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# Appeals Board Overturns Temporary Permit For Park Hall Religious Festival

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A family living in Park Hall have used a portion of their rural property as an event space for several years in a residential neighborhood with the county's approval, but some neighbors complained that the activities there amounted to making it a campground causing them to complain about traffic and noise emanating from the property.

An appeal to overturn the county permitted use of the land on North Snow Hill Manor Road, zoned in the Rural Preservation District, was granted by the Board of Appeals at their meeting Dec. 16, despite the permit being defended by Neil Murphy, deputy county attorney.

The temporary use permit, which was stated to be for a mid-summer religious festival this year, was to expire in 2023.

It was granted by Planning Director Bill Hunt to a member of the Klug family, who operate the site.

Murphy argued that the county properly issued the permit for the Klug's "five-day religious event" that took place in June, which is a permitted temporary use under the zoning ordinance.

"The Klugs met the general, temporary and limited standards for that use type," Murphy said, noting it was "permitted as of right."

"Once you meet those standards, [Department of Land Use and Growth Management] is required to issue a permit," Murphy said.

He said the application needed to be treated like an application for an event such as a wedding, and had to be applied fairly whether neighbors agreed with the character of the event or not.

"Their views are protected under the First Amendment as religious expression," Murphy said. "This is not a campground as will be asserted; it's a group of people of the same faith gathering for a few days out of the year to worship."

Wayne and Judith Gwynn, the appellants who sought to have the permit overturned, testified that the site was operated as a campground with 40 to 50 people attending events that ran for five to six days at a time, sometimes for 24-hour periods.

The people who attend pay for admission, the Gwynn's testified, and some were offered 24-hour parking passes for a larger fee.

A stone fire pit, portable toilets, water stations, stores of firewood and a parking area, were all permanent fixtures, the Gwynns argued.

Murphy said previously that the property owners were not required to remove structures like the firepit or gazebo constructed there after the event had concluded.

The Gwynns claim the Klugs have stated their intentions to develop and

rent out the site for regular events.

"They drum, dance and sing through the night," Judith Gwynn said. "We've had to endure harassment, including shouting and obscenities while on our own driveway... from the Klug's guests."

She even said the Klug's hung dead animal remains as a form of intimidation for the Gwynn's seeking the appeal.

Social media posts on the part of the event organizer, Lynn Klug, seemed to claim that the animal parts were part of an "old world warding" and were not directed at the neighbors.

George Fiakos, a retiree who lives on the same road, said he and other neighbors had long suffered from the activities on the site in question.

"They make their noise when they want, they do whatever they want and don't seem to have any concern about anyone else," he said. "Where we are should not be a place where something commercial can come in."

"When the drums go all night and the fireworks start that's not what I call peace and quiet."

Klug, who applied for the permit originally and who wanted to be referred to as a male with the name Zorin, said just two acres of the family's land was used for the event.

"We have been as reactive to their concerns as we have been permitted to be," Klug said. "This is the first time I have ever stood in a room with the Gwynns."

"At no point in any of these years has anyone attempted to communicate with us their concerns; it has never happened."

Klug said when the family hears of complaints or concerns they have "adjusted," such as cutting off drums at 10p.m.

"We were told the trash was gross and 48 hours to wait was too late," Klug said, noting the trash removal was expedited as a result of the complaints.

"We fix what we know about," Klug said.

Klug also said the plans to use the site "were not sustainable" and had to be adjusted, necessitating the removal of a website advertising it as an event space.

There are now plans to put an orchard there, Klug said.

"It's going to be an orchard," Klug said. "Which I hope to host my co-religionists on for some time."

"We're not here to make your lives miserable, we're here to celebrate our faith."

Klug said that faith, which was pagan, was rapidly growing.

The four members of the Board of Appeals sitting that night voted unanimously to overturn the planning director's decision.

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# Commissioners Approve Grants to Expand Broadband

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

St. Mary's communities in rural areas that have struggled without internet access could see some relief if the county's Department of Information Technology is successful in applying for more federal money to expand broadband fiber.

The latest application is for five grant awards that could each bring \$500,000 to the county for completing so-called "middle mile" projects which extend internet cable down more rural routes that internet service providers have said are too expensive to run for the number of homes to be serviced.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent need for the entire county's school system to learn virtually pushed the county to provide or seek funding to vastly improve internet accessibility.

"We've heard a lot about broadband funding coming down from the federal government," Bob Kelly, information technology director said Dec. 14 at the meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. "This is our first opportunity to seek some of that money."

The county has already put about \$2 million in American Rescue Act money towards broadband expansion; these grants, if awarded would also stem from that act's funding.

Local internet providers, such as Atlantic Broadband, have already contributed about \$300,000 in kind to provide design and engineering work for the project, Kelly said.

Commissioner John O'Connor voted in support of the grant applications along with the other four commissioners and noted that he had originally opposed putting taxpayer funding up to essentially lay cable from which internet service providers would benefit.

"I was wrong," O'Connor said, saying that the benefit to the county of broadband expansion justified the expenditure. "You've done an amazing job."

Since the commissioners allocated the original \$2 million, the county has laid 13 miles of cable, Kelly said, and he said that 138 addresses would be able to connect to internet access by mid-January of next year.

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# Town Planning Commission Holds Decision on Dairy Queen

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The Burch family, former owners of local convenience stores throughout St. Mary's, kept the carwash facility at the Burchmart location at the intersection of Route 5 and Washington Street in Leonardtown and have plans to demolish it and replace it with a Dairy Queen restaurant.

But the project ran into opposition at the latest meeting of the town's planning and zoning commission.

Much of the opposition to the project was over concerns that its site would further exacerbate traffic problems that already exist there.

They noted that the project would have access to Lawrence Avenue.

The new building, according to the concept site plan brought before the town, would be 2,662 square-feet in size.

One-tenth of the parking facility on the property must be landscaped, according to Town Planner Jada Stuckert, but the applicant is proposing more than 4,200 square feet of landscaping for the project.

"A total of 53 [parking] spaces is required for the project, unfortunately only 42 spaces are provided," Stuckert said. "Along with 18 stacking spaces for the drive-thru instead of just five [as required under the town ordinance.]"

There will be access from Washington Street to the property, Stuckert explained, and two lanes exiting out onto the same street.

The Dairy Queen would front Washington Street, she said, as well as have an entrance and exit onto Lawrence Avenue.

The project file has been submitted to several county and state entities for review, including the St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and the State Highway Administration.

The planning and zoning commission voted to delay making a decision on the project until they could get more information from the State Highway Administration on the potential impacts of the project.

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Day of Service: 10:00 a.m. (free)

### Annual Reeves Lecture with Jeffrey Hammond

February 16, 8:00 p.m.

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### VOICES Reading Series with Samantha Liming (class of 2017)

February 10, 8:15 p.m.

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### An Evening to Honor the Legacy of Lucille Clifton

February 28, 7:00 p.m.

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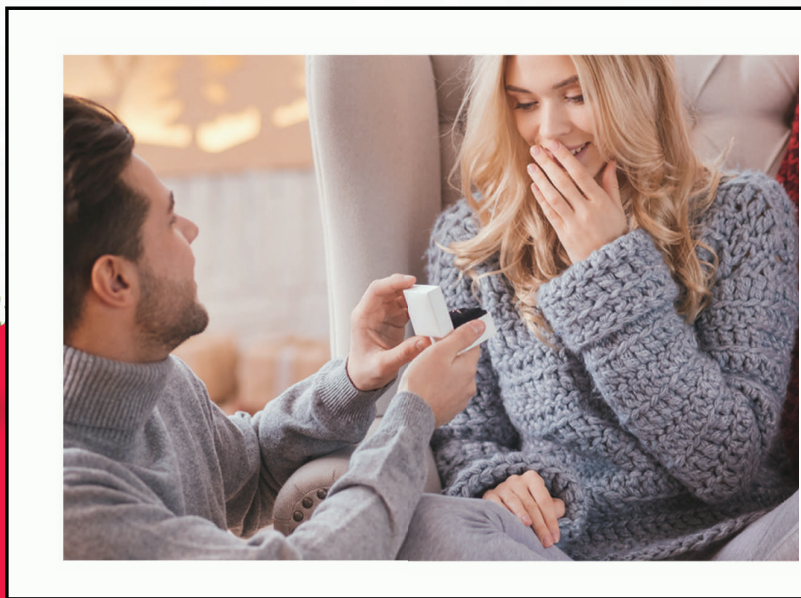
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# Gansler Touts Moderate Approach in Campaign for Governor

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Former Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler, making a second run for governor in the Democratic primary, says that he believes he is the only one of his party who could win in the general election against a Republican candidate.

For the past two terms Maryland, a heavily Democratic state, has elected a Republican to the chief executive's position, Gansler, of Chevy Chase, told The County Times, signaling they want something other than an extreme far-left candidate to run the state.

"More than half [of the other Democrats in the race] have never run for office or are not originally from Maryland," Gansler said Dec. 17. "Voters want to hear about someone who is going to help build small business... and someone who has experience work the levers of government."

"I can win the general election." As a former federal prosecutor and Montgomery County State's Attorney, Gansler said supporting police was a significant part of his campaign.

Other candidates, he said, were following the de-fund the police mantra.

"You've got to be kidding me," Gansler said of such policy shifts. "Crime is a huge issue right now."

"What's going on in Baltimore is unbelievable."

Gansler said he supported women's reproductive rights, or their right to choose abortion.

That was also another issue that was under review by the Supreme Court after hearing legal arguments regarding a Mississippi statute.

"It's going to get tossed back to the states," Gansler predicted of the



Former Attorney General Doug Gansler

possible rescinding of federally protected abortion rights. "So, it's important to have a Democrat running the state who will protect that."

For Southern Maryland, Gansler wants to help bring funding here for critical infrastructure needs such as the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge, broadband expansion and other transportation projects such as improved roads.

Gansler said he would impose vaccine mandates on all Maryland residents but said he was unsure on how he would enforce them.

"We've never balked at mandating them when we needed vaccines to go to school," Gansler said. "We live in a communal society... where there are certain ethics and standards we should maintain."

"I think getting vaccinated is one of them."

