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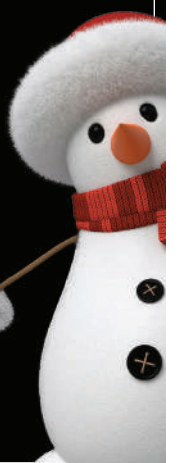
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Eyewitnesses to Teen's Killing Dispute Final Report

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Three eyewitnesses to the shooting death of 16-year-old Peyton Ham at the hands of a Maryland state trooper, who also testified about what they saw to the Grand Jury, have come forward publicly to contest the final report of the incident.

They say that key details of their testimony regarding the teen's death were either ignored or misconstrued in the final report released Oct. 19 by State's Attorney Richard Fritz's office which exonerated Tpr. Joseph Azzari of any criminal wrongdoing in the incident.

The Maryland State Police have also said that an administrative investigation into the trooper's actions on April 13 on Hollywood Road, just about 500 feet from the Leonardtown Barracks, found that Azzari had fully complied with all policies the agency had on the use of force.

The eyewitnesses, Ham's grandmother Victoria Boyle, and Michelle Mills and her daughter Allison Mills, both immediate nextdoor neighbors of Ham's, say that the boy's killing could and should have been avoided.

Azzari responded to two 911 calls stating that there was a suspicious male subject in the neighborhood with a gun; it was later determined that Ham was one who made those two calls.

When Azzari arrived he reported he was confronted by the suspect, Ham, who was pointing what appeared to be a semi-automatic handgun at the trooper.

The gun was later found to be a replica that shot BB-style projectiles.

After opening fire on Ham with about 10 shots from his duty weapon, Ham eventually went to the ground, on his knees, dropping the replica pistol according to the report.

Ham was wounded and bleeding profusely but was said to have produced a knife and brandished it, according to the official report.

When Ham would not comply with the trooper's order to drop the knife he opened fire, striking Ham in the chest, killing him the report stated.

According to the official report one eyewitness said Ham was standing holding the knife, while Azzari said he fired when Ham was attempting to get back up.

In the official report's account, Azzari said Ham was on his feet with the knife when he fired again.

"Trooper Azzari, reported that [Ham] then said he wanted to die and stood up and approached Trooper Azari with his knife still in his hand," the report stated. "Trooper Azzari was once more in fear of his life and discharged his weapon again."

All three eyewitnesses who spoke to The County Times say that account is false.

"He didn't move, he was almost like a statue," Boyle said of her grandson he was on his knees. "I saw the knife in his left hand; I never saw him raise his hands or raise the knife.



Peyton Ham

"He moved his [left] hand but only from his wrist down."

Boyle said she watched her grandson get hit with the final rounds from Azzari's weapon.

"I wanted him to drop the knife," Boyle said of Ham immediately before he was shot. "He didn't drop it but he didn't do anything with it either.

"When I saw him, he was on his knees and he stayed there; he didn't hardly move at all."

Both Michelle Mills and Allison Mills, who were working from home at the time, were alerted by the multiple shots Azzari fired in their backyard.

They went to a window in their home and saw Azzari approach Ham before the second volley of shots.

"He kept saying 'Show me the knife,'" Michelle said of Azzari's initial orders to Ham after he was on his knees. "I'm absolutely sure that's what he said to Peyton."

Eventually, a short video picture Michelle took of the incident shows that Azzari did order Peyton to drop the knife before shooting him.

Michelle Mills said she never saw Ham approach the trooper.

"Peyton never moved from that spot," Michelle Mills said. "He [Ham] made the slightest move with his left foot and then the police officer shot him.

"He [Ham] didn't lunge at him."

Michelle Mills told The County Times that when she saw Azzari shoot Ham, the trooper was at least 10 feet away from Ham.

She said she was coming forward with the same testimony she gave in front of the Grand Jury "only because the grand jury found that they weren't going to hold anyone accountable for anything."

Allison Mills' testimony closely mirrors that of her mother; she said she saw Ham move his right foot up to the point where his toes were pressing against the ground before Azzari fired.

"He wasn't picking his entire leg off the ground," Allison Mills said in a phone interview.

She said in the aftermath of the shooting, which took place on their property, she could see no blood trails indicating that Ham had moved from the spot where he had initially been shot.

"His blood was puddling in one area," Allison said. "I don't think he moved from that spot ever before I saw it."

All three women said they saw the bullets strike Ham.

State's Attorney Fritz did not return a phone call seeking comment for this article

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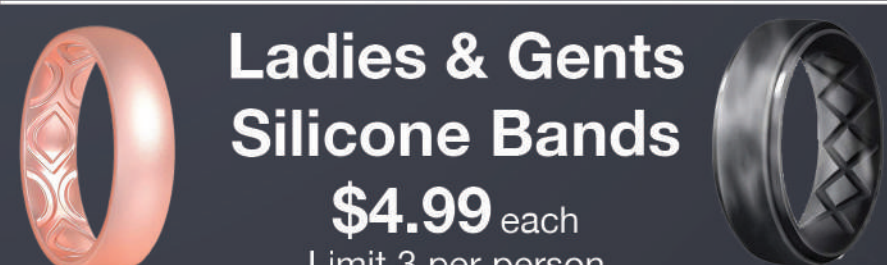
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Decision Stalled on YMCA Site Selection

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commotion from passionate supporters of a YMCA community center to be built at one of two sites in Lexington Park during a Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting caused elected leaders to hold off on making a decision to proceed with the project.

Commissioners had received a detailed briefing, on the possibility of moving ahead placing the center at either Nicolet Park or on a piece of property on Great Mills Road close to the county-owned public pool, from YMCA officials, Robbie Gill CEO of the YMCA of the Chesapeake and Brian Rigby, director of development for Gro Development when leaders were prepared to make a motion.

Shortly thereafter outbursts from the community center supporters derailed the process, according to commissioners.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt's motion to approve the site selection and concept site plan failed for lack of a second; Commissioner Eric Colvin wanted to make a motion to proceed but wanted further study on whether a facility could be built without a heated pool, as is usual for a YMCA.

Loud calls to "Build the Pool" began to come from the audience, filled mostly with purple-shirted local YMCA supporters, so much so that Colvin declined



YMCA Supporters press for swift action

to make the motion.

"I'm done talking for today," Colvin said with a note of exasperation. "I don't have any motions right now, that's fine."

YMCA supporters continued to loudly berate commissioners for their lack of action as they left the meeting room.

Colvin said during the meeting that he supported the facility being built but wanted more study on the issue of the pool.

"We haven't delayed any funding," Colvin said in response to continued chants of "We want the pool!"

Commissioners have set aside \$15.8 million in the county's construction bud-

get for the project.

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy told the audience the issue would be "postponed to a later date."

During commissioner time, Commissioner John O'Connor decried the actions of the audience.

"What I witnessed today was something I was hoping we wouldn't have in our county government," said O'Connor. "I have supported this community center, YMCA, and I don't agree in blanket 'Yesses' and appeasing people because they want to hear a certain thing, which is 'Yes, my way or the highway.'"

O'Connor said the commissioners had

to examine every facet of the process and project to ensure the nearly \$16 million was spent wisely.

"Today was mob rule, that's what this was," O'Connor said. "You interrupted a sitting county commissioner, who was going to make a motion to support this project with a caveat..."

"I will never be a supporter of mob rule in interrupting the processes of government."

O'Connor said he would never vote for a YMCA in St. Mary's "based on that behavior and those activities."

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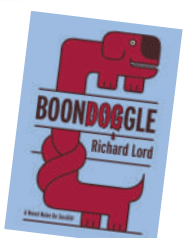
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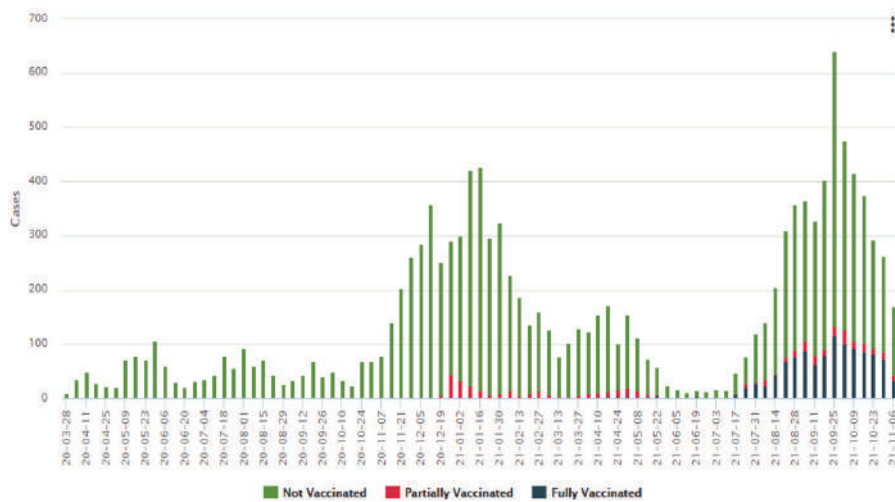


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Brewster: COVID Numbers Trending Down



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county's chief health officer Dr. Meena Brewster said this week that the rate of transmission of COVID-19 locally is still high but several aspects of the pandemic are improving.

"We have several metrics that have helped things along the way," Brewster told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Nov. 16 meeting. "We are seeing a rise in vaccination rates in the county"

She said that the number of new weekly cases of COVID-19 have continued to drop significantly in the past several weeks.

Vaccinations of the youngest in St. Mary's, those aged 5 to 11 years old, has begun, with 7.7 percent of the age group getting their first inoculations.

"We just started," Brewster said.

She warned, though, that the majority of cases happening are in those who are unvaccinated.

Brewster said that, despite the growth of breakthrough cases, that vaccinations were still critical in staving off the worst effects, such as hospitalizations, of the virus.

Brewster said waning immunity amongst those who had been infected and recovered was perhaps the best reason to still get vaccinated.

"Natural immunity varies from person to person, it's not reliable how long it will

last," Brewster said. "We're encouraging them to get their natural immunity boosted.

Brewster said those who had been infected, recovered and then became vaccinated had the most protection.

"Their immunity is very robust," Brewster said.

She said that concerns of vaccines causing myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart, in the very young were real but that the actual instances of the condition were rare.

"[Research showed] slightly increased signals of myocarditis in certain people who are vaccinated," Brewster said. "It's still a very rare event of 20 or 30 cases per million."

The cases of vaccine-initiated myocarditis were milder than COVID initiated myocarditis, Brewster said, with most cases fully resolved within three months.

With all of the variants and mutations that COVID-19 has presented, Brewster said that the concept of herd immunity is more elusive than health professionals had initially hoped.

She told commissioners that the amount of the population nationwide that would likely have to be much greater than the 60 percent originally thought during the beginning of the pandemic.

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Andrews Seeks School Board Seat

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Dorothy Andrews, of Callaway, wants to be the voice of parents on the St. Mary's County Board of Education, which she says has been lacking over the years.

A retired small business owner, Andrews has participated in demonstrations at the Moakley Street headquarters of the school board, protesting mandates on students to wear face masks while in class in the time of COVID-19.

She said this is one of the issues where concerns have gone either unheard or ignored by the school board.

"I love kids," Andrews said. "I used to be a paraeducator in a private school system.

"The parents have not had a fair voice," Andrews said. "I'm going to be that voice."

She said parents should have the final say on whether their children would wear masks in school; she believed masks could inhibit the development of very young children, especially in regards to their speech development.

Andrews said she is also concerned about whether critical race theory, which has become a nationwide controversial topic in education, is a part of the learning experience at St. Mary's County Public



Dorothy Andrews

Schools.

While she said it may not be included in the curriculum officially, terms such as "equity", "inclusion" and "cultural bias" which she had heard used during school board meetings could put too much focus on divisive issues.

"It's supposed to be about education not pointing out cultural difference," Andrews said. "We're supposed to be bringing unity."

Andrews also wants to ensure that the school system takes reports of bullying seriously and does something to curb such behavior among students; this has been one of the problems parents often bring up to her, she said.

Including parents in more decisions, including what learning materials their children are exposed to, would "give them peace of mind," she said.

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Commissioners Split Seized Gambling Proceeds

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

In 2015 local law enforcement officers seized more than \$130,000 from illegal gambling activities — involving pull tab-type machines — at a local bar that is no longer in operation.

This week the Commissioners of St. Mary's County took the majority of the proceeds into their general fund but gave about \$5,700 to the local Leonardtown Lions Club who were to be beneficiaries of the some of the proceeds six years ago.

