, and Robbie Gibson, honorary pallbearer will be; Tammy Sparks.

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

Augustus Raymond Herbert



Augustus Raymond Herbert of Leonardtown, MD affectionately known as Gussie, Pop Pop and Grand Pop was born on June 11, 1920 to the late Mary Elizabeth and Lee Alexander Herbert. God's faithful servant was called home on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at his home in Leonardtown, MD surrounded by his family. Gussie married his soulmate and best friend, Mary Elizabeth Forbes, on April 7, 1947 and they enjoyed 74 years of marriage. From this union they were blessed with 13 children. Gussie was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Morganza, MD where he remained a good and faithful servant until his passing.

Gussie attended St. Joseph Integrated Catholic School in Morganza, MD which was a two room school house. At the end of the school day, Gussie worked on the farm with his parents and brothers raising tobacco and corn. He was very good with the team of horses and at times he would take them from one farm to another. He was drafted into the United States Navy in 1944 and did his basic training in Great Lakes, IL. Soon after he was shipped overseas to the South Pacific in which he was stationed

in the Philippines. He served in WWII as a ships longshoreman also known as a Stevedore. He was honorably discharged on April 26, 1946 in Bainbridge, MD. He rejoined the workforce back on the farm with his family but soon found a job as a Well Digger. He worked various other jobs before going to work for United Masonry Construction Co, as a mortar man and scaffolding building. Gussie was forced to retire due to a sudden illness. He made a full recovery and soon became his wife's chauffeur transporting their grandchildren and children in the community to head start where his wife taught.

Gussie was a caring, loving, kind-hearted man who enjoyed being with his family. He would come home after a long day and work in his three gardens with his boys. He was always ready to volunteer at church festivals and other fundraisers. He volunteered for the Lexington Park Head Start and Southern Maryland Tri-County where he was nominated to the Community Action Hall of Fame. Gussie looked forward to watching his Monday Night Raw wrestling show and riding to ADF Bingo with his wife and daughters-in-law. Gussie loved telling stories about the old days; his most memorable story was one quote: "boy you know we just got out of Pearl Harbor two weeks before it was bombed." Gussie would always talk about his 1934 Model A Ford which he brought for 75 dollars at the age of 14.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Rose Marie Day and Pandora C. Herbert; son, Thomas Lionel Herbert, Sr.; two brothers, Eddie Herbert and Buck Enoch Herbert; two sisters, Edith Nelson and Agnes Holley; six brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; two daughters-in-law, Cheryl Herbert and Sarah Herbert; three grandchildren, Paul J. Holt, Jr., Martin K. Herbert, Jr., and William Briscoe (TonTon); two great-grandchildren, Iyaunna Herbert and Myliah Herbert.

Gussie leaves to cherish his memory, daughters, Pamela Mason, Agnes Holt; sons, Raymond, Michael, Joseph (Brenda), Jerome (Martha), James (Karen), William (Pam), Paul (Charlene), Martin (Crystal) and Robert (Valerie) Herbert; three grandchildren whom he raised, Renee, Lashonda and Rebecca; 37 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, four great great-grandchildren, one sister-in-law, Elizabeth Forbes and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home. Visit our website to leave messages and condolences.

Helen Juanita Polani

Helen Juanita Polani, 93, of McLean, VA formerly of Lanham, MD, passed away on October 25, 2021 in Clearwa-



ter, FL. She was born on April 23, 1928 in Washington, DC and was the loving daughter of the late Nellie Grace Gowen and Joseph Patrick Gowen. Helen is survived by her children Lawrence M. Ridgeway of FL, Christine A. Schuhart of Mechanicsville, MD, eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her children Helen J. Lawrence, David W. Ridgeway, Daniel Ridgeway, and Marcia Ridgeway, as well as her siblings, Joseph Gowen, James Gowen, Nellie Werking, and Elsie Graves. She worked for the federal government as a surgical secretary and loved to travel.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD where a funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel with Deacon Joe Lloyd officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Bushwood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Mathew D. Schuhart, Griffin A. Schuhart, Bernard L. Copey, Jr., James D. Copey, Raymond A. Copey, Jr., and Nicholas A. Morris. Honorary pallbearers will be Aidan M. Morris, Bernard L. Copey, III, and Trey Murray.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory Leonardtown, MD. ,93, of McLean, VA formerly of Lanham, MD, passed away on October 25, 2021 in Clearwater, FL. She was born on April 23, 1928 in Washington, DC and was the loving daughter of the late Nellie Grace Gowen and Joseph Patrick Gowen. Helen is survived by her children Lawrence M. Ridgeway of FL, Christine A. Schuhart of Mechanicsville, MD, eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her children Helen J. Lawrence, David W. Ridgeway, Daniel Ridgeway, and Marcia Ridgeway, as well as her siblings, Joseph Gowen, James Gowen, Nellie Werking, and Elsie Graves. She worked for the federal government as a surgical secretary and loved to travel.