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# Hogan Warns of New COVID Surge Pushing Hospitals to Their Limit



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Gov. Larry Hogan urged all Marylanders who remain unvaccinated against COVID-19 to get their inoculation and those who are vaccinated to get a booster shot as the state is moving into yet another viral surge.

Hogan said his own recent COVID-19 diagnosis was confirmed by a PCR test.

“I’m doing fine and feeling minor cold like symptoms,” Hogan said, noting his full vaccination status and booster shot. “It’s still a strong defense against this virus and its variants.

“We’re entering another pivotal moment in the fight against COVID-19.”

The state’s positivity rate is now at 11.6 percent, Hogan said, and the state, as of Dec. 21, had a one-day high of 6,218 new cases.

There are now 1,457 COVID-19 hospitalizations statewide, confirmed Dr. Ted Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMMS).

“Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have doubled since the beginning of December,” Delbridge said, following Hogan’s address.

Roughly 20 percent of all patients in hospitals are COVID-19 cases, Delbridge said.

Hogan said that the state was

projecting over 2,000 COVID-19 cases in hospitals by mid-January, which was more than the pandemic high of 1,952 reached in January of 2020.

The governor said 91 percent of adults in the state have been vaccinated.

“Those remaining nine percent are responsible for 75 percent of hospitalizations for COVID-19,” Hogan said during the virtual press conference. “They’re pushing our hospitals and our health care heroes to the brink.”

Hogan announced the state was providing \$100 million in emergency to hospitals and nursing homes to help hire more health care staff to fight key labor shortages that have exacerbated the hospitalization problem.

Emergency funding — \$30 million — was also announced for more testing resources for schools, while Hogan said he was expanding the hours of testing sites opened in Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties.

He urged Marylanders to remain vigilant but also not to panic.

“You shouldn’t think term fully vaccinated means fully protected,” Hogan said. “This is not March 2020.

“We’ve withstood surges before and we’ll do it again.”

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# One Dead in Head On Crash in Lexington Park

On Monday, Dec. 20 at approximately 6:56 am, St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded to the area of 19381 Point Lookout Road in Lexington Park for the reported head-on collision. Upon arrival, one of the drivers was pronounced deceased and the St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to continue the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined that a 2008 Ford Escape, operated by Mark John Dominiak, 23, of Dameron, was traveling southbound on Point Lookout Road when for unknown reasons the vehicle crossed the center line and struck a 2018 Dodge Journey,

operated by Christopher Wayne Quade Jr., 33, of Leonardtown, which was traveling northbound on the highway.

Dominiak was pronounced deceased at the scene and Quade was transported by helicopter to a regional trauma center for treatment.

At this time, driver error appears to be a contributing factor in the collision.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or events leading up to it and have not yet provided a statement is asked to contact Sgt. Brian Connelly at 301-475-4200, ext. 8031 or email [brian.connelly@stmarysmd.com](mailto:brian.connelly@stmarysmd.com).

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# First Omicron Variant of COVID-19 Virus Identified in County

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) has been notified of the first laboratory identified Omicron variant case of the COVID-19 virus in St. Mary's County. Early analysis of the Omicron variant suggests it is highly contagious compared to prior COVID-19 virus strains.

Due to a state of Maryland IT/network issue, local data on case rates and variant virus strains are currently limited. However, a large increase in demand for testing locally, findings from public health investigation/contact tracing, and wastewater surveillance data may indicate a rise in community spread of COVID-19 and a growing presence of the Omicron variant in St. Mary's County.

"With the ongoing impact of Delta, the rapid rise of an even more contagious Omicron, and the indoor gatherings of the holiday season, we are very concerned about our current developing COVID-19 surge," said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. "Hospitals across the state are seeing volumes increase significantly. It is so important for our community members to get vaccinated, get boosted, wear more effective masks indoors when with non-household members, and avoid large indoor gatherings."

SMCHD urges all community members age 5 and older to get full vaccination for COVID-19 as well as a booster dose for everyone age 16 years and older. For more information or to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please visit [smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine) or call

(301) 475-4330.

All community members, even those who are vaccinated, should please continue to take actions to protect themselves and prevent the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Wearing a well fitted mask indoors among people who do not live with you
- More effective options include: medical grade ASTM-rated surgical mask, KN95 mask, N95 mask, or double-masking with a surgical mask and cloth face covering
- Avoiding large crowds and public indoor spaces that may be poorly ventilated
- Washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer prior to touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick, or others if you are sick
- Getting a COVID-19 test if you have a COVID-19 symptom, have been in close contact with a positive case, have traveled, or were involved with a higher-risk activity

Anyone experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea should be tested for COVID-19. Call your healthcare provider or learn more about SMCHD testing options at [smchd.org/covid-19-testing](http://smchd.org/covid-19-testing).

# Health Department Holiday Operations

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) main office in Leonardtown and satellite offices will be closed on:

- Thursday, December 23, 2021
- Friday, December 24, 2021
- Thursday, December 30, 2021
- Friday, December 31, 2021

COVID-19 testing operations at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and the Behavioral Health Hub in Lexington Park will be closed on:

- Friday, December 24, 2021
- Friday, December 31, 2021

COVID-19 testing continues to be available in the community at local urgent care centers and some primary care provider practices in

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

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

## The Woman's Club of St. Mary's County, Inc.

A dedicated group of St. Mary's County women have been quietly helping our community for over sixty years.

The Woman's Club of St. Mary's County, Inc., established in 1960, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that supports a variety of programs, many assisting young people and those less fortunate.

Currently, the Club supports the Veteran's Home in Charlotte Hall, Hospice of St. Mary's, the Woman's Club Keep our Children Warm program, the public schools' shoe fund, children's activities at the Country Libraries, the Therapeutic Riding Program for Disabled Children at Greenwell State Park, St. Mary's Caring and Feed St. Mary's.

Since the Club's inception, one of its vital programs is providing scholarships to St. Mary's County high achieving, low-income high school seniors. For many years, two scholarships were awarded annually. However, for the past several years, the Club has proudly awarded three \$2,000 scholarships.

In addition, this past July, the Club was thrilled to present a check to Feed St. Mary's in the amount of \$1,200, which entitled the Club to be considered a "Major Donor".

Much of the funding we raise is through our

bi-annual clothing drives, where the public drops off bags of all types of usable clothing, purses and shoes, all types of linens, as well as stuffed animals, toys and bicycles. Throughout the year, St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in California donate clothing, all of which is housed in a storage shed until the next public event.


Another major fund-raiser is held at the St. Mary's County Oyster Festival, where the Club transforms the Fairgrounds Flower Building and sells crafts made by the members, homemade baked goods, and coffee. The Club also sets up a Boutique of finer jewelry, glassware, dishes and other lovely items, as well as having a flea market and a silent auction.

Why not attend one of the Club's monthly meetings to find out more about us? The Club always welcomes new members who would like to make additional friends and work on enjoyable and gratifying fund-raisers. The satisfaction of working with a group of lovely ladies to help your community is truly heart-warming.

Of course, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax-deductible donations are always welcomed.



Woman's Club of St. Mary's major donation to Feed St. Mary's. Charlie Wharton - Outreach Director, Lynn Newkirk - First Vice President, Carole Romary - President, Wayne Millen - Manager of Feed St. Mary's, Dr. Linda Lymas - President of Feed St. Mary's, Rev Greg Syler - Secretary of Feed St. Mary's.



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# Medley's Neck Farm Now Has Protected Status

Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust on December 9th closed on yet another easement: a 56-acre property on Medley's Neck Road in Leonardtown owned by the Thorne family.

This beautiful parcel consists of nontidal wetlands, forests, and roughly three acres of cleared land for the farmstead and a farm field. Two primary nontidal streams flow through the forested area, providing approximately 3,400 linear feet of forested riparian buffer. The wooded section includes dense stands of laurel, holly, and some specimen-sized trees of varying species. There are also as many as several acres of healthy stands of lycopodium (club moss).

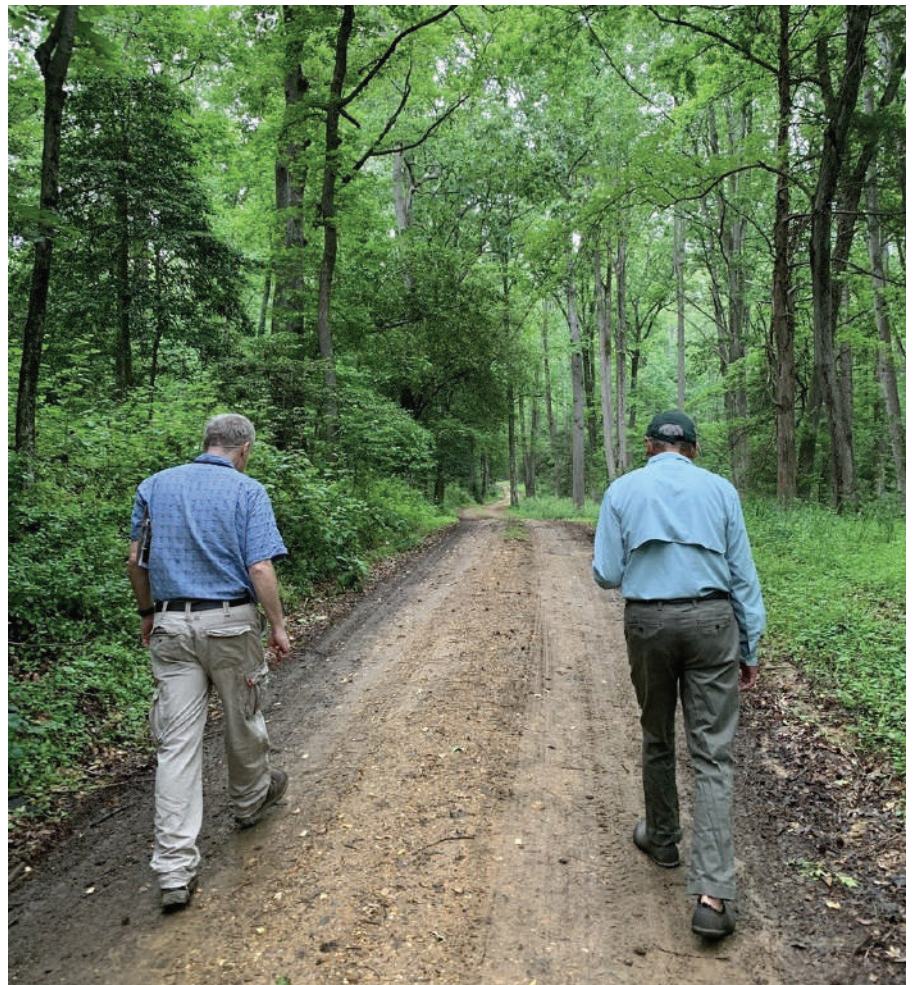
The Navy, through its REPI program (Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration), provided funding for half of the value of this conservation easement while the Thornes generously provided a donation for the balance. After closing, PTLT will co-hold the easement with the Navy and with Maryland Environmental Trust to protect the prop-

erty in perpetuity.