According to county legal documents, in 2008, Charles "Dickie" Gatton, proprietor of the Brass Rail, entered into an agreement with the Leonardtown Lions Club that permitted a gaming device to be placed inside the bar and the proceeds from the gaming device to be divided evenly between the Leonardtown Lions Club and the Brass Rail Sports Bar.

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gaming devices were put in the Brass Rail but were not there to benefit the Lions Club.

According to the county, Gatton pleaded guilty to gambling charges and consented to the forfeiture of money from him to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County from the gambling enterprise.

The total amount seized at the Brass Rail by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was \$135,572. That amount was deposited in the commissioners account on October 28 but the commissioners voted Nov. 16 to carve out the portion that should have gone to the Leonardtown Lions and give it to the local charity.

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All St. Mary's County Libraries will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26.

All Department of Recreation and Parks facilities and programs, including museums and the Wic-

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All St. Mary's Transit (STS) operations will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25. STS will operate on a Saturday schedule for Friday, Nov. 26 and ADA will operate on the regular schedule. SSTATP will not operate Friday, Nov. 26; normal operations resume Monday, Nov. 29.

The St. Andrews Landfill and the six (6) Convenience Centers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25. They will reopen with regular hours for Friday, Nov. 26.

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GOP Firebrand Tells Party to Never Give Up



Kim Klacik, left, talks with guests at the Lincoln Reagan Day dinner.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Last year Kim Klacik made headlines with her walking tour of Baltimore City to show the nation the trash filled neighborhoods there; she went a giant step further by running for the District 7 seat which Congressman Elijah Cummings vacated upon his death.

District 7 includes over half of Baltimore City but also parts of Baltimore and Howard counties.

Being a black Republican and a new comer to running for federal office, she was facing what seemed an insurmountable challenge.

Until that time she had only been elected to the Republican Central Committee for Baltimore County.

But she forged ahead with the congressional election.

She ran in both the special election after the death of Cummings and again in November of last year against the winner of the special election Kweisi M. Fume.

Though she lost her election bid to Congress, she told a gathering of St. Mary's County Republicans at their annual Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner Nov. 11, she still won 14,000 votes, she said, which was far greater than she had ever expected.

"We actually flipped West Baltimore," Klacik said at the Great Mills Elk's Lodge. She credited the progress she made with her much recorded and broadcast by conservative content groups walk-

ing tour through the summer heat of Baltimore to show the dilapidation there.

It got her much attention from President Donald Trump who tweeted favorably about her activism and campaign last year.

"People I talked to said 'You're the first Republican we've ever met,'" Klacik said.

She said chipping away at Democratic strongholds was one of the only ways for the GOP to make gains; she looked to recent Republican victories in Virginia's governor's race and near victory in long blue New Jersey as a signal of a willingness among voters to change.

"New Jersey is now a swing state," Klacik said. "That's awesome."

"But we have to keep the momentum going."

She said GOP members in Maryland have to continue fighting, especially since the majority Democrat General Assembly is set to debate and rewrite the state's eight congressional districts to favor their party.

Only District 1 Congressman Andy Harris represents Maryland for the Republicans in Washington, D.C.

"They want us to be eight-and-zero," Klacik said. "They think that this is in the bag."

"The fact that we will show up will show them that they don't."

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The Patuxent Partnership Executive Director Bonnie Green & LSM nonprofit scholarship recipient BJ Hall

The Patuxent Partnership (TPP) has helped Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) accomplish its mission of inspiring and educating regional leaders for over a decade in a myriad of ways including sponsorships, employee participation in LSM programs, and an annual scholarship for a nonprofit participant in the Executive Program. This breadth of support has wide-ranging impacts, not just on LSM, but on the Southern Maryland community as a whole. The TPP scholarship provides an immediate and measurable benefit by enabling the recipient to participate in LSM when he or she would not be able to otherwise.

TPP's sponsorship of the Leadership Southern Maryland nonprofit scholarship began over ten years ago after TPP Executive Director Bonnie Green had a conversation with then LSM Director Karen Holcomb. "We had a discussion about the fact that the nonprofit community would benefit greatly from participation [in LSM] but there was no way they [nonprofit organizations] could come up with tuition," Green said. She noted the shoestring budgets that often constrain nonprofits in their ability to provide training and growth opportunities for their employees. "We saw the value, as a nonprofit, to have the nonprofit community realize the benefit of participating in LSM," Green added. TPP felt compelled to make that goal more attainable, and the LSM Nonprofit Scholarship was established.

Although the scholarship doesn't cover the full tuition for LSM's Executive Program, it was Green's hope that it would open the door for nonprofits who could supplement the remaining tuition through the support of their boards or foundations. This has been a workable solution for recipients like Class of 2022 participant William "BJ" Hall.

Well-known for his work in the community as president of the St. Mary's County NAACP chapter, Hall is also the founder of Reach Back & Lift 1 (RB&L 1). The organization's mission is "to assist youth and young adults with professional, personal, and leadership skills by providing training, programs, and partnerships with local business

leadership." Hall explained that RB&L 1 doesn't have financial support for training in its budget at this point. The LSM nonprofit scholarship helped to close the gap, allowing him to join the Executive Program, Class of 2022. "It definitely played a big role in me participating," he explained. Hall emphasized that the connectivity LSM provides is key to helping leaders communicate and achieve more together than they could have individually. "I think it's important that all three counties move together as a unit," he said. "We need to have connections so we can be aware of how our decisions impact everyone."

That's exactly the impact TPP was hoping the scholarship would have. "Each county is looking inward more than outward," Green said. "LSM forms new relationships and broadens community outreach. We recognize the value that LSM represents to our area and the state."

Green also noted that TPP's relationship with LSM is further strengthened through TPP employees who have graduated from the Executive Program. MaryKay Myers, LSM'10 is a lifetime member of the Leadership Southern Maryland Alumni Association and actively supports the organization as a member of the finance committee. Recent graduate Jen Brown, LSM'19 serves on LSM's programs committee and describes her experience through LSM as "life-changing." "When you are in a cohort and then an alum, you have this wealth of connections. That is a unique aspect of LSM," Brown said.

Green agrees. Her employees' lasting commitment to LSM reinforces her belief that LSM is an organization that continues to make a difference in Southern Maryland. "That's why LSM matters so much," she said. "It's a real game changer in the community."

Leadership Southern Maryland is thankful for community partners like TPP whose support is critical in enabling the organization to carry out its mission. Find out more and learn how you can become an LSM supporter at www.leadershipsomd.org.

Press Release from LSM

Leonardtwn Lions Continue Christmas Caring Tradition



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Leonardtwn Lion Richard "Dick" Russell, began the "Christmas Caring" tradition of requesting names of those county residents in need of Christmas tiding for their children from the Department Of Social Services in the late 1980's. No names were given to his Leonardtown Lions, only the gender, age, and requested gift(s) the children hoped that Santa would bring on Christmas.

Later the list grew and the Christmas Caring tags were not only taken by the Lions but also were made available to members of the community by hanging the additional "tags" on a Christmas tree at the local Leonardtown Sneade's

Ace Home Center

Members of the community are invited to continue this Christmas Tradition and join the Leonardtown Lions by picking up a "Christmas Caring" tag and returning the wrapped present(S) to the Sneade's ACE Home Center prior to December 12th; bagged and tagged with the previously selected tag. Members of the Leonardtown Lions Club will deliver all of SANTA's gifts well before Christmas .

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Press Release from Leonardtown Lions Club.

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USAG Team Participates in First Competition of Season

The St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy participated in their first competitive meet of the 2021-2022 season Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021. Thirty-seven athletes from Levels 2-7 and Xcel Silver, Gold & Platinum teams represented St. Mary's County at the Veterans Invitational Meet hosted by Win-Win Gymnastics in Odenton, Maryland.

Nine individual gymnasts placed in the top three All-Around for their respective Level and Division. The competitors finished with three third place, one second-place, and five first-place awards. St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy is proud of the achievements of all who competed.

The gymnasts will be competing again Dec. 4-5 at the Gingerbread Invitational at Beach Bounders Gymnastics in Fruitland, Maryland.

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Garden Club Hosts Fair Flower Show

The St. Mary's County Garden Club recently held their annual flower show at the county fair featuring horticulture, design, and education exhibits. This year's theme was From Sea to Shining Sea, and featured floral interpretations of nature's beauty. The

show featured 40 design classes and 367 horticulture entries in addition to two education exhibits.

Ten judges from the Judges Council, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland evaluated the show.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Garden Club.



Flower show chairmen Judy Moe and Beth Bonifant are joined by St. Mary's County Garden Club president Susan Tyner at the St. Mary's County Garden Club's annual flower show at the county fair.



Nell Elder won the Designer's Choice Award for her floral interpretation of The California Redwoods class featuring a floor design. This award is given to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in a class using dried and fresh plant material.



Genise Rondina won the Tricolor Award which is given to the highest scoring design using all fresh plant material. Her design also won the Award of Design Excellence given to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in the entire design division.



Anne Ridenhour's "Planting America" education exhibit took top honors showcasing the partnership with the garden club in planting a courtyard area honoring the St. Mary's County Health Department's many years of service to our community especially during the pandemic.



Joyce Savage received the Award of Horticultural Excellence in the entire horticulture division with her cactus entry. She also received the Petite Design Award for the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in a designated section of the petite designs.

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• On 11/04/2021, Tpr C. Riggs responded to Walmart at 45485 Miramar Way, California, MD for the report of a theft. Investigation revealed that the suspect, identified as **Mary Stefani Copsy**, 32 of Bushwood, MD stole several items from Walmart totalling under \$100.00. Copsy was charged on a Criminal Citation for Theft: Less Than \$100.00 - Shoplifting, and released from the scene.

• On 11/05/2021, Tpr J. Engleman conducted a traffic stop on Prather Drive at Kay Drive, Lexington Park, MD. The odor of Marijuana was emanating from the vehicle when contact was made with the driver, identified as **Krysten Joi Dickerson Colon**, 30 of Loveville, MD. Marijuana was also observed in plain view. Tpr Engleman gave Colon multiple commands which she did not comply with. Tpr Engleman was able to place her under arrest and a search incident to arrest revealed a civil amount of Marijuana and CDS Not Marijuana. Colon was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where she was charged with two counts of Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana, two counts of Possession of CDS Paraphernalia, Assault in the Second Degree, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing and Hindering, Failing to Obey a Lawful Order, and Possession of Marijuana: Less than 10 Grams.

• On 11/6/2021, Tpr N. Zack responded to the 21000 block of Great Mills Road for a reported stolen vehicle. Upon arrival and making contact with the complainant, it was determined that the victim's vehicle was missing from her residence. Investigation revealed that the suspect, identified as **Antonio Venari Perkins**, 33 of Lexington Park, MD had taken the vehicle without permission. Perkins returned to the scene with the vehicle and was placed under arrest. He was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center and charged with Unauthorized Removal of Motor Vehicle; Driving on Suspended License; Driving without Required License; and Failure to Display License on Demand.

On 11/7/2021, Tpr K. Poland responded to a residence off of Mayfaire Lane, Lexington Park, MD for a reported burglary. Upon arrival, the suspect **Jawaan Montell Carroll**, 36 of Mechanicsville, was located and arrested by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. It was discovered that Carroll had an open arrest warrant through MSP Leonardtown which was served without incident at the St. Mary's County Detention Center.

• On 11/8/2021, **Daniel Jordan Moore**, 23 of King George, VA responded to the Leonardtown Barrack in reference to an assault investigation that occurred in Prince George's County that was handled by the Forestville Barrack. Based on that investigation, Moore was placed under arrest. A search of his vehicle revealed a civil amount of marijuana and a S&W handgun, two magazines and ammo. He was transported to

the St. Mary's County Detention Center and charged with Handgun in Vehicle and issued a civil citation for CDS Marijuana less than 10 grams.

• On 11/9/2021, Tpr M. Koontz conducted a traffic stop at Westbury Boulevard and Pegg Road, Lexington Park, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and revealed CDS: Marijuana less than 10 Grams, CDS: Not Marijuana Adderall, and US Currency in the amount of \$2,045.00. The suspect was identified as **John Thomas Hess**, 30 of St. Inigoes, MD. Hess was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute: Narcotics, CDS: Possession With Intent to Distribute, CDS: Possession Not Marijuana, Prescription: Omit/Remove Alter/Obliterate Label, and CDS: Civil Possession of Marijuana - Less than 10 Grams.