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If you're going to retire in the next few years, you'll want to start thinking about making some changes to your investment portfolio. And one area you may want to look at is whatever type of cash account you might have – because, when you're retired, the amount of cash you have readily available may be even more important than when you were working.

Your cash management account could pay a slightly higher rate than a typical savings account, as well as serving as a holding place for funds that may eventually be transferred to other investments. Furthermore, it can provide you with these benefits:

- **You can pay for emergency expenses.**

You might be retired, but life goes on – and life is full of unexpected expenses, such as a new furnace or a costly auto repair. It's a good idea for retirees to keep at least three months of living expenses in a separate cash account, which can help pay for emergencies without forcing you to dip into your longer-term investments.

- **You can save for a short-term goal.**

You may have several short-term goals, such as a long vacation or a kitchen remodeling project. If you are trying to reach this type of goal within a year or two, you may want to start moving funds into your cash management account. For goals with longer time frames, you may want to consider using other types of investments appropriate for the specific goal and your risk tolerance.

- **You can protect some money from market volatility.**

When you're a long way from retirement, you may not be particularly bothered when the financial markets drop, leading to a decline in the value of your investment portfolio. However, once you're retired, those downturns might not be quite so tolerable. As a retiree, you may want to maintain one year of expenses (adjusted for outside income sources such as Social Security) in a cash management account for spending purposes. Knowing you have this cash set aside may help you feel more comfortable when markets are volatile. Nevertheless, holding too much cash has risks of its own. Retirement can last for more than 30 years, so you'll want to be invested in enough equities and fixed-income vehicles to provide your portfolio with the balance and growth potential necessary to help you avoid outliving your money.

As you can see, building your cash management account can be helpful in several ways. So, in the years preceding your retirement, look for opportunities to add to this account. For example, you could use some of the money from a tax refund or a bonus at work. And, if you haven't already done so, you might direct your bank to move a certain amount each month from your checking or savings account into your cash management. When you're retired, do what you can to replenish your cash account as much as possible.

Your cash management account is important at every point in your life, but it may take on even greater meaning when you're retired – so do whatever you can to keep it in good shape.

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vs.

Louis B. Meacham
3720 15th St. ME
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

Adelene I. Meacham
3720 15th St. NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

Dolores M. Elten
3720 15th St. NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-1918

and

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

and

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

Lagoon Dr.
0-0000

and also known as Account Number 07-020147

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

Lagoon Dr
0-0000

also known as Account Number 07-020147

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 29 day of September 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having general circulation in St. Mary's county once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 29th day of October, 2021 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgement will be entered foreclosing all right of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

Public Notice

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN

INVITATION FOR BID

**OPEN END CONTRACT SERVICES FOR
LINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE**

Sealed bids, addressed to the Capital Construction Coordinator, and marked "BID FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WORKS" will be received at the office of the Commissioners of Leonardtown, PO Box 1, 22670 Washington St. Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 before December 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

A pre-bid meeting will be held, November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Leonardtown office conference room. A bid opening will be scheduled for December 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All potential bidders are invited to attend.

The work to be performed under the contract consists of furnishing labor, equipment, and materials for services for Line Striping and Pavement Maintenance. Questions must be submitted in writing to Tony Wheatley, Capital Construction Coordinator at tony.wheatley@leonardtownmd.gov.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown reserve the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

By Authority:
Laschelle McKay
Town Administrator

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV21-000272

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC
11426 YORK ROAD, 1ST FLOOR
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

GREG WILSON

SERVE: 46623 MIDWAY DR.,
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653

SERVE: 5638 FARGO AVE.,
OXON HILL, MD 20745

SERVE: 9903 MC INTOSH DR
DUNKIRK, MD 210754

AND

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

46623 MIDWAY DR.,
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 46623 MIDWAY DR described as follows: Property Tax ID 08-006873 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the property.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

ORDER OF PUBLICATION ;
The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property described below in the State of Maryland, sold by the Collector of Taxes for Saint Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in this proceeding:

Described as Tax Account No. 08-006873, 46623 MIDWAY DR, LOT 36 BLOCK G, SECT 1 PLAT 18/245, PATUXENT PARK and assessed to GREG WILSON.