Rose Thorne recalls fond memories of growing up on the property with her siblings and playing in the woods. She says the Thornes are not only thrilled to be able to protect this land for future generations but also as a remembrance of their parents for giving them such a lovely place to grow up.

The mission of the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust is to sustain the region's biodiversity and water resources through a network of protected landscapes. The organization recognizes that forest and farmland and the region's unique historic and scenic character are vital to a healthy economy and citizens' sense of well-being. PTLT acquires land and conservation easements by purchase or donation. It has conserved approximately 6,000 acres of land in perpetuity. Visit [www.ptlt.org](http://www.ptlt.org)

For information about our conservation easement program in Southern Maryland and purchased easements in the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area of St. Mary's County, contact us at [saveland@ptlt.org](mailto:saveland@ptlt.org)



John Turgeon, Ex.Dir. Maryland Environmental Trust (MET), and Frank Allen, President of Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT) hiking the beautiful Thorne property

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

## Identity of Suspicious Male Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identity of a suspicious male, seen on the grounds of Evergreen Elementary School in California on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021.

The white male is approximately 5' 11" tall, who was seen wearing a long-sleeve white T shirt and dark-colored pants. He was seen walking through the campus at Evergreen Elementary School at about 3 pm on Dec. 17.

Anyone with information about the individual is asked to call Sgt. Robert Merritt at 301-475-4200, ext. 8042 or email robert.merritt@stmarysmd.com.

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

## Lexington Park Man Charged with Drugs, Gun Possession

On Thursday, Dec. 16 detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Division executed a search warrant in Lexington Park at the residence of **Daryl Douglas Dennison**, age 43, with the assistance of the St. Mary's Emergency Services Team,



Daryl Douglas Dennison

the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team, Canine Unit and the Lexington Park COPs Unit.

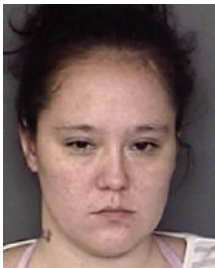
A large quantity of suspected cocaine, marijuana, cash and a loaded handgun were located inside of the residence. Dennison is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition for multiple prior convictions. Dennison was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and was charged with:

- \*CDS Possession with the Intent to Distribute
- \*Multiple firearm charges and related CDS charges

Dennison is being held on a no-bond status.

## Theft/Drug Arrest

On December 9, 2021, Dep. Cucinotta responded to the 45000 block of First Colony Way in California, for the reported theft. Investigation determined **Jesse Marie Jameson**, age 31 of Lexington Park, concealed several items in her purse, and also changed barcodes on items with barcodes of less expensive items. Jameson was taken into custody and located in her purse was a pill (suspected Adderall). Jameson was arrested and charged with Theft and CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana. Jameson was also served an outstanding warrant for her arrest for Theft.



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# St. Mary's Kids Get Police Escort for Christmas



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Last year the long running tradition of local children getting to shop with law enforcement for Christmas had to be halted for COVID-19 concerns but the event to help needy children and their families came back in full force this year.

About 110 kids, escorted by officers from nine different law enforcement agencies from around the region, got a shopping trip free of charge at the California Wal-Mart Dec. 18, a big change from the organization handing out gift cards for children last Christmas.

There were about 80 police officers in total.

The president of St. Mary's County Shop with a Cop, Bill Raddatz, a retired sheriff's office detective and patrol sergeant, said it was good to get back to providing for young people in person.

"It was great," Raddatz said of the recent Wal-Mart shopping spree. "We had a pretty big year this year."

Each young person, aged between 6 and 12 years old, got \$200 to spend for Christmas.

Kids got to pick what they wanted for themselves but many times these young people just want to get nice things for their families.

Sometimes that means the basic necessities like household products and even food.

"Every year these kids are remarkable," Raddatz told The County Times. "It empowers these kids."

"Now, they get to be the ones doing the giving rather than receiving."

Most of the children are chosen from the county's public and private schools, Raddatz said, while some others come from home-school environments.

Some children have special needs that Shop with a Cop are ready to help.

"We're happy to take anybody," Raddatz said.

The program is approaching its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bringing Christmas to needy children in St. Mary's.

"I love this," Raddatz said. "[Judge] Joe Stalanonis founded it with me 18 years ago."

Jaymi Sterling, vice president of Shop with a Cop, said the many Optimist Clubs in St. Mary's provide volunteers to prepare breakfast and serve other food for children during the Shop with a Cop event.

They also wrap the presents for the children when they are



brought to the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown after their shopping spree.

The children tell the volunteers who the presents are for and the volunteers custom wrap them.

"We work on this all year, setting up the times with Wal-Mart and the other sponsors," Sterling, a former local prosecutor now working in Anne Arundel County, said. "A lot of it was over the phone because of the pandemic."

The group is not just busy with preparing their marquee event but on operating a school supply drive during the summer.

Sterling said she was happy to see that the event could come back so quickly from last year.

"We're lucky we had enough donations," Sterling said. "The kids are just so grateful."

"It helps build that relationship between law enforcement and the community at large."

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said he has seen more and more law enforcement agencies participate in the Shop with a Cop program across the country.

"Police respond to children," Cameron said, who has participated in virtually all of the local events. "You get to see a child who's happy."

"That experience never leaves you."

Sometimes the event is bitter-sweet, Cameron said, but it was useful.

"Sometimes you see children in not the best of circumstances but at least you know they'll have a good Christmas."

"It's a really great experience."

Cameron said the event would not be possible without the help of the county Optimist Club members or all the private donations from individuals and organizations that fund the shopping sprees.

Many of the officers who spend time with the children, also bring their own family members to help out, Cameron's included.

"I've always appreciated having them with me," the sheriff said.

Having the bonding time with the children who are in need was one of the best experiences of the job.

"It's very personal, to pick that person up at their home and take them shopping," Cameron said. "In all my years of participating in the event every child I was with was always more concerned about getting things for other people and not themselves."

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## Fred's Liquors Sells \$50,000-Winning Powerball Ticket

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Fred's Liquor located at 30090 Three Notch Road in Charlotte Hall sold the \$50,000-winning ticket. The winning numbers in the Dec. 18 drawing were 2, 6, 24, 51 and 61; the Powerball was 1.

Lottery officials encourage all winners to sign the back of their tickets immediately and put them in a safe location. They get 182 days from the date of the drawing to claim their prizes.

Instructions on claiming prizes in person or by mail are available [HERE](#). Players must redeem prizes larger than \$25,000 by mail or at Lottery headquarters in the Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800

Washington Blvd., Suite 330 in Baltimore. The Lottery's Claims Center in Baltimore is open by appointment only (no walk-ins). [Click here](#) to schedule an appointment.

The Powerball jackpot rolled to \$363 million for tonight's drawing, with a cash option of \$265 million. This year, including this win, the state has now sold 60 third-tier winning tickets and three Double Play third-tier winning tickets.

Watch televised Powerball drawings at 11:22 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays on WBAL-TV. Winning numbers are available at [mdlottery.com](#) and on your smartphone by downloading the free MD Lottery app. Tickets cost \$2 each. Players can add either Power Play to their tickets for an additional \$1 or Double Play for an additional \$1 or both for a total ticket cost of \$4.

## The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Selects New Executive Director



Dr. Scott Gray

The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association (PRNAMA) announces the choice for the new Executive Director. After weeks of careful consideration, Dr. Scott Gray was chosen to be the new leader of the beloved museum.

George Hill, President of the Board of Directors, has stated "It is a great pleasure to welcome Dr. Gray to the Museum. As our new Executive Director, he combines just the right mix of education, experience, and vision to allow us to both set and accomplish goals. Additionally, his experience with tourism will bring heightened emphasis to our role as the Visitor Center for St. Mary's County and enable us to more effectively reach out to our community. I look forward to working with Dr. Gray to continue to improve our museum."

Relocating from Los Angeles, California, Dr. Gray has an extensive background in managing non-profit organizations, making him more than qualified for the position. Dr. Gray received his doctorate in Education and Organizational Leadership from the Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education & Psychology. Since then, he has worked leading struggling museums into prosperity and headlining several non-profit organizations.

Dr. Gray has shared that, "The museum has unique collections, a wonderful facility, an outstanding team, and solid leadership. It is a privilege to be here, and I hope that my experience will help Pax River achieve its full potential as one of the great aviation museums."

This recent change in command has come at a time of great importance at the

museum. Over the past few weeks, the exhibits team has worked tirelessly on the newly unveiled Women in Aviation display, which is now open to the public. And with many more projects on the horizon, like the restoration and installation of the mural saved from the now-demolished Naval Air Station Officer's Club, the museum will be continuing its work to support our mission statement to preserve, educate, and inspire. The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association is confident that with Dr. Gray serving as the Executive Director, the museum will meet future goals and continue to grow as an organization.