• On 11/12/2021, Tpr C. Willhite conducted a traffic stop on St. John's Road at Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and revealed CDS: Not Marijuana and CDS: Paraphernalia. The suspect was identified as **Siomarra A. Dickens Scott**, 41 of Hyattsville, MD. Scott was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center and charged with CDS: Possession - Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia.

• On 11/13/2021, Tpr N. Zack conducted a traffic stop on Three Notch Road at Rue Purchase Road, Lexington Park, MD. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and revealed CDS: Marijuana. The suspects were identified as **Robert Lee Smith**, 26 of Lusby, MD, and Eddie Richard Jewett, 20 of Lusby, MD. Smith was charged on a criminal citation for CDS: Marijuana Greater Than 10 Grams, and Jewett was charged on a civil citation for CDS: Marijuana Less Than 10 Grams. Both subjects were released from the scene.

• On 11/13/2021, Tpr D. Black was driving a marked State Police vehicle in the area of Three Notch Road and S Sandgates Road, Hollywood, MD when his vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The driver of the striking vehicle fled the scene but was later identified as **John Joseph Hollenback**, 65 of Mechanicsville, MD. Hollenback was located a short time after the accident occurred and arrested by Cpl Z. Null. Hollenback was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center where he was charged with Negligent Driving, Failure to Immediately Stop Vehicle at Scene of Accident Involving Bodily Injury, Failure of Driver at Crossover to Yield Right-of-Way to Vehicle on Highway, Failure to Control Vehicle Speed on Highway to Avoid Collision, Failure of Driver in Accident to Furnish Required ID and License, and Failure of Vehicle to Yield at Intersection Right-of-Way to Another Vehicle.

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Wray Leaving MedStar St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Christine Wray came to what was once called St. Mary's Hospital — now known as MedStar St. Mary's — in 1992 as its new president and found a health care facility that needed significant improvement.

By 1998 the hospital had earned a near perfect score from the state agency that graded hospitals on their performance, from patient care to how the business aspects of the hospital were administered under her leadership as president and CEO.

It was the culmination of a great deal of hard work and changing the culture at the relatively small country hospital to what it has become today as a piece of a much larger health care conglomerate growing its capabilities year over year.

"Very few had scored so beautifully," Wray said of the 1998 achievement. "A hospital is like a city and it's all focused on how we deliver care."

But after nearly 30 years at St. Mary's, and more than 40 years in the health care administration field, Wray is ready to retire.

Her last day at MedStar St. Mary's is Jan. 28 of next year.

She has sacrificed much for her career and now wants to spend time with her family.

Her husband has been diagnosed with a serious medical condition, she told The County Times, and now is the time to look to his recovery.

"I didn't want to waste time not being with him," Wray said.

She also has an 18-month-old granddaughter upon whom she wishes to dote, proudly displaying her baby picture during an on-line virtual interview session.

"We love travelling," she said of her intentions to enjoy retirement with her husband. "We want to see place like Italy and Greece."

Wray is confident that she will leave the hospital in good hands when she retires and that she has left it in a much better condition than when she first arrived.

Under her leadership the hospital has undergone several expansions to include new buildings for patient care and treatment as well as many technological upgrades that brought the hospital into the 21st century.

The merger with MedStar has taken the local hospital and given it access to resources and assistance far beyond its former capabilities.

"What I'm most proud of is working with all of our associates and our culture to always be im-

proving," Wray said. "So, there's nothing we can't tackle."

There have been plenty of challenges along the way, she said.

"There were very lean years," Wray said. "There are cycles of nursing and staff shortages/

"We were already heading into one when COVID-19 hit."

There have been other shortages, too — critical ones.

"There was a time when we only had one pharmacist," Wray said. "And I can remember a time when we almost didn't have any radiologist."

Wray wanted to ensure that the hospital had a lifeline to shore up its employee base so it could quickly recruit and retain health care staff; they looked to local institutions such as the College of Southern Maryland and the public school system's technology and career center for help.

"We made sure we developed our workforce pipeline," Wray said.

This included encouraging junior volunteers from local high school and even providing part time jobs to high school students who had shown an interest in health care as a career field.

"We've had tremendous success partnering with our community," Wray said.

A few years after she came to the hospital the community of St. Mary's was set to grow almost exponentially when the U.S. Navy was consolidating bases to merge with the activities at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

She was quickly brought into the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance to help be a liaison between St. Mary's and communities such as Trenton, New Jersey and Warminster, Pennsylvania.

"I had the job of convincing these people and saying 'Look at what we can offer you here and we can take care of you, too,'" Wray said. "And by the way we want to employ your spouses."

Employing the spouses of active-duty military personnel and defense contractors has been one of the best personnel moves the hospital has done, said Wray.

The hospital has also been at the cutting edge of other improvements in health care administration.

In 2008, the hospital went live with fully operational digital medical records of its patients, which creates efficiencies in care but also increases safety for patients as any physician can access their full records and see their treatment histories.

"Only 1.6 percent of hospitals in the country could do that at the time," Wray said. "It's a reason



MedStar was interested in us."

She said the merger was a practical necessity.

"After a period of rapid growth in the area, our hospital leadership knew we needed to continue to meet the needs of our community," Wray said. "Attracting high quality physicians was challenging, and access to purchasing power and finances were becoming more critical as we faced the recession, so together with our Board of Directors, we focused on the future and how best to ensure we could recruit top talent and secure advanced technology here for decades to come."

"Being part of MedStar Health has allowed us to expand our services; acquire new equipment; recruit and retain quality physicians; remain financially strong during turbulent economic times; and plan for the future. MedStar gave us access to critical resources throughout the pandemic so that we could take care of our community and also our hardworking, dedicated employees."

The hospital enjoys much community support in its fundraising efforts, so much so that is bringing in the latest advanced robotic surgical systems to augment its capabilities — it's called the Da Vinci robot.

It's an eight-armed surgical robot controlled by the surgeon and is so

capable of the most precise and delicate maneuvers it is famous for performing surgery on a grape.

The new technology the hospital is investing in is improving the care for patients, Wray said, but it also helps recruiting more physicians to St. Mary's, which has long been desirous of more doctors and specialists.

The key is to get the best and brightest to come here, she said.

"We're doing that right now," Wray said. "It's because of the technology we're using."

The coming of the COVID-19 pandemic has put the hospital and its staff under immense pressure but Wray said she believed they have continued to weather the crises with alacrity.

"It's a very difficult job for the staff, especially the last two years," Wray said. "Being part of a larger system, that absolutely saved us."

"They're an extraordinary group of people."

Dr. Mimi Navello, vice president of Medical Affairs at MedStar's Franklin Square hospital will be taking Wray's place, Wray said.

Aside from being a skilled administrator, Navello is also an emergency physician.

"I'm very optimistic about the future of our hospital and our system," Wray said. "The team here is the best."

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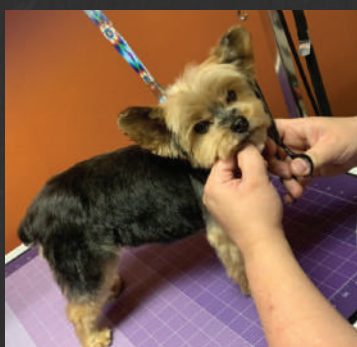
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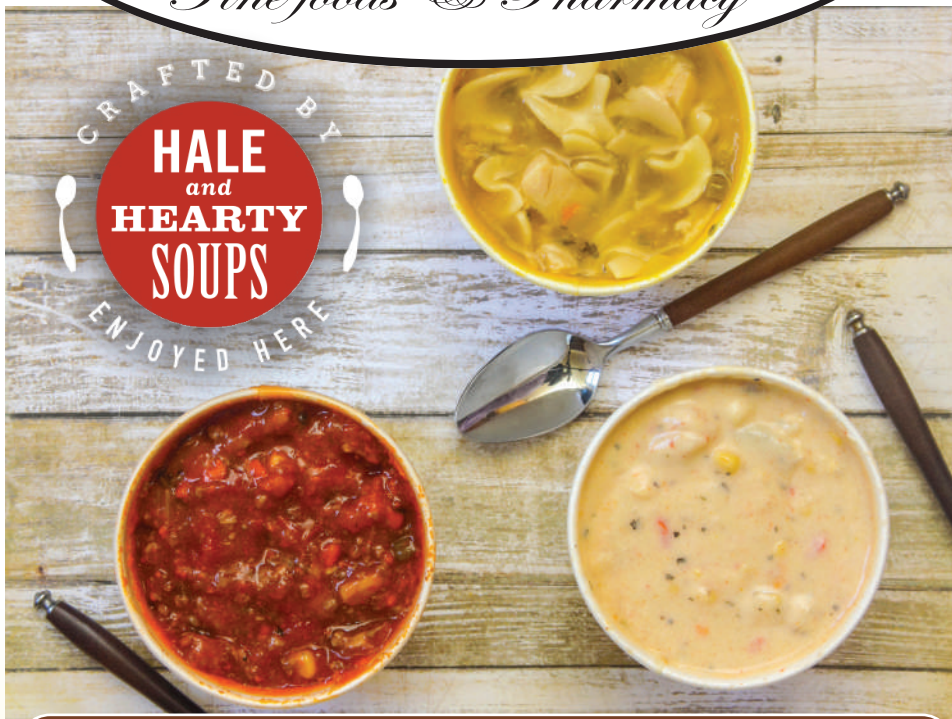
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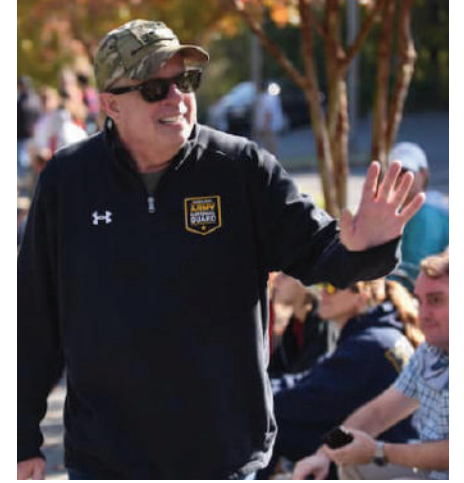
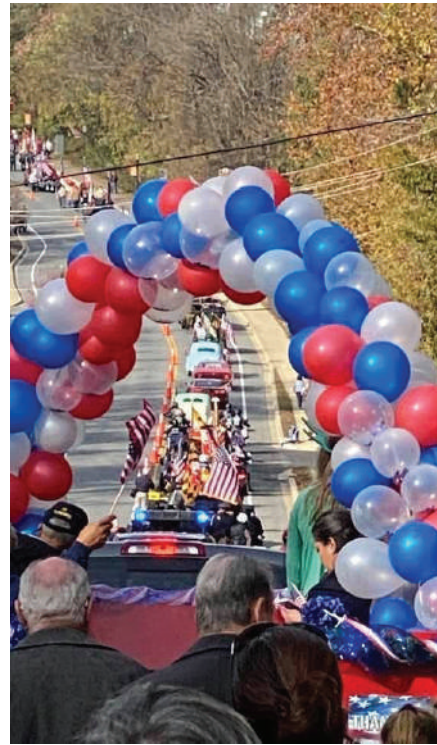
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St. Mary's Veterans Day Parade



Tackle Box Fishing Report



Eric Packard with crappie from St. Mary's Lake.

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

Trollers and jiggers are finding rockfish in the Potomac and Patuxent.

The fish are breaking on the Chinese Muds daily in the mouth of the Patuxent. The thrash of feeding fish chasing the bait to the surface is drawing flocks of gulls. Boaters using light tackle find the working birds and drop thier jigs on the bottom seeking keeper sized rockfish 18 inches or better.

The smaller fish are on the top. Trollers are bouncing thier lures on the bottom and circle the breaking fish. Catches of 26 to 32 inch stripers are the reward in the 5 to 7 pound range.

The same pattern extends up the Patuxent with plenty of rockfish feeding on small alewives that are very plentiful. Those not chasing birds are trolling up fine rockfish on the edges of the oyster bars and dropoffs in both the Patuxent and Potomac.

The bay shipping channel has rockfish breaking and trollers catching plenty from the PR to the HI buoys and both north and south of those markers. Reliable locations for schools of rock include the artificial reefs below

St. Jeromes Creek and the Middle Grounds. The Triangle area from Point Lookout to Smith Point out to buoy 60 has schools of hungry rockfish

There are active schools of rockfish in the Potomac from the mouth to the

bridge. Catches are very good. From Piney Point north there are hungry catfish of considerable size taking trolled lures aimed at stripers.