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid although more than six (6) months and a day from the date of sale has expired.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 20th day of October, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 20th day of December 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 20th day of December 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
CASE NO: C18CV21-000271

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC
11426 YORK ROAD, 1ST FLOOR
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

LIPI, LLC

SERVE ON: BILL SLACK, RESIDENT AGENT
9360 OLD STAGECOACH RD
LA PLATA, MD 20646

SERVE: 35919 BAY DR
LA PLATA, MD 20646

AND

EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN
FBO FREDERICK W. DAVIS ROTH IRA

SERVE: P.O. BOX 1049
ELYRIA, OH 44036

AND

JASON P. FAHERTY, TRUSTEE

SERVE: 6360 CRAIN HWY
LA PLATA, MD 20646

AND

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

35919 BAY DR
LA PLATA MD 20646

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 35919 BAY DR described as follows: Property Tax ID 04-013344 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the property.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

ORDER OF PUBLICATION ;
The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property described below in the State of Maryland, sold by the Collector of Taxes for Saint Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in this proceeding:

Described as Tax Account No. 04-013344, 35919 BAY DR, LOT 4, BLOCK C, MILL POINT SHORES, and assessed to LIPI, LLC..

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid although more than six (6) months and a day from the date of sale has expired.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 20th day of October, 2021, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 20th day of December 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 20th day of December 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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

I, Lanika Sloan am making a public declaration that I am choosing to end, void, and terminate the marriage between Deontay Craig Stepney and I. On this date 10/12/2021 if anyone disagrees respond to this declaration respond within 30 days of this publication.



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- 5. President of Syria al-__
- 10. Partner to flows
- 14. "Snow" in Welsh
- 15. Famed Mexican painter
- 16. Song
- 17. ticks outward from the crown
- 18. Doddering
- 19. Resist authority (slang)
- 20. Antsy
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Spills the beans
- 24. Past
- 27. The woman
- 30. One has 24 hours
- 31. Talk
- 32. It can sting
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Halfway
- 38. Chinese dynasty
- 39. Australian river
- 40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Crucifix
- 43. Deceased European economic group
- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. Michael Knight's car
- 46. Actress Ryan

- 47. A digital tape recording of sound
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Golden-__ corn
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Aromatic plants
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
- 65. Political unit
- 66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
- 67. Comfort food dish
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One point east of southeast
- 2. Italian monetary unit
- 3. Warship prison
- 4. Tropical American tree
- 5. Alias
- 6. Normal or sound powers of mind
- 7. English county
- 8. Not compatible with
- 9. Female deer
- 10. Not late
- 11. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
- 13. Impudence

- 21. Advises
- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 26. Male parent
- 27. A type of plug
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Fungal disease
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Excrete
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Makes full
- 43. Snake-like fish
- 44. Take in solid food
- 46. __ student, learns healing
- 47. A way to take away
- 49. Impart a lesson to
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Indian city
- 54. 17th stars
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

Orthodontic braces and clear aligners such as Invisalign® are not just for straightening teeth and making your smile look better. In fact, a highly trained and skilled dentist will use orthodontic treatment to improve the function of the teeth which will result in a healthier, longer-lasting smile. While good looking teeth are attractive, the purpose of your teeth is to chew food. When teeth are misaligned, they can slowly damage opposing teeth during the chewing process. When they are in proper alignment, teeth break down the food they are chewing without damaging each other.

To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a fail-

ure to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both blades.

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vitality.

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental prob-

lems. The good news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

The fact that aligners are removeable means you can take them out whenever you eat. This makes eating more comfortable and cleaner as you will not have to worry about food particles being stuck in your braces. They also allow you to easily clean your teeth, where braces with wires make flossing and thorough brushing more difficult. The material used by Invisalign® is by far superior to all other aligners on the market. Not only is it the most invisible, it is also the fastest working material, meaning you will reach your

desired outcome in a fraction of the time to other safe orthodontic options.

Finally, with Invisalign® technology, your dentist can take a scan of your mouth and show you virtually what your results will look like, from the improved esthetics of your smile profile to the benefits of improving any occlusion issues that may be causing damage to your teeth.

The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!

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