About the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum: The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum (PRNAM) serves as the link between the U.S. Navy's missions at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (Pax River) and the community defined by those missions. The museum sits in an enviable location with an inspiring story perfectly suited to the technological preoccupations of our era. PRNAM is unique in terms of its collections and mission, which are focused on the research, development, test, and evaluation environment as well as experimental concepts that never made it to the Fleet. The museum also houses artifacts and simulators, films, and books spanning the history of Naval Aviation, as well as 26 one-of-a-kind aircraft. Current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, please visit the museum's website at [www.paxmuseum.com](#)

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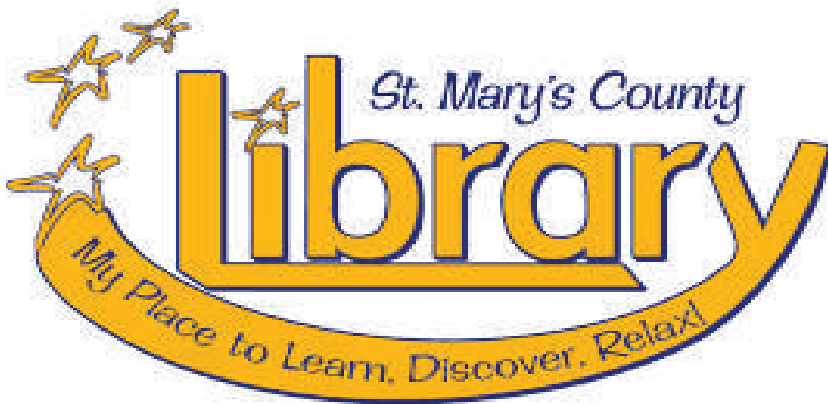
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# Cedar Lane Residents Recieve Some Holiday Cheer



Leonardtown High School seniors and members of National Honor Society and Student Government Association participate in drive-by holiday parade for Cedar Lane residents.



### St. Mary's County Library Holiday Hours

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on the following dates: Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26 in observance of Christmas, and Friday, December 31 through Sunday, January 2, 2022 in observance of New Year. The Libraries will be open normal business hours Monday, December 27 through Thursday, December 30 and again starting on Monday, January 3, 2022.

### Common Thread Online

Join fellow crafters who love all things fiber - virtually! Tuesday,

December 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required (with an email address) on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org). You'll receive an email with a link to join the Zoom meeting before the program. Open to knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers, cross-stitchers, and any other kind of needleworkers. Work on your current project and chat with like-minded makers. All skill levels welcome.

### Noon Year's Eve Dance Party with Mr. Jon & Friends: Countdown to the "Noon" Year!

Let's ring in the New Year at Noon with a rocking virtual dance party and countdown celebration on Friday, December 31 from 11:30

a.m.– 12:15 p.m.! Kids' rock band Mr. Jon & Friends will perform live on Zoom. Get out your dancing shoes and most fabulous party outfit, and join us to dance the old year away! Please register with an email address on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the Zoom link to join. Optional: pick up a Noon Year's Party craft kit at the Library in advance to make fun party accessories. Kits are available beginning December 27 at all three St. Mary's County Library branches, while supplies last.

### Thinking Money Jeopardy!: Financial Literacy Makes Sense

Compete with others and test

your knowledge about financial subjects like budgeting, the money printing process, and other financial subjects to win Thinking Money Jeopardy! This program will be held over a Zoom meeting on Thursday, December 30 from 5 – 6 p.m. Please register with an email on [www.stmalib.org](http://www.stmalib.org) to receive the Zoom link. Intended for ages 13-18. Thinking Money for Kids was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.



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# Letters to the Editor

## County Farm Bureau

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to request that the Public Hearing to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for new uses Solar, Major and Solar, Minor, which is tentatively scheduled for January 4, 2022, be rescheduled to a later date.

A County Farm Bureau workgroup reviewed the draft ordinance, as proposed by the Department of Land Use and Growth Management (LUGM). The group also reviewed the Solar Task Force Final Report and a report from the Chesapeake Conservancy titled, "Optimal Solar Siting for St. Mary's County, Maryland." The workgroup concluded that LUGM's draft ordinance does not address several complex issues that are contained in both reports. Addressing these issues will take time. It is not possible to schedule a further review of the draft ordinance before the January 4th hearing date because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Farm bureau respectfully requests that the Public Hearing be postponed. This will afford the bureau time to invite other stakeholders, including staff from LUGM, to collaborate with drafting language that will promote solar energy generation, while protecting our farmland and natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

James K. Raley, Jr.  
President

St. Mary's County Farm Bureau



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# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Pax River Employees Recognized as 2021 Civilians of the Year

By Donna Cipolloni  
NAS Patuxent River Public Affairs

Installation Child/Youth Program (CYP) Director Courtney Hillery and Senior Building Manager Darryl Romer were named the NAS Patuxent River 2021 Senior and Junior Civilians of the Year, respectively. Also recognized as the 2021 Supervisor of the Year was Supervisory Electronics Technician Adrian Bateman.

Selected from among other nominees in the competition, the winners' service and contribution to NAS Command's mission and the Department of the Navy was deemed exceptional via their demonstrated professional abilities, accomplishments, performance, and leadership.

"Our winners of civilian of the year embody the 'Pax Pro' spirit of the installation" said Capt. John Brabazon, NAS Patuxent River Commanding Officer. "There was strong competition in all categories this year, but Courtney, Darryl, and Adrian stood out in their respective fields to really earn their titles. The services they provide to our installation and tenant personnel, both on the ground and in the air, mark them for this distinction, and I am damn proud to be their CO."



Courtney Hillery, senior civilian of the year

### COURTNEY HILLERY

In her role as the Installation CYP Director, Hillery serves more than 575 children and their parents, operating the Navy's largest Child Development Center with a capacity of 360 children.

"She continues going above and beyond in extraordinary measures with a

keen understanding of how reliable child development programs support Sailors and civilians who conduct naval aviation test and evaluation in support of the fleet," wrote N9 Director Jeff Sias in Hillery's nominating package. "She handled all actions related to COVID-19 with professionalism and aplomb, including adjusting the schedules of 160 staff members, training staff remotely, enforcing stringent guidelines for mission essential care, processing refunds, and instituting formidable health and safety protocols."

Some of her recent accomplishments include:

- Instituted new employee virtual indoctrination to keep ahead of normal staff attrition

- Realigned staff to develop rotating teams into Blue/Gold Crews to separate "bubbles" of staff to support the increase of children in care

- Ensured CYP successfully met or exceeded CNIC inspection criteria

- Initiated expansion of the School Age Center Before and After School Program

- Prepared a brief for the Chief of Naval Operations on the status of CYP at Pax River during COVID-19

- On-the-Spot award winner for superior Command Resilience Team participation and Combating Extremism facilitating

- Meritorious Civilian Service Award

"She worked diligently with NDW and CNIC program managers to expand the After School Youth Center capacity by over 100 spaces to reduce the bottleneck between the CDC and Youth Center in support of the 'continuity of care' objective," Sias noted. "Ms. Hillery blazed the path with a new vision for Navy CYPs and her daily actions clearly demonstrate how the CYP Program is capable of supporting critical mission requirements and providing a safe and educational environment for the children of our military and civilian workforce."

### DARRYL ROMER

Described as the "backbone of Unaccompanied Housing" (UH) during his long tenure at Pax River, supervisors, colleagues and UH residents all rely on Romer for his vast knowledge of daily operations and components that keep equipment in good working order.

"Over this past year, Darryl has taken steps to identify problematic issues with plumbing in Building 2818, the new \$40



Darryl Romer, junior civilian of the year

million dollar barracks at Pax River," Sias said. "His efforts identified 48 leaking shower drains, which caused lighting issues in the units below. His detection allowed the fixing of the improperly installed shower pans under warranty via NAVFAC work orders, saving the command thousands of dollars in repairs."

Romer's accomplishments include:

- Organizing and distributing work orders for corrections, ensuring the quality of life remains high for the 187 service members residing in the barracks facility

- Led the UH staff in completing more than 110 work orders, keeping equipment and appliances in good working order

- Customer service skills contributed to Pax River earning the CEL "Crystal" Award for UH customer service excellence, an award earned by only 13 naval installations worldwide

- Received numerous accolades for meticulous record-keeping documenting all maintenance issues and corrective actions, which assists in identifying trends and preventive maintenance plans. This practice is emulated by other installations, giving credit to Pax River as being the best UH team in the NDW Region.

### ADRIAN BATEMAN

With the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division only having had one military electronics technician for the past 12 months, Bateman managed the training and qualification of three new technicians in all preventive and corrective maintenance of the Precision Approach Radar System (PAR).

His team also investigated the loss of remote control for the PAR turntable, quickly identifying a failed linear actuator.

"Due to part unavailability and inadequate logistics support, they performed



Adrian Bateman, supervisor of the year

a complex and extensive actuator rebuild on station restoring the PAR to full runway coverage within days vs. months waiting on parts support," wrote Pax River Air Operations Officer Cmdr. Ken Sheffield in Bateman's nomination package. "His actions allowed for Pax River Air Operations to continue all flights as scheduled."

Concurrently, Bateman collaborated with Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific to correct a PAR receiver video fault, allowing the station to complete and pass a required Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight check for the system.

"His efforts greatly improved safety of flight operations for all aircraft requiring precision landing during periods of poor visibility and adverse weather conditions," Sheffield added.

Other accomplishments of note include:

- Team critical in fully flight certifying the Instrument Landing System for Pax River while working hand-in-hand with the FAA and PMA-231, effortlessly coordinating and managing the interagency and interdepartmental workforce

- Developed and tested all Preventive Maintenance System Maintenance Requirement Cards, which will be implemented Navywide

- Sustained equipment at the highest level of operational capability directly contributing to the overall safety of flight operations and played a major role in the Navy's ability to participate in and support the FAA's National Aerospace System.

Congratulations to the well-deserved winners who will now advance to the Naval District Washington Region level of competition.

## Winner Chosen for Migratory Game Bird Stamp



Towson resident Jim Taylor won this year's 48th annual Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest held by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Judges chose Taylor's depiction of snow geese flying over a cornfield to be featured on the stamps hunters purchase to hunt all migratory game birds in the state.

"It is an honor to participate in and win the contest with my snow goose submission," Taylor said. "This is my fifth time winning and they are all special."

The new stamps will be avail-

able for purchase in 2022. Proceeds from the stamps' sale fund migratory game bird research and habitat enhancement on public lands.

"Congratulations to our winner and all participants. It was a great collection of entries representing many species of waterfowl and our first winning submission of snow geese," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "We appreciate and thank all of the artists who participated this year."

*Press Release from MD DNR.*

## Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken Lamb  
Contributing Writer

Stripers are hitting trolled or jigged lures in the Potomac and bay. The Maryland portion of the bay is open to catch and release fishing only. The Potomac is open until December 31 with a 20-inch minimum and no maximum length. Virginia waters allow one per day until the end of the year with a 20-inch minimum and a 36-inch maximum.