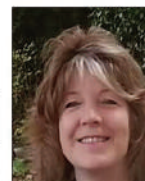
Catfishing is very good in both the Potomac and Patuxent. Both shore fishermen and boaters find catfish hitting cut alewife and mud shad. Some shore fishermen in the mouth of the Patuxent have found both rockfish and catfish taking cut bait at night. The catfish are 7 to 10 pounds with one 40 pounder surprising the surf-casters. We had no idea these big cats were cruising around after dark this close to the open bay, but we saw the photos along with the 28 inch rockfish.

Crappie are biting now in St. Mary's Lake with catches of 20 or more caught in a single outing being common. The crappie will take crappie jigs and live minnows readily. Bass and pickeral are also eager to take lures in the lake.

Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



LIKE A ROCK

And as Bob Seger sings so beautifully in his song Like a Rock, "Twenty years now where'd they go? Twenty years I don't know. I sit and I wonder sometimes where they've gone". That is the way I feel today on Robert's and my twentieth wedding anniversary. Robert is my rock, just like in the song; he has an unwavering sense of integrity, bravery, now as well as when he was a Federal Firefighter, and honesty, sometimes more honesty than my mind (and body) can take. It seems at times like so much has happened in that amount of time with the passing of so many loved ones and friends, health issues for both of us, energy levels not what they were, and of course changes in our world from 2001 on.

Then I think that in the scheme of things, 20 years isn't really that long, just a blip in time, much like the blip that our entire lives spent on this earth really are. We both already had two nearly grown to fully grown adult children each. Not long after, we started being blessed with grandchildren who are their own special blessing.

I still look up to the left corner of my desk often, and especially on our anniversaries, to another set of lyrics which I treasure. I printed the Don Henley quote from his song For My Wedding onto the rose and lace print stationary I used for our wedding invitations. And of course, that was our wedding song. I know I have written the quote in my column before, but it still means so much to me: "To want what we have, to take what we're given with grace. These things I pray". The lyrics are so true, we really don't "need" all that much in life. I want to focus on what I have with my husband and family, accept all that is given and want no more.

I remember playing the For My Wedding song quite a number of years ago here on my computer, and vividly recall Robert walking into the office, taking me in his arms to slow dance in this tiny room. You don't have to be in a wedding ballroom to get that same feeling of intense love and happiness as on your wedding day. Robert's daughter Michelle and I worked together before she introduced me to her dad, she kept telling us that we had so much in common because we both loved music and knew the words to every song from the 70s and probably from the 50's through the 80s. And Michelle was right, music has woven itself through our marriage like a beautiful golden thread.

Since we are both over that "60" threshold, we tend to have middle of the night potty pitstops at about the



same time. We must truly be in tune with each other in every way...well, sometimes our personalities can be oil and water for quite a bit of the time, it might be boring for us if not. So, this morning, the pitstop fell around 4 am (we must be still getting used to "falling back"). I was up like usual sitting on the couch, couldn't get back to sleep, not even old re-runs of Mork and Mindy and "Nanu Nanu" could help. I could hear Robert downstairs putting wood in the woodstove and stoking it over and over (he does like to keep it blazing hot). It seemed that he was taking an awfully long time to come back upstairs, when I realized, "Oh, it's our anniversary, he is hoping I will go back to the bedroom so he can bring up an anniversary card and probably flowers or gift to place on the kitchen counter. And I was waiting for him to come back upstairs and go back to bed so I could place his card and gift bag on the kitchen counter.

Finally, after he had stoked that fire for all it was worth, I heard him come up the stairs with his side to me in hiding pose. We were both fully awake by then and I went into the kitchen for more water and saw a dozen lovely cream roses and a card. What a beautiful sight at 4ish in the morning. I brought out his gift and card too and we opened cards, and then we just laughed and gave Mindy some playtime and lovin' too. It was a nice way to start our anniversary day.

I think a nice ending for our anniversary night would be to sit by that blazing, fully stoked woodstove with the next stanza of lyrics from Bob Seger's Like a Rock running through my head and playing for us in the background... "And sometimes late at night, when I'm bathed in the firelight, the moon comes callin' a ghostly white, I recall, I recall"... how wonderful it was the night Robert asked me to be his wife.

To each new year's adventures with my love, Shelby

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

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Work with Life Partner to Achieve Mutual Goals

When you and your life partner work together to achieve your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle, the experience can be greatly rewarding. However, your success will require commitment and discipline. So, what steps should you take along the way?

One key move is to decide early in your relationship how you will handle money. Many couples merge their finances and make joint decisions on major purchases. But some couples like to keep at least part of their finances distinct, perhaps by maintaining separate checking or savings accounts. There's really no one correct solution for everyone, but whatever you decide, you'll want to be assured that all the bills will be paid and that neither one of you feels the pressure of an unfair financial burden.

Here's another suggestion: Try to avoid keeping financial secrets from your partner. That means disclosing your debts, hidden funds or uncommon investments. These types of surprises can lead to difficulties and mistrust. Even if you're entering the relationship carrying something like a heavy student loan, it's best to get it out in the open right away so, together, you can strive to gradually eliminate it.

Of course, there's also a practical side to not keeping secrets. Your large student loan could affect your credit rating – an issue that may arise when you and your partner are seeking a mortgage or some other type of loan. Clearly, you both should be aware of this potential stumbling block before you begin the application process.

Now, let's consider your investments. You each may have your own IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might also share a joint investment account. However, you might not share the same risk tolerance – perhaps one of you tends to be more aggressive, willing to take more risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other is more conservative, preferring to keep down the risk level of a portfolio, even if it means lesser capacity for growth.

Again, neither you nor your partner is necessarily "right" or "wrong" in your views on investing – and nobody's feelings about risk should be ignored. But once you've clearly identified your retirement goals and estimated their cost, you may find that compromise is possible. In other words, perhaps the conservative partner will realize that a too-cautious approach could hinder progress toward the desired retirement goal, while the partner who focuses on maximum growth will learn that a somewhat less aggressive approach can still yield the desired results. This type of compromise may affect the investment choices you make in your individual accounts as well as your joint accounts. And the way you choose your investments may even change over time, especially if your financial goals evolve.

Ultimately, communication is the key. As long as you're talking to each other and openly expressing your wishes and concerns, you and your partner can find a way to keep moving toward your mutual goals.

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The Way We Were...

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

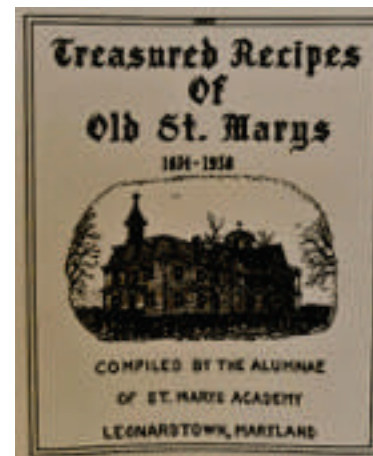
Reading St Mary's

The denizens of St Mary's County are fond – very fond – of history. This fondness takes many forms ranging from the very popular Facebook group, You Know You're From St Mary's County If... to learned tomes on all manner of things. If you count yourself among those who treasure and like to explore the county's past (and, as you're reading this column, it's a fair bet that you do), herewith is a compilation of good books for you to put on your Christmas list or give to others.

Regina Combs Hammett's "History of St Mary's County" This is the vade mecum of the county's history. Written in 1976, Hammett traces the story of the County from the arrival of the Ark & Dove to the growth of the Patuxent Naval Air Station. There is no stone left unturned or corner left unexplored.

Of course, the county's history is closely tied to the Jesuit priests who arrived with the Ark. Edwin Beitzell's Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's County, Maryland tells the stories of these men and their activities from 1634 to the mid-1970s. It isn't only about the missions they founded; it is about people and their times, rich in anecdotes and texture.

If you think St Mary's County history lies only within the boundaries of the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers and Charles County to the north, you're



journey of Maryland Catholics and how they emphasized their church's own traditions—rather than Enlightenment liberalism—to secure religious liberty. Breidenbach's research encourages us to revise our sense of who the American founders were.

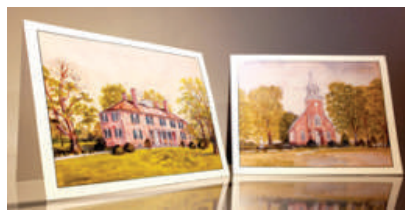
Of course, history isn't all about people and activities. It is also about food and two books bring St Mary's County food to the table.

Oyster Recipes from St Mary's County compiled by Ann Loker, contains nineteen years of award-winning recipes from the National Oyster Festival Cookoff. If your taste goes beyond oysters, then Treasured Recipes of Old St. Mary's a reprint of the original that was compiled in 1949 by the St. Mary's Academy Alumni Association is for you. In fact, it is probably the most sought-after book available from the Historical Society.

We will have more books for you in the next column. And if you'd like to include a nice note with your gift, consider one of twelve note cards of six historic St Mary's County buildings – including Tudor Hall, of course!

All the books mentioned here are available from the St Mary's County Historical Society, in-person or at www.stmaryshistory.org

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



wrong. Michael Breidenbach, who spoke recently at an Historically Speaking event, show in detail how the county's founding influenced the US Constitution. Our Dear-Bought Liberty: Catholics and Religious Tolerance in Early America offers ground-breaking insights about the physical, legal, and religious

Reminisces of Legendary Hall of Famer Sam Huff:

Spiggy's Special Memories with a Personal Note from Frank Herzog

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

For those of us “diehard fans” growing up in the Washington, DC area with the Washington Redskins during the past several decades, we once more are saddened to learn of the passing of another great hero who played a large part in the creating of our “glory years!” Robert Lee Huff, better known to all as “Sam,” just passed away at 87 years of age in nearby Winchester, Virginia. A beloved gentle giant of a man known for his ferocious ability as a middle linebacker, he is credited with establishing this position as the necessary cog for a great defensive unit. Sam was the model for later greats such as Dick Butkus and our own Chris Hanburger. He played with a fierce abandon unlike any other in his day.

Sam was drafted by the New York Giants upon graduating from the University of West Virginia in 1956 and played under defensive coach Tom Landry's 4-3 defense scheme. He immediately made his presence known on the field and was selected to 4 Pro Bowls as a Giant and a Redskin. He played his last 3 years with Washington under the legendary Vince Lombardi and was named the NFL's top linebacker in 1959! Following an iconic career 13-year Hall of Fame career, he came back to coach the Redskin linebackers for a year before getting into broadcasting as an analyst with the Giants.

Born in 1934 into a poor coal mining family in West Virginia, he was the first in his family to go to college winning a football scholarship to WVU. When asked how he got the name “Sam” since he was named Robert, he was never able to explain how it came about as he always responded, “I really don't know!” It remains a mystery today.

I must confess as a young Redskin fan in the 50's, I did not care for Sam or any of those Giants such as Y A Tittle, Fran Tarkenton, Allie Sherman, Frank Gifford, etc. but once he put on the “burgundy and gold” with the dark red helmet with the feather up the back, I grew to really like him along with another guy we picked up from the Philadelphia Eagles, the “red head,” quarterback Sonny Jurgensen. Little did we know what a great combination they would become in later years! The two



of them became a part of great team doing the color commentary along with my good friend Frank Herzog who did the play by play for every Redskin game radio broadcast over 30 years! During their time, there was no better trio of sports broadcasters of any sport at any level than “Sonny, Sam, and Frank!” They were so good at playing off one another and providing truly interesting stories. I, like many of my friends, would turn off the volume on my TV set and listen to the three of them banter over the radio. They were fun and entertaining and informative and would often take a dull game and make it seem exciting! Who will ever forget Frank Herzog bellow “Touchdown Washington Redskins!” after Riggo would run into the endzone after breaking through a hole opened by our “Hogs!” Geez those were the days and how I miss them!

Of the great experiences I gained during my 25 years as a Redskin Hogette, the best takeaways I have are the longtime friendships I have with many of the players and staff. Frank Herzog and I have become great friends over the years and communicate with one another on a regular basis. Frank played in many of my “Spiggy and Friends” Children's Hospital Golf Tournaments. He often served as Master of Ceremonies at our Benefits as well as a few of my birthday parties. He was a big supporter of the Hogettes during our “hay day.”

I once asked Frank why he never used the name of the player that scored the touchdown? He said “Spiggy, it took all 11 players on the field to move the ball down to the endzone and it was always a “team” effort so I wanted to recognize that fact.”