Most everyone has been successful on days that the wind allows boaters to venture out safely.

There are breaking fish in many areas with plenty of birds feeding on the scraps and the tiny bunker forced to the surface. There have been gannets in the bay putting on a diving show. The gannets usually follow the bigger bait fish and indicate bigger stripers below.

Bigger metal jigs reach the bottom faster where the big fish roam. Trollers are using heavy weights on their umbrella and



tandem rigs. The fish are hitting white, chartreuse, yellow, and even purple lures. The bite varies from day to day, but the off-days are still very good with few getting skunked.

There are perch in the deeper areas now and jiggers and bottom fishermen can catch them in 40 to 50 feet. The perch are schooled up in big masses and will darken your depth finder. They tend to bite on tide changes. Small metal jigs work great. A double hook bottom rig using shad darts tipped with live minnows will drive them crazy.

## Senior Moments Wins 50-and-Over Title



The Senior Moments 50-and-Over Softball Team (A Division) won the 2021 season-ending tournament with wins over Capt'n Sam's (18-10) in the semi-final and 9-2 over So. MD Toyota in championship game at Back Road Inn Field.

Senior Moments team shown, 1 to r, (back row) Mike Burroughs, Rodney Adams, Billy Grisby, Kenny King, Tommy Johnson, Frank King and Ricky Taylor. (Front Row) Cornell Barnes, Joe Queen, Terry Adams (player/manager), William Hebb, and Terry Lee.

In the B Division, Lendy Shoe's Baysox Team defeated Tommy McKay's Shorebirds in the tournament final by 8-5.

*Submitted story.*

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## A View From The BLEACHERS



# Transitory

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.  
Contributing Writer

This is going to be a busy “View.” Let’s get to it, or as Sgt. Joe Friday from “Dragnet” might have said, “Just the facts, ma’am.”

That wasn’t sarcastic. Indisputable facts still exist. A Russian bot on Facebook or an ill-intended political network blasting doctored videos and spliced quotes into the viral-sphere couldn’t skew these truths. So here it goes. Dan Marino set the NFL’s single-season passing record with 5,084 yards in 1984. Marino’s record stood for 27 years until Drew Brees broke it in 2011; it has been broken eight additional times since 2011. Staying with 1984 statistics, MLB averaged 5.34 strikeouts per game that year; in 2021, the average had ballooned to 8.68 “K’s”/game, a 63 percent increase. Darrell Griffith led the NBA with 91 three-pointers in 1984; last year, Steph Curry led the league with 337.

Gasp. Smirk. Frown your brow. Hold that thought.

In the 1985 film “Back to the Future,” a young Marty McFly, under great duress, jumped in a DeLorean modified with a flux capacitor, sped across a mall parking lot and, upon reaching 88 MPH, was zapped 30 years into the past to a 1955 version of Hill Valley. McFly struggled to process the changes. There were enough artifacts to recognize where he was, but three decades of alterations to the landscape, the infrastructure, vehicles and the products being sold, created confusion. He was a stranger in his hometown.

This “View from the Bleachers” is a bit like McFly’s experience, only in reverse. The games on the field before me now are superficially similar, but strange in so many ways. In the NBA, the center position is obsolete, low post offense is non-existent and threes rain from anywhere inside the half court line.

Baseball is dominated by bizarre defensive shifts, launch angles and bullpens – all supported by advanced analytics. Putting the ball in play? Stolen bases? Pitchers throwing complete games? All marginalized or flirting with extinction.

In the NFL, where quarterbacks can’t be hit in the head, the knees or landed on by defenders, footballs sail through air and with the great-

est of ease and at a pace where Marino’s record is matched nearly every season.

Which is all okay, I think. Contemporary sports are better in some ways; 1984-ish sports are better in others. Tuh-may-toe. Tuh-mah-toe. See, here’s the thing. Sports in 1984 didn’t look anything like sports in 1954. Nor will 2021 sports look anything like 2051 sports. That’s just how it works - all of it. Sports. And life. Nothing is static. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell initially described the rise in inflation as “transitory;” but most things are, given a sufficient time horizon. Pay-phones. Paper maps. Waiting in line to order at Starbucks. The inability to order anything and have it show up on your doorstep in two days. The one-time dominance of the Washington Football Team. All most definitely transitory!

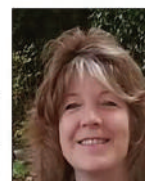
The holiday season ushers in many familiar things – lights, decorated trees, wrapping paper, high-calorie spreads and family gatherings. There’s a rhythm to it - difficult for some, warm and joyous for most, I hope. The wisdom and context that come with age, though, bring an understanding that the perennial aspects of the season mask never-ending change. The young McFly had no such frame of reference in 1985, so confronting a 1955 version of Hill Valley was overwhelming. Advance through a generation or two and such incomprehensible change becomes, well, comprehensible. Equipped with this perspective (and a few gray hairs), the holiday season becomes all the more special. The realization that time transitions children into parents, and then parents into grandparents, is powerful. Grandma’s famous sweet potato pie becomes Aunt Annie’s and then it is yours. Family units fracture, then reform as loved ones pass on and new ones arrive. There is no great authority over it. It is just life and our unique human experience. So consider, while stockings are again hung by the chimney with care, there’s nothing like this year, nothing quite like the people you are with and nothing like this singular, transitory moment in time.

That is, of course, until a time-traveling DeLorean becomes reality.

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## Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



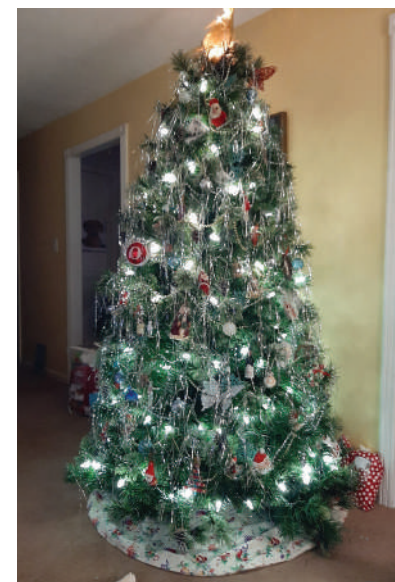
# CHRISTMAS WISHES

I hope all of you who are reading this are well, and ready for Christmas. I wish for you the love of family and friends that you can feel whether in their presence, or by phone or zoom. Ah technology, it can be a nuisance, but also a wonderful way to see relatives in real time. I am hoping to zoom a bit with my brother and sister-in-law in Utah, who are thankfully recovering well from Covid. And if my Uncle Dick and Aunt Dot in Boise are up to it (both are 91, and both are in the progressive stages of Alzheimer’s) I would love to Zoom with them also. Uncle Dick is typical of Alzheimer patients; he can’t remember his current day to day activities but can tell me wonderful memories of my father when he was young. This year is also the first year since the 1950’s that Uncle Dick didn’t send one of his hand-painted and printed Christmas cards to the family. I feel sad about the absence of the yearly cards. I have quite a few framed and still need to put those up.

My husband Robert is recovering nicely from his rotator cuff surgery, and I am nicely trying to keep him from doing too much, not an easy feat. He keeps trying to beat me to the woodstove. Thank you for all the kind e-mails and messages.

Most of my Christmas shopping is finished, but I am still working on my Christmas displays; both Christmas trees are up and finished, the bay window and coffee table are done. The only areas left are the Christmas Village which goes on the buffet top, and stockings. As I may have told you, I lost an entire display area on top of my antique bookcase to my husband’s Bourbon collection, so part of the Christmas Village won’t even come out.

I am re-thinking the main Christmas tree. This year I didn’t put on all the normal Christmas balls in favor of family and friend ornaments, so it looked a little bare (though probably not to anyone else). You almost can’t see the ornaments because the LED bright white light strings we have now



are similar to driving at night when someone comes at you with the really bright or blue lights and blinds you momentarily. These lights on our tree don’t just blind you momentarily they blind you for an hour because you are trapped just like a deer. We thought about going to Sneade’s Ace Hardware and getting another string of the warm white, but neither one of us felt like re-stringing the tree. So, my solution was to go buy old fashioned tinsel like we all grew up with to tone down the headache and nausea-inducing lights.

Well, two packages of tinsel later, with my already seemingly non-existent ornaments, my tree looks like it is covered in fur, and it probably does have fur mixed in from picking up all the strands that fell to the floor and got put back on with Mindy fur. As I looked at the tree all night, I kept thinking that it reminded me of something and something didn’t look right, and then it hit me that the tree reminded me of Cousin It from The Addams Family. Will I take the tinsel back off or pare it down? Not at this late stage in the Christmas countdown.

So, wish me luck, and I am sending you Christmas wishes of the best Christmas it can be.

To each new day’s adventure, Shelby

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



# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Friday, Dec 24

### AA Alkathon

Church of The Ascension  
Great Mills Rd  
Lexington Park  
6p.m. to 6p.m.

An AA meeting continuous every hour from 6:00pm—6:00pm Christmas Eve thru Christmas Day

## Saturday, Jan 1

### AA marathon meetings Alkathon

25550 Point Lookout Rd  
First Saint's Community Ch  
Leonardtown  
6a.m. to 6p.m.

Day two of a marathon Alcoholics Anonymous event continuing from NYE midnight and ending at 6pm New Years Day evening.

### Mechanicsville Moose Texas Holdem

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge  
2p.m. to 11p.m.

Texas Holdem Tournament  
\$120.00 Buy in (includes Bounty)

Starting Stack 20,000 chips  
Registration opens at 12pm.  
Pre-registration is encouraged but not necessary

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

Blind levels will change every 20 minutes

Cash Game will start at 12 pm for anyone interested and will run concurrent with the tournament.

Food available for additional cost.

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

For more information please

contact

James Dean  
240 577 0828  
jdeanjunior@gmail.com

## Thursday, Jan 6

### American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Rd.  
Avenue

8p.m. to 9p.m.

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. Visit our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-221-105239187962458/](http://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-221-105239187962458/) or e-mail us at [alpost221@aol.com](mailto:alpost221@aol.com). Call 301\*848\*9458 for more information. Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

## Friday, Jan 7

### Basketball

Margaret Brent  
Recreation Center  
29675 Point Lookout Road  
Mechanicsville  
11a.m. to Noon

Fridays, January 7-February 25  
Cost: \$16

Recreational basketball games will be held in the gymnasium during this eight-week session. Registration is open to both males and females ages 50 and above. Advance registration is required; a minimum of 8 players is needed to run the session. Players may pay in advance at the Garvey Senior Activity Center in Leonardtown; registrations and payments will not be accepted at Margaret Brent Recreation Center. To register in advance, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

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

## Programs and Activities

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 Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050  
 Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101  
 Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/aging](http://www.stmarysmd.com/aging) for the most up-to date information

### Department of Aging & Human Services Closures

The Department of Aging & Human Services, including all three Senior Activity Centers, will be closed on the following dates:

Dec. 23-24 – Closed for Christmas Holiday observation

Dec. 30-31 – Closed for New Years Holiday observation

### Nutrition Presentation & Counseling with Donna Taggart

Donna Taggart, Certified Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietitian, will be at the Garvey Senior Activity Center to help answer your healthy eating questions. The topics on Monday, January 3 at 11 a.m. is Eating for Thyroid. There is no cost to attend; however, advance sign up is required. Register for the presentation by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 1075.

### Beginner Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Dr. Paul Lam has developed an extensive Tai Chi for Health Series including the popular Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention. This evidence-based program will be offered at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Tuesdays & Thursdays January 18-February 10 (8 sessions) at 11 a.m.

In this class we will learn to do some core movements on each side in a graceful routine while applying basic Tai Chi principles. There is no fee for this class, but a commitment to attendance and practice is necessary for success. Pre-registration is required. Since space is limited to 20 new participants, we ask that you sign up only if you are sure that you will be able to attend regularly. Call

301-475-4200, ext. 1660 and leave a message on our reservation line to sign up.

### Nutrition Presentation and Counseling by Donna Taggart

Donna will present Eating for Thyroid Health at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Monday January 10 at 10 a.m. Registration is required- please sign up by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660. ADDITIONALLY- Donna will be offering free personal nutritional counseling at 11 a.m. on the days she is here if you make an appointment with her by text message or calling 240-538-6539.

### Play with Watercolors with T.L. Ford

Come learn the basics of watercolor painting in a relaxing, informal setting. No experience or drawing skills are necessary and everything you need is provided. The Garvey Senior Activity Center will hold classes on Tuesdays, January 11 & 18 at 1:30 p.m. The cost for each class is \$20 per class. Secure your spot in class by calling the reservation line on December 20 starting at 8 a.m. Please call, 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 to register. Payments are due within a weeks' time of sign up.

### Book Discussion Group

The Garvey Senior Activity Center will hold a book discussion group on Wednesday, January 12 & February 9 at 11 a.m. If you have a love for reading and are enthusiastic about sharing your thoughts about what you've read, this is the group for you. In January the group will discuss Sweet-

ness at the Bottom of the Pie by Allen Bradley. In February the group will discuss City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert. To learn more, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1080.

### Video About Ruth Ginsberg

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be showing Ruth: Justice Ginsburg in her Own Words on Thursday, January 13 at 10 a.m. This video tells the improbable story of how Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who couldn't get a job despite graduating first in her law school class in a tie and making Law Review at Harvard and Columbia Law Schools, became an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. It also reveals both the public and private sides of a resilient, resourceful woman who has survived the hostility of the profoundly male universe of government and law to become a revered Justice and icon for gender equality and women's rights. Register to see this video by leaving a message on our reservation line: 301-475-4200, ext. 1660 beginning Dec.20 at 8 a.m. Seating is limited to 16. (89 min.) Free

### New Bible Study Forming

Loffler Senior Activity Center will begin hosting a new bible study class on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. beginning January 14. This non-denominational, Christian-based scripture group will be led by Phil Benedict. Mr. Benedict is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and Boise State University. He has spent most of his life teaching the Bible in churches as well as two rehabilitation organizations. The first sessions will focus on the gospel of

John. A portion of each meeting will be dedicated to prayer. All are welcome. Reservations are not required. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 1658.

### Brain.e.ology

Garvey Senior Activity Center will be hosting a FREE seven-week program on Tuesdays, January 4-February 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. Losing memory or cognitive ability is a tremendous fear but there is growing evidence that cognitive ability can be maintained or even improved to the end of life! In this workshop you will gain a better understanding of how your brain works and learn tools to incorporate daily brain fitness activities. More than 90% of participants report that they feel like they have more control over future memory loss after taking this program! Class size is limited so register early. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to register beginning December 20 at 8 a.m.

### Still Looking for Decorating Ideas?

Last year during the COVID Christmas Season the Department of Aging & Human Services made a series of videos so that folks could access activities since we could not offer them in person. Though we are back in business, the videos are still available. If you would like some ideas for Christmas Décor that are very easy and quick to do, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PACxQkDF86Q&t=122s> Most of these things can be done in mere minutes with items that are so easy to acquire you may already have them on hand!

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## In Remembrance

### Jacob Issac Hostetler

Jacob Issac Hostetler, 84, Fairhaven Rd., Mechanicsville MD passed away Monday Dec. 6, 2021 at home. Born Nov. 1, 1937 in Belleville PA. He was the son of Rufus J. & Elizabeth Hostetler. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Jacob is survived by his 7 children: Elizabeth Stoltzfus (Elmer), Susan Yoder (Ben), Rufus (Rachel King), Anna Mary Stoltzfus (Melvin), Ida Marie Hertzler (Benuel), Esther Kurtz (amos) all of Mechanicsville MD; Henry of Charlotte Hall, MD, daughter-in-law Saloma (Lee) Hostetler Newport PA.; brothers and sisters: David Hostetler (Burb) of Hollywood MD, Issac Y. Hostetler (Sara), Lydiann Byler of Mechanicsville, MD.; Mollie Kurtz, Naomi Zook (Ben) both of Addison, NY, 43 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

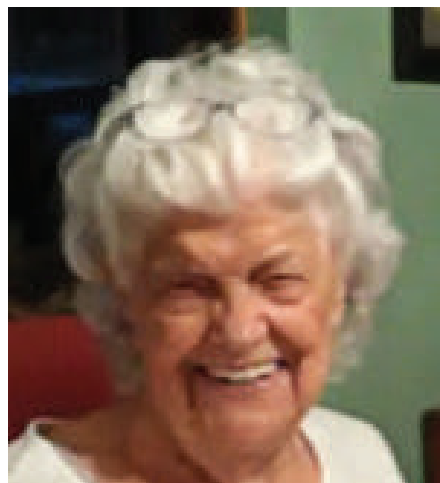
Preceded him in death, his wife Saloma C. (Byler). She passed away May 3, 2016, 1 son, Crist E., 3 granddaughters. Elizabeth Maria Hertzler, Sarah Katherine Hertzler, Saloma Kathleen Stoltzfus, great grandson Rufus Holstetler, Borthers John and Joseph, Sisters Anna, Kanagy and Fannie Stoltzfus. In-laws, Henry C. Byler, Christ Kurtz, Moses Kanagy, John Stoltzfus.

Internment at Hertzler Cemetary.

Funeral at Melvin Stoltzfus residence.

Pallbearers for Jacob were grandsons, Mahlon Stoltzfus, J. Rudy Hostetler, Mannasse Stoltzfus, Ben Kurtz, Aden Hertzler and Uria Hertzler.

### Margaret Elizabeth Ingwersen



Margaret Elizabeth Ingwersen peacefully passed away on December 9, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on April 15, 1924 in Washington DC to the late Sophia White. She had four sisters and two brothers. She was married to the love of her life, Robert H. Ingwersen on June 11, 1943. Together they raised a beautiful family of six chil-

dren, six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Margaret raised her family while working nights at the Hot Shoppes in Hyattsville, Maryland. Later, she worked as the manager of the University of Maryland Dairy. She loved this job and kept in touch with her former co-workers throughout her life. Our family has many fond memories of her time at the Dairy. She retired from the Registration Department at University of Maryland University College in 1992.

Margaret was a proud member of the American Legion Post 136. She enjoyed having breakfast on Sundays, dinners during the week, crab feasts, and shrimp feasts! She could be found pulling pull-tabs and playing football pools! She loved playing BINGO at the Branchville Fire Department. Not only did she play, she also helped set up and clean up each day. She loved her crossword puzzles, baking cookies, hearing silly jokes and re-telling them, watching her game shows, watching her favorite golfers, and QVC shopping!

Margaret was the true matriarch of the Ingwersen family. She was the most wonderful mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, aunt, and friend. She loved us all so much without having to say a word. We all knew with a sweet smile, a touch of the hand, a thoughtful gift, or a sweet note in the mail. She loved having fun and she always wanted others to have fun too! Whether it be a card party, dinner and dance party, Halloween costume party, Christmas champagne brunches, family vacations to Ocean City, or just a fun day out, she always filled our lives with love, laughter, and amazing memories. She made our lives richer each day by giving us all the happiest of memories. It is difficult to put into words exactly what she meant to us. To us, she meant the world.

Margaret is survived by her beloved children: Robert C. Ingwersen (Linda) of Bowie, Adele Adams of Swan Point, Jean Morgan (Thomas) of Mechanicsville, and Earl R. Ingwersen (Mary) of Annapolis, her beloved grandchildren: Frank Manuel Jr., Paula Murdock, Tod Ingwersen, Gretchen Steed, Bree Buckler, and Heather Myers, her beloved great-grandchildren: Shelby and Gage Murdock, Hudson, Will, and Matthew Buckler, Callie and Emma Ingwersen, Juliana Whelan, Cora and Reece Myers, Cameron Hooks, her beloved three great-great grandchildren Lila, Nixie, and Keeva, and her sister, Adele Stein. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert H. Ingwersen, and her beloved children Karen Ingwersen and Steven Ingwersen, her mother, and her siblings Vester, Salata, Bea, Curly and Randolph.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Shriners Children's Hospital and/or to Hospice of St. Mary's.