Wow, what an eye opener! I miss his voice when listening to a game these days! I am sure there are many reading this who feel as I do.

Upon reading of Sam Huff's passing a few days ago, the first thing I thought of was to ask Frank to reflect on his longtime partnership with Sam. I wasn't sure if he had the time nor the desire to put his thoughts to writing as I was sure he was receiving a flurry of requests from the news media for his thoughts. I mean who better to ask for glimpses into Sam's character and make up than the guy who sat next to him all those years and delivered the games into our homes and our car radios. But, within 24 hours I received Frank's note below that I am privileged and proud to share with our readers:

“If you want to see a story about the American Dream, about raising yourself up by the bootstraps and finding success then Sam Huff's story is all you need to see. He grew up at #9 West Virginia, a coal mine camp. Vowing to get out of that life, he excelled on the football field, got a scholarship at West Virginia University and was drafted by the New York Giants as an offensive lineman. It wasn't working, but a coach named Tom Landry was impressed with Sam's attitude and suggested he try a new position in the other side of the line. He became the middle linebacker

in a 4-3 defense that absolutely dominated professional football. The rest is history. NFL titles, Pro Bowls, the cover of Time Magazine, star of a CBS documentary and, finally the High School, College, and NFL Hall of Fame – one of only ten men ever to achieve that honor.

Once retired from football he went to the Marriotts with an idea: why not offer room packages in their hotels for NFL teams while they travelled? Sam not only convinced them the idea would work but put it in place as a corporate vice president, eventually expanding the idea to other sports leagues.

Sam fell in love with Middleburg, Virginia, a place for “country gentlemen” and a place to breed thoroughbred horses. With partner Carol Holden he purchased a farm built a broadcast center in town and gave birth to the West Virginia Breeder's Classic.

Oh, one other thing. He became part of the Washington Football Network broadcast team and helped call games for 30 years – a stretch that includes five Super Bowls appearances and three NFL titles.

Sam Huff was human, he had some faults, but he overcame a divorce and a lot of life's hardships to create a story we all can admire. Sadly, the story has come to an end.

Frank Herzog November 15, 2021

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Hearth and Home Returns to St. Mary's City



Hearth and Home in Early Maryland will take place at Historic St. Mary's City on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27, 2021. Guests are invited to take part in activities and learn about the different cultures that inhabited the area. Those contributing a non-perishable food item will receive a \$1 discount off admission benefiting the Southern Maryland Food Bank.

Visit *Hearth and Home* at Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) on November 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where you and your family can explore the skills that allowed people over three hundred years ago to weather the cold and survive.

The annual event this year centers around chickens and their contribution to culinary appetites.

Guests of HSMC can walk through the outdoor exhibits to take part in many activities and learn about the different cultures that inhabited the area. At the Woodland Indian Hamlet, seasonal tasks include preparing food for winter storage and processing deer parts for tools and clothing. Those visiting the Tobacco Plantation can help prepare a mid-day meal over an open hearth or hear how the English diet changed upon arrival in what was to be called Maryland.

In Town Center, learn how an "ordinary" dinner is made while discovering the businesses "around town."

Down at Maryland Dove, watch

galley cooking of "ships fare," and discover what foods were imported to this area in the 1600s.

Guests are encouraged to lend a hand and stir a pot or two and will be able to take home a free recipe booklet to re-create foods enjoyed centuries ago.

Hearth and Home in Early Maryland will take place at Historic St. Mary's City on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30, 2019. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 students, and free for those 5 years and under and HSMC Friends members. Guests contributing a non-perishable food item will receive a \$1 discount off admission benefiting Southern Maryland Food Bank.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology dedicated to telling the diverse stories of early Tidewater Maryland. For more information about the museum contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@stmaryscity.org.

Press Release from HSMC.

Pianist Brian Ganz Continues Noon Concert Series

Features an Episode of Musical Gardening



Pianist Brian Ganz will continue his popular noon concert series on November 22 in St. Mary's Hall at St. Mary's College of MD.

St. Mary's College of MD Musician-in-Residence Brian Ganz will continue his popular noon PianoTalk series live and in person on Monday, November 22. He will present an episode of "Musical Gardening," in which he plays early works of Romantic composer Fryderyk Chopin and follows them with more mature works in the same genre, demonstrating the composer's growth process. This episode will feature polonaises, beginning with the virtually unknown Polonaise in D minor, Op. 71, No. 1 and culminating in the great "Heroic" Polonaise in A-flat major, Op. 53. The PianoTalk, which will take place in the Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall on the college campus, is free and open to all who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. For more information about the concert call (240) 895-4498 or visit <http://bit.ly/2YCPDKS>.

Off-campus visitors must be able to present proof of vaccination upon request by College officials when attending indoor events. If campus visitors are not vaccinated or cannot show proof of vaccination, they must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival to campus. Face coverings must be always worn indoors.

"I'm very excited to be able to share unknown works of Chopin," pianist Ganz said recently. "Chopin is probably the most beloved composer of piano music who ever lived, and yet there are works of his that even Chopin lovers do not know at all. His Polonaise in D minor, Op. 71, No. 1 is such a work. I'll talk about its charms, play it, and then explore his transformation into the genius who composed the blockbusters like the A major Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1 and the great 'Heroic.' Then I'll play those perennial favorites too."

Ganz has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the National Philharmonic, the Baltimore and the National Symphonies, the City of London Sinfonia, and L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte Carlo. He has performed in many of the world's major concert halls and has played under the baton of such conductors as Leonard Slatkin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Pinchas Zukerman, Jerzy Semkow and Yoel Levi. A critic for *La Libre Belgique* wrote of Ganz's work: "We don't have the words to speak of this fabulous musician who lives music with a generous urgency and brings his public into a state of intense joy."

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Luncheon with Suzette Prichette

Come join us to hear special guest vocalist Suzette Prichett perform at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Friday, November 19. Seating begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon and the performance begins at 12:30 p.m. Suzette has been singing professionally for 30 years and has a beautiful sultry voice. Space is limited. Lunch donation requested for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those ages 50-59. Entertainment is sponsored by the Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

Diamond Dots

Diamond art is like a combination of cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers. Simply follow the pattern on the canvas and you will have a beautiful work of art that can later be framed and displayed in your home. Choose between one of the two patterns available: Winter Cardinals or Christmas in Town. Sessions are held at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Thursdays at 2 p.m. December 2, 16, 23 & 30. Cost for the workshop is \$15 and includes all needed supplies. Signups for this class will start November 20 by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1075. Payment for the class is due Wednesday, November 24 by 4 p.m.

Loffler Book Club Meets December 3

The Loffler Book Club is reading *The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith in preparation for the December 3 meeting at 2 p.m. A few

copies will be saved at the Lexington Park Branch Library for this book club. If you are interested in being a part of this discussion, e-mail Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

Classic Holiday Movie at Loffler

Slip over to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, December 9, at 10 a.m. to see the Classic holiday movie: *Christmas in Connecticut*. This full-length movie (101 min.) tells the story of a famous food writer who lies about living on a farm, raising her children and being a good cook. In reality, she is an unmarried New Yorker who can't boil an egg. When her editor says she will spend Christmas with a heroic sailor, her job is on the line. Register to see this nostalgic Christmas classic by leaving a message beginning at 8 a.m. on November 20th on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. Seating is limited to 16.

Nutrition Education at Loffler

Nutritionist Donna Taggart will present *Are you Nuts? All about Nuts and Your Health*

On Monday, December 13 at 10 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Registration is required- please sign up by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660, beginning at 8 a.m. on November 20. ADDITIONALLY- Donna will be offering free personal nutritional counseling at 11 a.m. on the same day if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539.

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. 18

Grocery Auction

Mother Catherine Academy
38833 Chaptico Rd
Mechanicsville
6p.m. to 10p.m.

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The groceries arrive in a refrigerated trailer from distribution centers and major grocery stores throughout the area. Some items are overstocked; some have "sell by dates" too close to put on grocery shelves; some are name-brand products and some are not.

We never know ahead of time what we are getting, but expect anything that could be found in a grocery store such as candies, snacks, sodas, frozen meats, frozen vegetables, frozen pizza, can goods, dry goods, cleaning supplies, dairy products, or just about anything else in between.

Auctions of this type will have a lot of "pass outs." This means that the larger the crowd, the better because the distributor can move more product and at a better price.

Items will be offered and available in small lots and/or large lots—buy as little or as much as you like. Buy for yourself, a large family, or your next gathering or party.

Payment will be cash, check, or credit cards. School cafeteria will be serving concessions.

For more information, please contact: MCA—301-884-3165, Ronnie Farrell—301-904-3402.

Friday Nov. 19

Elf The Musical

Newtown Players Theater
21744 South Coral Drive
Lexington Park
8p.m. to 10:30p.m.

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discov-

er his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Adults \$18, Seniors/Students/Military \$15, Children \$13

<https://www.newtowneplayers.org/tickets.html>

Sunday Nov. 21

Sunday Christmas Market

Homegrown Farm Market
Southbound Rt 235
near Hermanville Road
noon to 4 pm

We have a variety of guest craft vendors along with several of our regular vendors that will be setting up. Santa will be walking around and a section of the market will be set up for the kiddos to do crafts while parents shop.

Fall Craft Show

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
24801 Three Notch Rd.
Hollywood
10a.m. to 3p.m.

Free Admission and Free Parking
Refreshments available for sale by Ladies Auxiliary

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of the HVFD

Contact Craftshow@hvfd7.com for more information.

Donations of Non-Perishable Food Items for St. Mary's Helping Hands Food Pantry will be accepted.

Monday Nov. 22

Woman's Club of

Saint Mary's County
Saint Mary's County Fair Grounds
Tolerance Hall
Leonardtown
10:30AM

There will be a pot luck luncheon following the business meeting.

Call Carol Evans for additional information 301-994-0352.

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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

Michelle Dorine Pilkerton



Michelle Dorine Pilkerton, "Shelly", 50, of California, MD, passed away on November 10, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Shelly was born on May 10, 1971 in Leonardtown, MD to Joseph and Lequita Pilkerton. She is survived by her one true love Ricky Pierotti, her three furry friends Bella, Shadow, and Muffin, her mom and dad (Winks & Tweet), and extended family. Shelly was preceded in death by her grandma Hattie, as well as her Nanny Jennie Pilkerton and Pop-Pop Buck Pilkerton, who raised her from a baby while her parents worked. Her Pop-Pop always played cards with her for hours when she was very small, and her Nanny always had cookies and milk waiting for her when she got off the school bus.

Shelly went to Town Creek Esperanza, and graduated from Great Mills High School in 1984. After graduation she worked at the Western Steer. Later, she worked at Mail America for Terry Roth. She loved to go on vacation to her favorite place, Cancun, Mexico. Her favorite food was Ricky's Spaghetti; another favorite was Aunt Shelia's Banana Pudding. She loved Jimmy and Patty's blackberries, and could eat a quart in one sitting. After her health got so bad she looked forward to her visits from Frances Dicus, who brought her communion, as well as a wonderful pie. Shelly loved getting visits from Florida, her aunt Mary and daughter Cathy. They would stay at the kitchen table laughing so hard for hours. Their trips to Maryland were always so special. Shelly was a very caring person who leaves her family to mourn her passing, and to remember her beautiful smile, and rejoice the impact she had on everyone's life.

Rest in peace, "pain free", our beautiful daughter. Mom to Bella, Shadow, and Muffin. My true love Ricky.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM with Deacon Ammon Ripple officiating. Interment will be private.

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David Wayne Boszko, Sr.

David Wayne Boszko, Sr., 70, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on November 9, 2021 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on October 10, 1951 in Patuxent River, MD, he was the son of the late



Bernice May Britton-Boszko Owens and the late Nicholas Boszko. David was the loving husband of Karen L. Boszko, whom he married on August 2, 1975. He is survived by his children David Jr. (Mary) of Mechanicsville, MD, Justin Sr. (Heather) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Jessica (Tim) of Lynchburg, VA, his siblings Nick Boszko of Wesley Chapel, FL and Victoria Owens of Mechanicsville, MD, as well as seven grandchildren. David was preceded in death by his stepfather, Harold "Shorty" Owens, who loved him as his own.

David was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Great Mills High School in 1970. He served in the Air Force from March 10, 1971 to September 20, 1972, and was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas. David was a firefighter for NAS Patuxent River, MD for 27 years, retiring on January 1, 2001.