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

### Robert Joseph Montanari



Robert Joseph Montanari passed at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on December 8, 2021 at the age of 75. Born on July 6, 1946, he graduated from

Dundalk High School in 1963, attended the University of Maryland, and served with the U.S. Army at Fort Lee, Virginia during the Vietnam War. Upon retirement, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and spent his remaining years in residence at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Southern MD. He is survived by two sons, Jason Montanari and Joshua Montanari and spouse Kayla Altland; and one grandchild, Emerson Montanari. Despite divorce, his former spouse Connie Montanari was devoted to his care from the onset of his diagnosis until death. He is also survived by his brother David Montanari and wife Lorraine, nieces Melanie Montanari and Adrienne Montanari and extended family. A graveside ceremony and internment will be held at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills, MD on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:00AM.

### John Luther Shaffer, Sr.

John Luther Shaffer, Sr. 86, of California, MD passed away Monday, December 13, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on July 5, 1935 in Latrobe, PA to the late John Leslie Shaffer and Gerda Charlotte Shaffer.



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John served in the US Air Force from January, 1955 and was honorably discharged in November, 1958.

John married his "Favorite Girlfriend", Dorothy Ann in November 1956. They just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

John lived his life to the fullest. He was a Railroad Engineer for many years before retiring in January 1999. His love of riding the rails awarded him a job that felt like he never had to actually "work" for a living because it's not work if you love what you do. Many remember the amazing intricate train arrangements he set up under the Christmas tree each year.

John shared often that he was grateful that the Good Lord gave him the opportunity to marry his favorite girlfriend "Laigs", ride motorcycles from the age of 15 to 80 years old, and being able to drive trains for a living, and travel. John preferred to travel on the roadways or railroads as his motto was that he "didn't want to miss the scenery."

His personality was what drew most people to him. He liked a good cup of coffee with a donut and would talk about family, trains, motorcycles, and politics/history all day. He has left many memories for those who loved him to cherish.

John is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Shaffer of California, MD; children, Janna Linkous (Fred) of Mechanicsville, MD, James L. Shaffer (Brenda) of Clinton, MD and John L. Shaffer, Jr. (Linda/passed) of Mechanicsville, MD; his brother, Thomas E. Shaffer of Miami, FL; seven (7) grand-

children; and four (4) great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Gerda Shaffer and siblings, Robert L. Shaffer, Kenneth D. Shaffer, and Ronald E. Shaffer.

The family will receive friends for Visitation on Monday, December 27, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Hughesville Baptist Church, 8505 Old Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, MD 20637 with the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Kevin Cullins officiating. A graveside service with military honors will be held immediately after at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, Wounded Warriors Project, or Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

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

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

### Timothy Ray Thompson



Timothy Ray Thompson, 83, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 15, 2021, at Georgetown Hospital. He was born May 15, 1938, at home in St. Mary's County to his wonderful parents, Andrew Latelle Thompson, and Edna Dean Thompson. Raised in the Nazarene Church it was his greatest joy to attend every service, which held true to his last day here on earth. A good Christian man that led by example and would do anything to help

anyone.

He attended Leonardtown High School for a while and then decided to help his Father on their farm. He was a good carpenter, meticulous painter, and could do electrical work. He later went to work aboard the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, working at the Public Works Department on the Emergency Crew, AIMD Battery Shop and the Supply Department Shipping Section, retiring in 1993 after 32 years.

After retiring from the base, he found the perfect job in 1993, driving Mennonite Friends and sometimes the Amish all over the country. He traveled to Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Virginia many times, making many lasting friendships. He wore out two vans and then bought a big gray van. He had dual wheels put on the back of this one to make it safer. It was "one of a kind" and drew much attention. He also helped his good friend, Leonard Kessler bring in new school buses from the factory. He enjoyed that also. In 2020 he retired again after driving for 27 years for his friends.

He is a man who was always on the go, kind and gentle, he never had, or made an enemy, because he loved everyone, and they loved him. His greatest love, after his Lord Jesus, was his family, his wife Helen of 63 years; his two daughters and their husbands, Cheri Miller and her husband Steve Miller of Purcellville, Virginia; Michele (Missy) Evans and her husband Tony Evans of Mechanicsville; his grandson Garrett Miller and his wife, Kristen Miller of Norfolk, Virginia; his granddaughter Olivia Evans of Mechanicsville and her fiancé, CJ Burroughs of Leonardtown. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and friend.

He leaves his sister, Barbara Thompson, and brother, Jerry Thompson, and his wife Linda Thompson of Hollywood. Also, many cousins, nephews, and nieces. Preceding him in death are his parents, his brother Rodney Thompson and his wife, Jeanette Thompson, all of his aunts and uncles and several cousins, the latest being his cousins, Dora Joan Kirby and LaVerne Herndon, both of Hollywood. His Aunt Juanita Modlin of California, MD, and friends, David Wright of Florida, and Henry Stauffer of Loveville, MD.

A life well-lived, he is now with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and with those of his family who have gone on before, and we rejoice in the abundant life he will now enjoy for all eternity.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leonardtown Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 1110, Leonardtown, MD 20650

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### Leroy Augustus Young

Leroy Augustus Young was born in Washington, D.C. to the proud parents of Joseph Stanley, Sr., and Helen Simms Young. He was the second of



two children.

He attended school in the state of Maryland. He pursued higher education at New York City Community College. Leroy worked and retired from McGraw Hill Publisher Company in New York City.

Leroy was a long and faithful member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. He touched many lives and was always attentive to the wellness of his fellow church members. As well, he was a member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, the Men's Ministry, and an active participant in the Church Flea Market. Leroy was also a member of the Joseph P. Kennedy Center in Harlem, New York.

He lived at Lenox Terrace and was a pioneer of the Tenant's Association. There, Leroy was known to offer his generosity to his neighbors. In his heart, he always believed in helping others. Leroy was also known for his impeccable style.

In his final days, Leroy stated that his family, nieces, and nephews were like his own children. That no one was his favorite, but all was his heart, pride, and joy!

Leroy Augustus Young is preceded by his parents and his brother Joseph Stanley Young, Nephew Joseph Marlow Young, Nephew Charles Brigham (Buster) Young. He leaves behind to cherish his memory Sister-in-Law, Mary Evelyn Young of Maryland; his guardian in his final days Nephew, Philip Gregory Young of Washington, D.C.; Sister-in-Law Valerie Young of Maryland; and great niece Jemia Williams, husband Julian Williams of South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

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

### John "Johnny" Cornelius Tribett Jr.

John "Johnny" Cornelius Tribett Jr., 75, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at his home. He was born on September 23, 1946 in Radford, VA to the late John Cornelius Tribett Sr. and Edna Rachael (Wood) Tribett.

Johnny met his wife, Lila J. Tribett and they married on January 19, 1972. Together they have celebrated almost fifty (50) years of blissful marriage.

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It's Christmas time and if it was true that Christmas wishes come true, I would wish that you were here with me. I still put up the Christmas lights that you like, no presents because not having you here to open your gifts and seeing the glow in your eyes, is just not the same. On this Christmas just like most days the tears will come and no joy for me. Mama I Love You  
~Larry



In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution will be made to retired CPL, wounded warrior, Caleb Getscher at 40510 Juniors Ct Leonardtown, MD 20650. Caleb Getscher is a local retired CPL, wounded warrior from Afghanistan who currently resides in Leonardtown, Md.

Arrangements made at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

**Edward Ernest Bowles**



Edward Ernest Bowles of Leonardtown, MD died on December 16, 2021 at his home.

He was born in Leonardtown, MD on November 1, 1957 to the late Emma Charlotte (Lumpkins) Bowles.

He is a long time resident of St. Mary's County born and raised here. He was always known as a very hard worker. He worked as a fence installer at Thomas Fence and was close with his coworkers. He loved to eat his Southern Maryland Seafood when it was in season. He enjoyed going to Captain Sam's to pick up his scratch offs and socializing with people while there. He was an avid reader of any kind of material or books that interested him. Most of all, he loved his girls and he was devoted to them and his grandson. He was excited when he found out there, was another grandchild named Everly on the way, but his family was his greatest joy.

He is survived by his daughters, Nina Bowles (Dylan Brown) of Mechanicsville, MD; Coralea Dunston (Carlton) of Leonardtown, MD and his grandson Grayson and his granddaughter on the way Everly Dunston; his siblings Sara Thomas (Joe) of Bushwood, MD; Cathy Williams of Avenue, MD and Joe Bowles of Delaware and George Bowles (Nancy) of Mechanicsville, MD and nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Emma Lee Massey of Mechanicsville, MD, his sister Linda Knott of Leonardtown, MD and his brother-in-law, Carl Williams of Avenue, MD.

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**James (Teddy) Theodore Bailey**



James (Teddy) Theodore Bailey, 65, of Charlotte Hall, MD, passed away suddenly on December 17, 2021 at St Mary's Medical Hospital.

Teddy was born on April 3, 1956 to Ethel Elizabeth Jackson and Louis Veron Bailey in LaPlata, MD.

After growing up in Cobb Island, in 1969 he met Carol Lynn Bailey (Nichols) and they married in 1973 going on to have two wonderful daughters, Candy and Crystal.

Following school, at an early age Teddy found his passion for carpentry where he spent over 40 years serving the Southern Maryland community.

In recent years, when he wasn't maintaining his yard, Teddy spent his time in the Potomac River fishing and crabbing every chance he got. Always

the source of strength and positivity, Teddy was a kind and caring husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Teddy is survived by his wife, Carol Lynn Bailey of Charlotte Hall, MD; his daughters, Candy Lynn Gregory (Stephen) of Chesapeake, VA and Crystal Lynn Miller (Michael Jr.) of Charlotte Hall, MD; his five grandchildren; James, Cailey, Presley, Gracey and Michael III; siblings, Joseph Bailey (Lisa) and Janie Plymire (Paul) and Sister-In-Law Pamela Bailey. He is preceded in death by both of his parents Ethel Elizabeth Jackson and Louis Veron Bailey and brothers, Louis Bailey Jr. and Ricky Murphy.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in James's name to the Cancer Treatment Center's of America, at 600 Celebrate Life Parkway, Newman, GA 30265.

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**Laura Anne Mangum**

Laura Anne Mangum, 55, Passed away in Tallahassee, Florida on December 11th, 2021.