The love between Dave's mom, Bernice, and his dad, Nick, was unconditional. Nick was a marine and stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC when, unfortunately, he died in a tragic automobile accident just six days prior to Dave's first birthday. Bernice brought the boys back to Maryland, where she found true love again and married Harold "Shorty" Owens. He welcomed the boys with open arms and loved them as they were his own. As Bernice and Shorty grew as a family, the boys were later blessed with a little sister, Vikki.

In October 1973, Dave saw Karen for the very first time and told his friend, "I'm going to marry that girl one day." So hard to believe, but in August 1975 they were married. Before their first child was born, Dave told his best friend, Donnie, that he and Karen were planning to have a baby. Donnie made a bet that was typed, dated, and signed by both that NO children would be conceived or born within one year, and if so, Donnie would owe Dave \$100.00. Well, Donnie lost! His children, David Jr., Justin, and Jessica, were the love of his life, along with their spouses, Mary, Heather, and Tim; and, to top things off, his seven grandchildren, Kaylee, Khloe, Kenzie, Justin Jr. "JJ", Cheyenne, Kody, and DaKoda, who affectionately called him Pop Pop.

Dave had a tough exterior, but on the inside, he had a heart of gold, even though he didn't like to show it at times. Dave enjoyed life to the fullest, from being a Volunteer Firefighter, Federal Firefighter, riding his 60 Panhead with a suicide clutch (with his best friends), catering at the Elks Lodge, golfing (especially with Jerry, who would throw his golf club into trees when he was

upset), RVing to NASCAR races with family and friends (he loved Jimmy Spencer and Denny Hamlin), playing pitch/Texas hold 'em, trot lining, fishing, eating snow crab legs and oysters, lunch with the Boys, especially Captain Mo. No one could ever break the very special bond that he had with his fireman brothers. He will be truly missed by all that loved and knew him.

The family will receive friends on Friday, November 19, 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 at 11:00 AM with Chaplin Keith Fairfax officiating. Interment will be private.

Contributions may be made to your local fire department or rescue squad. Condolences may be made to the family at www.mgfh.com. Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. & Crematory, Leonardtown, MD.

Regina Price Monarchy

Regina Price Monarchy, "Gina", 92, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on November 8, 2021 at her home. Born on August 16, 1929 in Dameron, MD, she was the daughter of the late Loretta Trossbach Goode and the late Robert



Lee Goode. Gina was the loving wife of the late Johnny Monarchy, whom she married in 1985, and who preceded her in death in July 2014. She is survived by

her children Robert M. "Mike" Price (CeCe) of Leonardtown, MD and William C. "Billy" (Cherry) of Leonardtown, MD, her sisters Margaret Catherine Aud (Jack) of California, MD, Elizabeth Eleanor Dubler of California, MD, and Barbara Ann Rumpler (Bob) of Arlington, VA, her grandchildren Ricky Hammett, Candide Rayle (Bill), Steve Hammett, Mike Price Jr. (Amy), Kathy Redman (Benny), Jamie Price (Angie), and Brandy Nelson (Mickey), as well her great grandchildren Courtney Rayle, Justin Rayle, Kevin Hammett, Melanie Redman, Megan Bowie (Billy), Taylor Hammett, Hailey Redman, Olive Price, Audrey Price, Hazel Price, Jacob Price, Alex Nelson, Sarah Nelson, and Hannah Price. Gina was preceded in death on May 25, 1976 by her first husband, James Robert Price, whom she married in 1950, as well as her daughter Margaret Mary "Peggy"



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Price, brothers James Douglas Goode, Louis Alexander Goode, Robert Benjamin Goode, and John Joseph Goode.

Gina graduated from St. Michaels High School in 1948. She worked as a Proof Operator for 27 years at MD National Bank, First National Bank, and Mercantile Bank, retiring in August 1994.

Regina was born and lived in St. Mary's County, MD all of her life. Her parents and siblings did sharecropping and tenant farming throughout the county. In the mid-1940s, they lived on the land that now houses Patuxent Naval Base in a small town there called Pearson.

She spent much time working in her yard, keeping it neat and tidy. She loved to bake and cook, and was well-known for her chili, chicken salad (always in demand), and soups. Also, her desserts of Grammy's Apple Cake, German chocolate cake, and chocolate chip cookies were all hits.

However, her greatest joy and much of her energy was focused on her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved for them to come visit and always provided a snack. One of her great grandchildren said, "let's go up to Grammy's and get some junk." Another set of great grandchildren would always ask, "Mommom, did you bring us, chili?" Whatever the grands or great grands wanted, they got. They always loved to go there and play with her box of toys she provided, get all the snacks they wanted to eat there, and take a bagful home for good measure.

She enjoyed daily phone calls and Sunday visits from her sisters and family. Her sisters always celebrated their birthday luncheons together with a big feast. Many hours were spent in visits from her godchild Becky Aud, talking about life and remembering the past. She was much loved and will be greatly missed by all.

Contributions may be made to Little Flower School, 20410 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634 and 2nd

District Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

At the family's request, masks will be required.

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Charles Anthony Greenwell



Charles Anthony Greenwell, 53, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on November 5, 2021 in Mechanicsville, MD. He was born on December 7, 1968 in Leonardtown,

MD, and was the loving son of Margaret Rose Gray Greenwell and William Clarence Greenwell of Leonardtown, MD. Charles was the loving husband of Carrie Ann Nelson Greenwell, whom he married in the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept on September 14, 2002. Charles is survived by his children Austin Greenwell, Abby Greenwell, and Allison Greenwell, all of Mechanicsville, MD, along with his siblings, Bud Greenwell of Leonardtown, MD, Freddie Greenwell (Ruth) of Mechanicsville, MD, Kim Greenwell (PJ Joy) of Leonardtown, MD, and brother in law Noodles Nelson (Crystal) of Leonardtown, MD. Charles was predeceased by his grandparents Foley and Jenny Gray and Fred and Kate Greenwell.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Charles worked for McKay's Grocery Store as a Receiving Manager for 17 years. Charles was part of fantasy football federations (FFF) renamed in his honor to "Chop Rampage". He loved watching the St. Louis Rams and Chicago White Sox.

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tory, Leonardtown, MD.

David Raymond "Dave" Hicks Sr.

David Raymond "Dave" Hicks Sr., 84, died peacefully at Hospice House in Callaway, MD surrounded by his loving family on November 13, 2021. He was born on October 31, 1937 in Staten Island, New York. He was the oldest of five children of the late Raymond and Dorothy VanVechten Hicks.

Dave entered the National Guard in 1954, graduated from Curtis High School in 1955, and joined the Navy in 1958. Duty assignments included RTC Great Lakes IL; Airman "P" School, NATTC Norman, OK; AT "A" School, NATTC Memphis TN; Naval Academy Preparatory School, NTC Bainbridge MD; NAF Annapolis MD; NROTC Unit, Purdue University; Fighter Squadron 11, NAS Cecil Field FL; Light Photographic Squadron 62, NAS Cecil Field FL; Weapon Systems Test Division, NATC Patuxent River MD; Aircraft Maintenance Department, NAS Bermuda; and the Naval Aviation Logistics Center, NAS Patuxent River MD.

Dave retired from the U.S. Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service, was later a self-employed consultant to various Defense contractors, and most recently operated a tax preparation business. He enjoyed singing karaoke, woodworking, golf, bluegrass and classical music, spending time with his family, and watching sports - especially the Washington Nationals and Washington Redskins. He was well-known throughout St. Mary's County.

He is survived by his dearly beloved companion, Mary Lou Bassford of Hollywood, MD; by his children, David Raymond Hicks Jr. (Irene) of Boise, ID; Robert Hicks of Mount Vernon, WA; Margaret Ann Upchurch (Gordon) of Bedias, TX; Catherine Marie Gardner (Tommy) of Drayden, MD; and James Howard Hicks (Barbie) of Clarksburg, WV; his stepchildren, Veronica Rose Heard (Ralph), Robin Marie Guy (Perry), Wanda Faye Melles, and Douglas Wade Norris, all of Leonardtown, MD; Norma Jean Joy (Tom), and Troy Anthony Norris (Shirl) of Hollywood, MD; Thomas Jerry Norris of Carolina Shores, NC; Margaret Darlene Sogn (Bruce) of Ramsey, MN; twenty-nine grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Also surviving are his brother Ed (Cindy) of Hazlet NJ, and two sisters, Mary Hicks and Doris Hicks-Tillman of Toms River NJ. Dave was predeceased by his second wife of twenty-eight years -- the great love of his life, Margaret Ruby Lyon Hicks, by his third wife of nine years, Catherine Teresa Tippet Hicks, by his first wife, Nancy Kathleen Baird, a brother, James Hicks of San Diego, CA, and one grandson,

Robert Alvin Hicks.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Mechanicsville, on November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ralph Heard, Tom Joy, Perry Guy, Tommy Gardner, Johnny Heard and Tommy Joy. Honorary pallbearers will be Lewis Beckley, Michelle Bean, Lisa-Marie Karr, Brennan Norris, Lindsey Norris, Justin Jones, Alex Sogn and Kevin Heard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's - PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD, or to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church - 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd, Mechanicsville, MD, or to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad - PO Box 299, Leonardtown, MD.

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Carole Ann Johnson



Carole Ann Johnson, 78, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. She was born on October 30, 1943

in Washington, DC to the late James Walter Waters and Helen Inez (Jame-son) Waters.

Carole Ann met the love of her life, Richard Johnson and they married on September 21, 1984 with her children standing by her side. Their love was special and although not perfect, it was perfect for them. Richard lovingly called her "CJ" and they recently celebrated thirty-seven (37) years of marriage.

A strong woman, with a heart of gold, Carole Ann dedicated her life to being a great wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. When she was young, she worked as a telephone operator for C & P Telephone and then Bell Atlantic Telephone before her retirement to take care of family. She returned to work as a cafeteria worker at Margaret Brent Middle School for many years.

Carole Ann loved spending time with her family and was a doting grandmother. She was looking forward to becoming a great-great grandmother in 2022. Carole Ann was an amazing cook. She made the best food and you never left her house hungry. A born hostess, she would lay plywood down on the pool table and load it down with food, welcoming everyone into her home for celebrations, holidays or just a family meal.

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It's been two years since you went home to be with your Loving Father, but my home has not been the same since you passed away. Some nights I hear you call my name and I get up and speak your name knowing that you are not there. Then I lay back down and the tears start to flow. All I have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part.

I Love You Mama
Larry



A beautiful soul has left her earthly troubles behind and is now rejoicing in heaven with her Lord and Savior. Never fear the end as Carole Ann will be there to welcome you into paradise with a big smile, warm hug and stories to tell.

Carole Ann is survived by her husband, Richard Johnson of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Laura Wright (Jimi) of Mechanicsville, MD and Kathy Stonestreet (Jimbo) of Hughesville, MD; four (4) grandchildren, Krissy, Brandy, Zachary and Michael; seven (7) great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Rylan, Louis, Brayden, Kendall, Kaitlyn and Hunter and soon-to-be one (1) great-great grandchild. She is also survived by her siblings, Craig Waters (Vivian), Wayne Waters (Mary), Alan Waters (Karen) Linda Glascoe (Joe), Debbie Wannall and brother-in-law, Tommy Grove; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Cindy Grove and brother-in-law, Robert Wannall.

The family will receive friends for Carole Ann's Memorial Gathering on Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at 5:00 p.m., officiated by Deacon Bill Kyte, all at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be held privately.

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

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Betty Evelyn Hurst Page



Betty Evelyn Hurst Page, 94, went home to be with the Lord on November 9, 2021.

Betty was born on May 11, 1927 in Asheville, NC. Having lost both

parents, (Lattie Ellis Hurst and Katherine Regina (Watson) Hurst, she was raised by her Aunt Ethel Hurst Massey, Aunt Emily Laurelda and Uncle Jack Edward Wyman in Franklin, NC.

She attended school in Franklin until her senior year when she moved to St. Mary's County and graduated from Great Mills High School in 1944. She married Charley (Chuck) John Page in 1945 at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Mary's City, and enjoyed 67 years of marriage with him. Betty and family were active in the Lexington Park Baptist Church, where she was one of the early members. She taught Sunday School for 17 years, served as a Deaconess, served as treasurer of the church and taught a ladies' Bible study for over 25 years. Later in life, she and Chuck became members of Leonardtown Baptist Church. She was a member of the

Order of Eastern Star (Julia Halla 107) in Hollywood, MD. Betty worked 30 years at Pax River NAS, MD where she became Small Purchasing Supervisor, and retired in 1987 receiving the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service award. In retirement, Betty enjoyed being with her family and friends, traveling and camping. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed quilting and made over a hundred quilts. She made numerous decorated cakes including wedding cakes for family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Michael Jay Page (Jennie Sue) of Hollywood, MD, Jean Hurst Baker (Darrell) of Lawrenceburg, KY, and Johanna Louise Marusic (Walter) of Afton, VA; her grandchildren, John Michael Page (June), Emily Baker Weaver (James), Laura Baker Stearman (Adam), Jennifer Page Kreller (Joey); her great grandchildren, Michael Aaron Page, Amanda Plummer Shoer (John Paul), Christopher John Plummer (Torrey), Asher Marcum Stearman, Ella Grace Stearman, William Russell Stearman, Caroline Page Kreller, Abel Joseph Kreller; her great-great grandchildren John Linwood Plummer, Arthur Harold Plummer and Wednesday Autumn Shoer and beloved nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her devoted husband, Chuck Page, sister, Ivaloe Louise (Hurst) Williams, beloved cousin, Floyd Hurst Wyman and grandson, Jason Newman Page.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 via live stream at 12:00 p.m., at the Brinsfield Funeral Home website: www.brinsfieldfuneral.com. Reverend Jason Pamblanco will be officiating. Interment will follow at Joy Chapel Cemetery in Hollywood, MD.

Serving as Pallbearers are John Page, Michael Page, Christopher Plummer, Joey Kreller, Adam Stearman and James Weaver.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kings Christian Academy, 20738 Point Lookout Road, Callaway, MD 20620 or Leonardtown Baptist Church, 23520 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Curtis Monroe Tabor



Curtis Monroe Tabor, 84, of Ridge, MD passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD. He was born on December 16, 1936 in Coopers, WV

and was the son of the late Clyde Monroe Tabor and Thelma Hayes Tabor.

Curtis grew up in a rural area where he was taught the value of hard work and dependability. He would begin working in a lumber yard as a sawyer and maintenance man at a young age for the Charlotte Hall Lumber Company. He took great pride in his dedication to his profession and safety of those he worked with.

He met the love of his life, Barbara Sipe and they were married on December 11, 1958. Together they have celebrated over sixty-three (63) years of marriage. They welcomed three children, Lori, Patti and Mike and raised a wonderful family.

An avid outdoorsman, Curtis enjoyed fishing and spending the day out on the bay. He considered a day with a hook in the water a great day. He enjoyed music, especially blue grass. He loved to play his fiddle and sing. He would tap his toe and encourage everyone to dance or sing along.

Whether you knew him as Curtis, Dad, Grandpa, or friend, you knew his commitment to his family. The legacy of honor, strength and hard-work he projected will be carried on and duplicated for generations. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Barbara Tabor of Ridge, MD; children, Lori Ann Tabor-Finch (John) of Mechanicsville, MD, Patricia Lynn Burns of Stewartstown, PA and Curtis Michael Tabor (Christie) of Columbia, MD; six (6) grandchildren and twenty (20) great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Frances Alderman (Jessie) of Huntingtown, MD and Betty Burton of Annapolis, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Thelma Tabor and brother Robert E. Tabor.

The family will receive friends for Curtis' Visitation on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with Live Music featuring Curtis' friends at 1:30 p.m., the Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. all at

Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will follow immediately at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

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John Martin Bell



John Martin Bell, 91, of Bushwood, MD passed away peacefully on November 4, 2021 at Hospice House of St. Mary's.

John was born in Leesburg, VA

on February 16, 1930 to the late John B. Bell and Myrtle Irene Gallahan. In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his brothers, Roland Bell, Mark Bell, and William "Bill" Bell.


On February 26, 1950, John married his beloved wife, Elizabeth Ann Wise, in Falls Church, VA. He spent his entire career employed as a builder in home construction. His love of the Washington Redskins was only exceeded by his love of animals.

In addition to his loving wife of 71 years, Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bell, John is also survived by his three daughters, Joyce Hermansen (Eric), of Amissville, VA, Catherine Giles (Buddy), of Toano, VA, and Susan Griffin (John) of Sterling, VA; his brother, Gilbert Bell of Fairfax, VA; his grandchildren, Garrett Hermansen (Robin), Brock Hermansen (Jessica), Coel Hermansen (Christy), Torsten Hermansen (Samia), Tait Hermansen (Soumya), Shane Griffin (Trish), Kyle Griffin (Brandi), and Taylor Soto; as well as several great grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Seventh

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Barbara Lee Marino



Barbara Lee (nee Hammett) Marino, 70, of Hollywood, MD passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on November 2nd, 2021.

A lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, she was born on June 25, 1951 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Joseph Robert "Peter Rabbit" Hammett and Mary Helena "Lena" Hammett.

Barbara is survived by her children, Ryan Mirfield of Lexington Park, MD and Anthony "AJ" Marino of St. Petersburg, FL, her grandsons Jordan Mirfield, Andrew Mirfield and Maddox Mirfield, her sister Brenda Ryan (John) of Annapolis, Md, her brother Joseph Robert "Bobby" Hammett of Pensacola, FL and nieces Jennifer Milan of Hollywood MD, and Heather Tennyson, of Annapolis, MD and Stephanie Sanchez of Fort Myers, FL and nephew Michael Hammett of Greenville, SC

She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Commander Anthony "Tony" Ralph Marino, USN (Ret)

As a Navy wife, Barbara loved to travel, sail and do cross-stitch. While the family was stationed in Japan Barbara taught English to the many local adults and children before returning home to St. Mary's County. Several years later she sailed to Key West, FL for another Navy assignment only to return to the family home after her husband's retirement from active duty. Barbara continued to travel and became quite a fan of New Orleans, Florida and the Caribbean, often returning with

friends and family.

Barbara will be most remembered for her loving spirit, her endless love for her children, grandchildren and her pets. She loved to entertain and her warm and welcoming home on the water became sanctuary for so many family and friends.

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Yvonne Marie Joy



Yvonne Marie Joy, 72 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on November 8, 2021 at her home with her family by her side.

Yvonne was born on February 15, 1949 in Limerick, Maine, to the late Lena Keaten Smith and Elias Smith, Sr.

Yvonne moved from Woodbridge, VA in 1999 to St. Mary's County, MD. She worked as a Budget Analyst for NAVAIR before retiring in 2019. She raised three children, Brian, Christopher, and Katherine. Being from Maine she was an avid New England Patriots fan. Yvonne was also proud to have traveled to all the 48 Continental U.S. States with her friends from Maine and enjoyed many other occasional road trips. In her spare time she enjoyed quilting, crafting, and making flower arrangements. She also enjoyed working on many home renovation projects.

She is survived by her children, Brian Thomas Joy (Erica) of Valley Lee, MD, Christopher Michael Joy of Lexington Park, MD, and Katherine Rachel Stocker (Benjamin) of Aurora, CO and her grandchildren, Matthew (Max) Xavier Stocker, and Noah Michael Joy; her siblings, Howard Smith of Limerick, ME, Charles Smith (Cindy) of Limerick, ME, Gary Smith (Debbi) of Baldwin, ME, Roxanne Smith of Limerick, ME. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Roger Finnemore, Elias

"Raymond" Smith Jr., Frank Smith, and James "Zenas" Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

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

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George Raley "Buster" Payne Sr.



George Raley "Buster" Payne Sr., 84 of Mathias, WV (formerly of Leonardtown, MD) passed away peacefully on November 7, 2021 with his family at

his side.

He was born on September 2, 1937 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Joseph Johnson Payne Sr. and Genevieve Beatrice Raley Payne.

Buster was born and raised in St. Mary's County. He is a graduate of Margaret Brent High School. On February 14, 1956 he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on February 13, 1962. During his service he earned the Good Conduct Medal from 1956 to 1959. On July 4, 1959 he married his beloved wife, Eleanor Virginia Payne. Together they celebrated over 50 wonderful years of marriage before her death in 2009. He owned and operated JJ Payne & Sons Well Drilling with his father and later his sons until his retirement in 1999. In 1999, he and his wife moved to the vacation home he purchased in 1979 in Mathias, WV. He was a skilled builder, building his home on Bayside Road and in Mathias, WV. He also built many pieces of furniture, including a china cabinet and beautiful cherry wood bar. He was also very handy, and could fix just about anything. He loved helping his friends and neighbors. He grew bountiful gardens and making wine. He also liked going to the dirt track. As an avid NASCAR Fan, he and his wife often went to the tracks at Dover, Daytona, Richmond and Charlotte to enjoy the race. His favorite driver was Richard Petty. They also travelled cross country in their camper, and visited all the states, including Hawaii. His favorite place to be was at his home in West Virginia.

Buster is survived by his four children: Frannie Payne (Larry) of Colonial Beach, VA, Gail Woodburn (Dennis) of Lexington Park, MD, Michael Payne (Nolean) of New South Wales, Australia, and George R. Payne Jr. (Nancy) of Leonardtown, MD. In addition to his children he is survived by four of his

siblings, Estella Morgan of Helen, MD, Mary Rose Burch (Norman) of Mechanicsville, MD, Elizabeth Jo Lacey of Hollywood, MD, and James Leroy Payne (Bonnie) of Partlow, VA. George is also survived by his nine grandchildren: April Santman (Daniel), Bobby Oswald, Bryan Buckler, Kyle Woodburn, Kurt Woodburn, Michael Payne, Jr., Lauren Roof (Jeff), Darren Payne (Kaitlyn), and Savannah Payne.; eight additional great grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents and beloved wife, Buster is preceded in death by his loving wife, Eleanor Virginia Payne and his siblings, Joseph J. Payne Jr. and David Allen Payne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Joseph "Cecil" Dorsey



Joseph "Cecil" Dorsey, 84, of Charlotte Hall, MD, passed away on November 15, 2021 in Silver Spring, MD. Born on May 27, 1937 in Dentsville, MD,

he was the son of the late Carrie Hicks Dorsey and the late Rubin Dorsey. Cecil was the loving husband of Mary Ellen Dorsey, whom he married on June 9, 1978 in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Chaptico, MD. Cecil is survived by his children Darrell Countiss (Melissa) of Lusby, MD and Tony Countiss of Charlotte Hall, MD, his siblings Gladys Barnes of Capitol Heights, MD, Annie Spears of Baltimore, MD, Lillye House of Baltimore, MD, and Catherine Robison (John) of LaPlata, MD, as well as six grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is preceded in death by his siblings Mary Agnes Cole. John "Bubba" Dorsey, Sarah Gross, Joseph S. "Boy" Dorsey, Albert "Joe Louies" Dorsey, Helen Washington, and his twin Authur Dorsey.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Father Michael Tietjen officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Bushwood, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Darrell Countiss, David Thomas, Wayne Gross, Dwain Countiss, Charles Countiss, and Wayne Dorsey.

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Francis Leonard "L.T." Tippet



Francis Leonard "L.T." Tippet, 77, of Hollywood, MD passed away on November 14, 2021 in Hollywood, MD. He was born on October 6, 1944 in Leonardtown,

MD, and he was the son of the late Catherine Pilkerton Tippet and Webster Tippet. L.T. was the loving husband of the late Theresa Morgan Tippet, whom he married on September 10, 1966 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD, and who preceded him in death on August 13, 2018. L.T. is survived by his children Vickie Tippet of Hollywood, MD, Karen Layman of Rostfaver Township, PA. Cathy Dean of Hollywood, MD, Melissa Tippet of Lexington Park, MD, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

L.T. was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and attended St. John's School. He was a head plumber for the federal government.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Morganza, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Richard Layman, David Himes, Jamie Tippet, Richard Layman, Jr, Logan Himes, and Timmy Berry.

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

Arthur "Leroy" Jones



Arthur "Leroy" Jones, 76, of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of Hollywood, MD, passed away on November 7, 2021 in Washington, DC. He was the son of the

late Martin L. Clements and Amanda L. Dean. Leroy was raised from birth by his maternal grandmother An-

nie Louise Jones, whom he called his mom. Leroy was the loving husband of Carolyn A. Jones whom he married on October 26, 1968 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Morganza, MD. Leroy is survived by his children Ronnie Jones (Andrea) of Hollywood, MD, Missy O'Brien (Mike) of Hollywood, MD, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He is also survived by his siblings Louis Clements of California, MD, Ruth Johnson of California, MD, Alma Blackwell of California, MD, Pat Abbot of California, MD, Janice Skafidis of California, MD, Bobby Clements of California, MD, Margie Sandidge of California, MD, Gary Dean of Myrtle Beach, SC, Dale Dean of Hollywood, MD, and Marlene Freeman of Hollywood, MD, along with his aunt Leona Stone, whom he considered his sister. He was preceded in death by his daughter Stacey Lynn Jones, sibling Jerry Clements, Allen Clements, David Clements, Ronnie Clements, Joe Dean, and Cliff Dean. Leroy grew up with late his aunts and uncles, Evelyn Clements, Thomas Jones, Hoover Jones, Hilda Morgan, Lindy Jones, Samuel Jones, Cecelia Hope Morgan, Connie Woodburn and considered them his brothers and sisters.

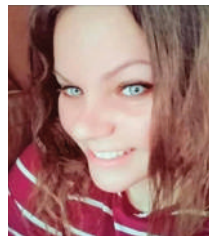
He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and attended Leonardtown High School.

Leroy worked for the St. Mary's County Public School system as a locksmith for over 30 years, retiring in 1999. After retiring from the St. Mary's County Board of Education, he drove a school bus from 2001 to 2017 for St. Mary's County Schools.

The family will receive friends on Monday, November 15, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM in St. John's Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Bobby Moran, Timmy Jones, Mike O'Brien, Dale Dean, Joey Longly, and Jeff Griffin. Honorary pallbearers will be Aly Griffin, Gwendolyn Jones, Amanda Griffin, Bridgette Jones, and Evelyn Arias.

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

Sherry Elizabeth "Sarah" Simmons



Sherry Elizabeth "Sarah" Simmons, 37, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on November 4, 2021 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown.

Sherry was born on June 1, 1984 in Calvert County, MD to Mary Linda Simmons of Charlotte Hall, MD.

Sherry was raised by her aunt, Susie and her stepfather, Stephen Huffman. She graduated from Lackey High School. She was a loving mother to three beautiful children, Gene, Lindsay, and Sean. She enjoyed being outdoors and taking walks in the park. She often volunteered her time at the Soup Kitchen helping others and visiting her friends. She enjoyed watching the Special Olympics, especially the ice-skating and swimming competitions, but most importantly she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her aunt, Susie Huffman and her stepfather, Stephen Huffman of Lexington Park, MD; her children, Gene, Lindsay, and Sean Williams, all of Lexington Park, MD; her siblings, Crystal Moreland of Leonardtown, MD, Robert and Julie Simmons of Ridge, MD, Wayne Hooper of Lexington Park, MD, Barbara Hooper, of Ridge, MD, Timothy Gunther of Lexington Park, MD, Steve Huffman of Lexington Park, MD, Sam and Angie Huffman of Mechanicsville, MD, Stephen Huffman of Lexington Park, MD, John Huffman of Lexington Park, MD, and Joseph and Jenica Huffman of Virginia Beach, VA.

At this time services are pending.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

William Patrick O'Brien



William Patrick O'Brien, 71 years old, died at home in Louisville, KY, on October 29, 2021, surrounded by his family as he drew his last breath.

He was born on December 15, 1949 in Washington, D.C. – the middle of seven children. His childhood home was on the Potomac River, in Leonardtown, MD, where Bill developed his lifelong love of water. As a result, he never saw a

rickety old boat that he didn't covet. He graduated from Ryken High School in 1967 and left home shortly thereafter for Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky. He spent his first year of college demonstrating the restorative power of Irish Whiskey and late - night poker games. He subsequently enlisted in the Army and returned to Bellarmine three years later all grown up.

Bill met his future wife on the Bellarmine Debate team where they perfected the art of arguing and they subsequently went to law school together. He graduated from the Brandeis School of Law in 1978 and joined the law firm of Karem & Karem, in Louisville, where he practiced law for several years before joining the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, where he headed the Civil Division for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy Elder O'Brien; their three children, Emily (Savvy), Meghan (Osman) and Jonathan (Dara). He taught his children to keep their word, to do their best, to be kind to one another and to try new things. His grandchildren, Harrison Patrick Rana, Owen William Rana, Atlas Boone O'Brien and Phoenix Tiller Gilmore were the best part of his life in later years. He is also survived by his sisters, Loretta O'Brien, Sharon O'Brien, Kathleen O'Brien and his brother, Joseph O'Brien. Bill was predeceased by his parents, Elizabeth and Joseph O'Brien, his sister, Elizabeth Roberston and his brother, Robert O'Brien.

Bill was a quiet and humble man who never spoke of his many accomplishments. He trained for months to climb Mount Rainier. He could be seen climbing up and down the huge hill at Joe Creason Park with a big backpack filled with rocks. He failed in his first attempt but did not give up and summited on his second try. He was a confidante to many and never revealed a secret. Ever. As the kids grew up and moved out, Bill began a new phase of his life. He bought his last boat, the Marissa, and he and his sister Loretta – a fisheries biologist from Falmouth, Massachusetts - undertook the trip of a lifetime, traveling for ten months down the Intercoastal Waterway from Massachusetts to Florida and back again with many adventures in between. He and his best friend, John Selent, hiked in Canada, India, Ireland, Scotland, and many other places far and near.

A funeral service was conducted at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road, 40205 on Tuesday, November 2. Please consider a contribution to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at curecfn.com.



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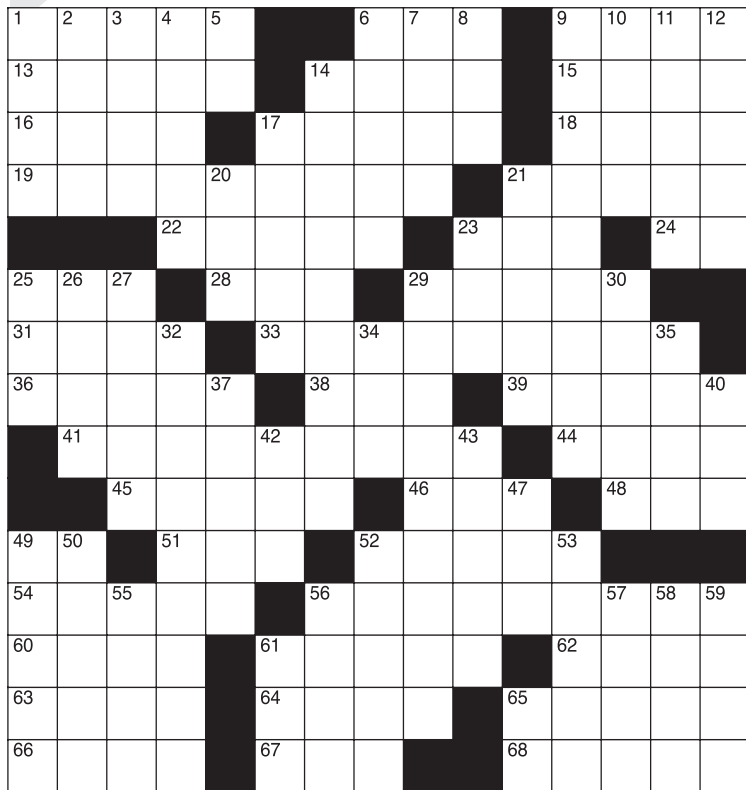
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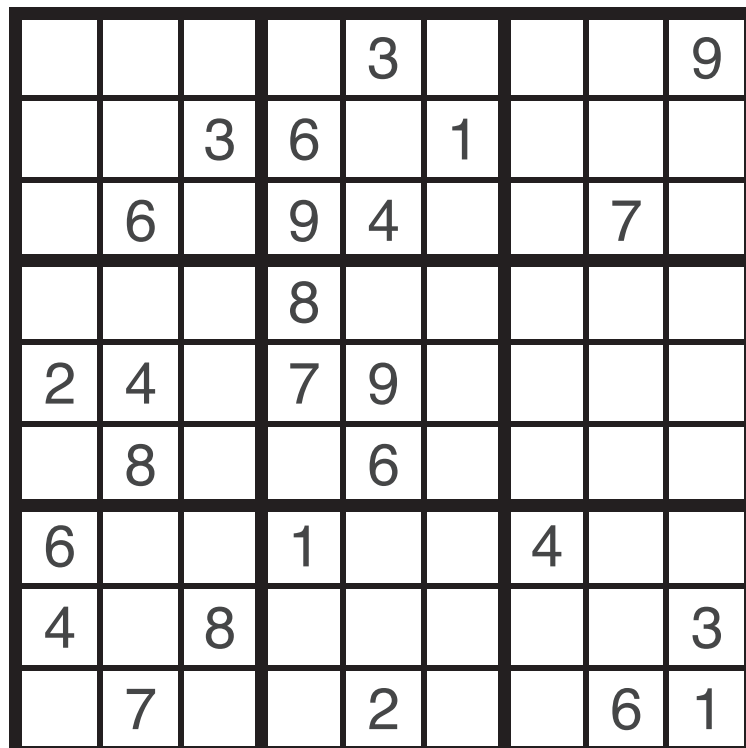
- 1. German philosopher
- 6. A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- 9. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 13. Deerlike water buffaloes
- 14. Island
- 15. Jewish calendar month
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- 18. A restaurant needs one
- 19. Decent behaviors
- 21. Groans
- 22. Works hard
- 23. Upset
- 24. A sound made in speech
- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Boxing's GOAT
- 29. Whittles
- 31. Tailless amphibian
- 33. Surrounded
- 36. Doesn't stay still
- 38. Copycat
- 39. Four-door car
- 41. Morally correct behavior
- 44. Something that is owed
- 45. Pasta needs it
- 46. Ant-Man's last name

- 48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 49. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 51. Woman (French)
- 52. On or around
- 54. Fencing swords
- 56. Fonts
- 60. A command in the name of the court
- 61. Sprays with an irritant
- 62. Georgetown athlete
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Sign of injury
- 65. Tracts of land (abbr.)
- 66. 365 days
- 67. Physique
- 68. Icelandic poems

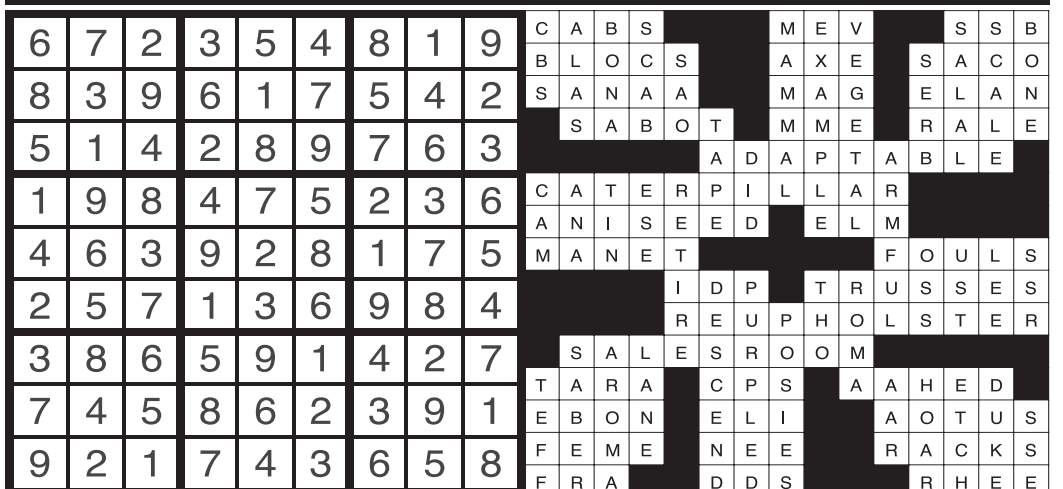
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bodily substance
- 2. Internal
- 3. Provoke or annoy
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Losses
- 6. Makes less severe
- 7. Identifies a thing close at hand
- 8. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- 9. Rebuilt
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. American investigative journalist
- 12. Partially melted snow
- 14. Take shape
- 17. Mexican beverage
- 20. Patti Hearst's captors

- 21. Jacobs and Summers are two
- 23. Disfigure
- 25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
- 26. Ill-mannered person
- 27. Overhang
- 29. Famed rat catcher
- 30. Passover feast and ceremony
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Central processing unit
- 35. Chinese native religion
- 37. Unfermented juices
- 40. "To the __ degree"
- 42. Frozen water
- 43. Medieval circuit courts
- 47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- 49. Gossipy
- 50. Shopping is one type
- 52. Palmlike plant
- 53. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Welsh name meaning "snow"
- 56. Popular Mexican dish
- 57. It helps power devices
- 58. Reddish-brown wildcat
- 59. Impertinence
- 61. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 65. Atomic #52



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