**Jones Family**

*The remaining siblings of Marie and Edgar Jones hold in remembrance our parents and our siblings who have departed from us but live forever in our hearts. We miss you and love you still so dearly. Until we meet again.*



Their love continued to grow with each year and with the birth of each of their four children, Dana, John IV, Schoen, and Lila. The bond between the two was inspirational to their family.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in June 1966, serving his country honorably before his discharge in June 1968. Johnny was proud of his service and continued to support the men and women enlisted in the United States military. Returning home, he became a talented carpenter who was in demand for over thirty (30) years. After his retirement in 2010, he could not sit around so he continued to work when he wanted or as needed, up until only a few years ago.

Johnny was a man who put his family above all else. Lila was his best friend and they spent many wonderful days just being in each other's company. Johnny was an avid outdoorsman; he was quite the fisherman and bow hunter. He was never one to turn down an invitation to sit on the bank of the pond with a fishing rod and great company. He enjoyed sharing his hobbies with his sons and grandchildren. He could go camping, crabbing or just sit by a campfire and feel a deep peace. His sense of humor was legendary and his laugh contagious.

A great man has left many to mourn his passing. A legacy of strength, compassion and determination to always take care of those you love, will be the greatest gift we received from this true gentleman.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Lila J. Tribett of Mechanicsville, MD; children, Dana L. Steffe, John C. Tribett IV, and Schoen D. Tribett of Mechanicsville, MD, and Lila M. Hill of Avenue, MD; siblings, Danny Tribett of Ohio and Ann Buckler of Hughesville, MD; eight (8) grandchildren, Billy Joe Hill, Devanie Garnett, Jonathan Hill, Devahna Graves, Angela Trowbridge, Delaney McDowell, Casey Hill and Vivian Tribett; and seven (7) great-grandchildren, Michael, Ryan, Layna, Josie, Wyatt, Jeremiah and Teresa and many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John C. Tribett Sr. and Edna Murphy; and siblings, Pinkie and Rosemary Tribett and Mike Murphy.

At this time all services are private. A Memorial Celebration will be planned at a later date.

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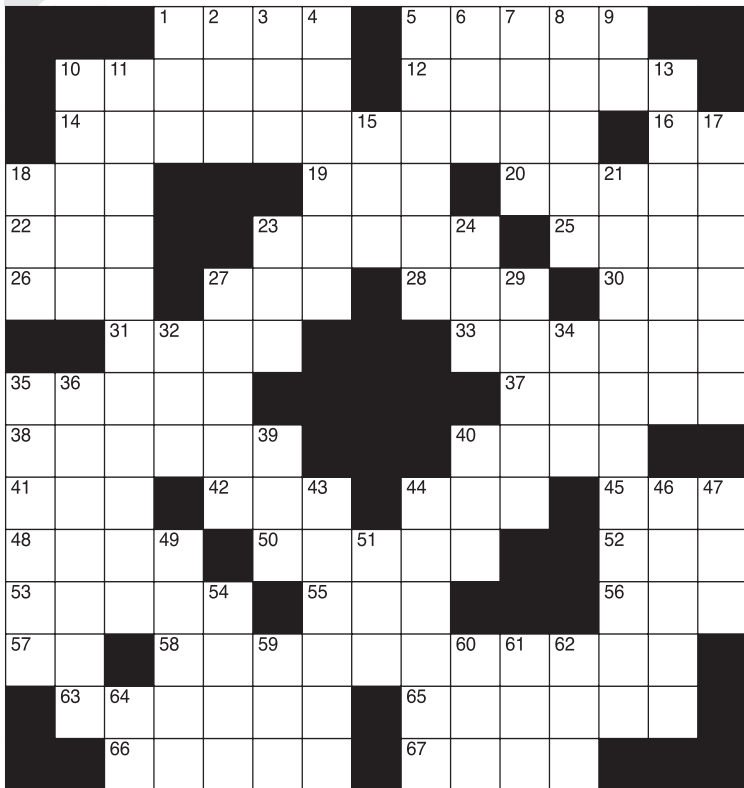
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Chinese Muslim group
- 5. Alternative name
- 10. Resounds
- 12. Supporter
- 14. Furnishes anew
- 16. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Ballplayer's tool
- 20. Coarse edible red seaweed
- 22. Former CIA
- 23. Basketball player
- 25. Travel necessities
- 26. Honey producer
- 27. Military analysis (abbr.)
- 28. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 30. Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- 31. Popular Easter meal
- 33. Man (Spanish)
- 35. \_\_\_ de la \_\_\_
- 37. Counterweights
- 38. Made a harsh, grating noise
- 40. Monetary unit
- 41. Commercials
- 42. Cool!
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 45. Expression of

creative skill

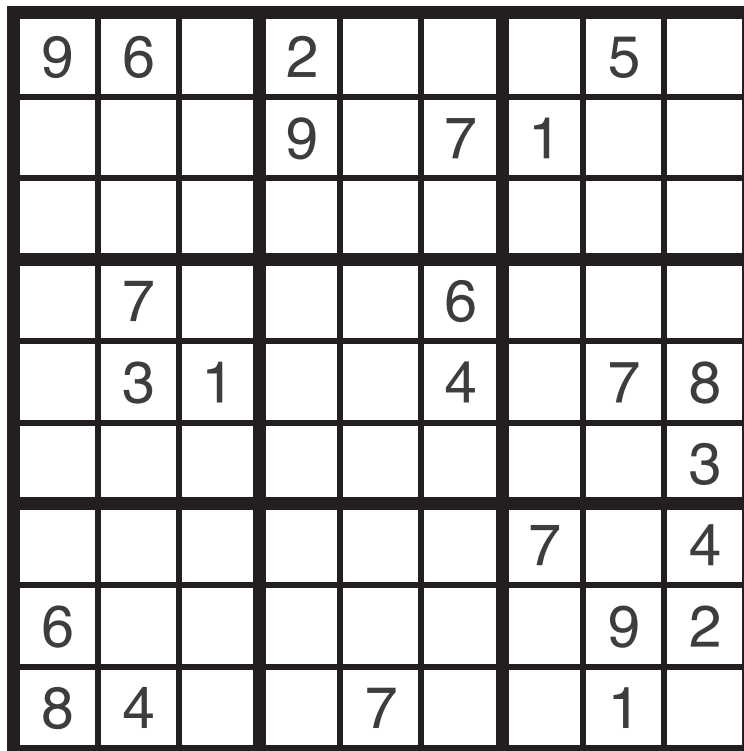
- 48. Unit of angle
- 50. Transported
- 52. N. American people of Kansas
- 53. Computer game character Max
- 55. Moved swiftly
- 56. Everyone has one
- 57. Tin
- 58. A mole is one
- 63. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 65. Oppositional to
- 66. Monetary units
- 67. Not on time

15. Cleaning device

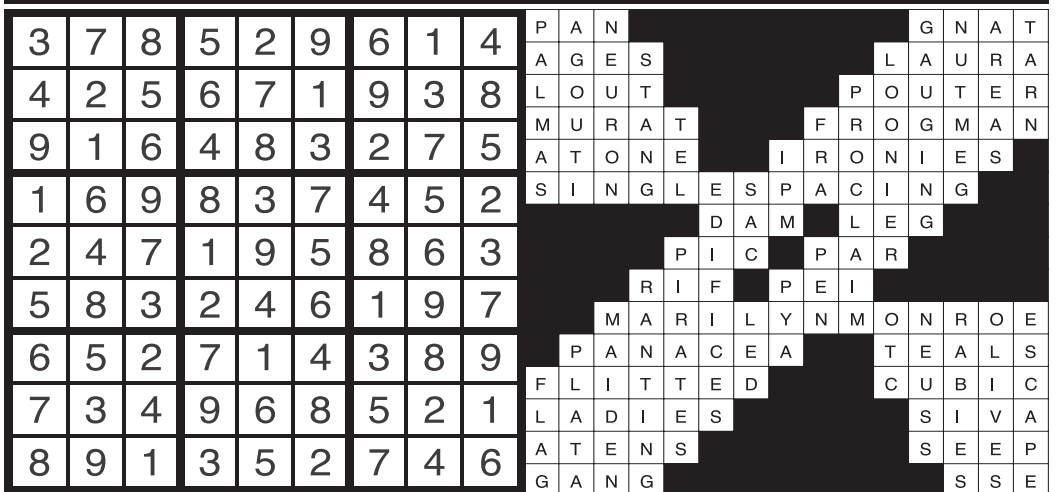
- 17. Male organ
- 18. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Criminals
- 23. Taxi
- 24. Cheer of encouragement
- 27. Wartime American escort carrier
- 29. Polish river
- 32. Current unit
- 34. Life form
- 35. Painful contractions
- 36. Glowing
- 39. Press against lightly
- 40. Melancholic
- 43. Something you can be under
- 44. Of the mind
- 46. E. Indian cereal grass
- 47. Couple
- 49. Sharpshoot
- 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 54. \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Human gene
- 60. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- 61. Examines animals
- 62. Mineral
- 64. Cools your home

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Hoghead (abbr.)
- 2. Misery resulting from affliction
- 3. Defunction European group
- 4. Line on a map
- 5. Becomes less intense
- 6. Back muscle
- 7. Frosted
- 8. Ethiopian town
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. Wipe from the record
- 11. In a continuous way
- 13. Breathe



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# A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

## **Merry Christmas to everyone!**

I know that during this time of Christmas there are wonderful times of joy, family time, creating new memories, and sharing; however, for some, it comes with times of uncertainty, loneliness, and great need. I pray that this message is an encouragement to all.

### **1 Peter 5:7 – “Casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you”**

I would like to tell you my story. It was 1984, and I had just completed Marine Corps Administration School at Camp Johnson, NC. After two weeks of leave, I headed to my first duty station, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA. Since I did not have a car, I took the Greyhound bus from Merced, California to Santa Ana, California. My orders were to report by 12 midnight.

It was past 11:15 pm when I got off the bus, and it was pitch black with only a small telephone pole light at the corner. I was in full uniform, and I was carrying everything I owned within my green sea bag. I was shocked that the bus station was closed; however, there was a pay phone nearby so I called the duty officer thinking they were going to pick me up. Unfortunately, that was not the case. I called a cab and after about 20 minutes it arrived. The driver got out and opened the back of the cab to drop my sea bag in the trunk. As he was doing that, I asked,

“Hey, I have five dollars. How far will that get me?” I knew that at my former duty, Camp Johnson, five bucks would get me anywhere. The cab driver expressed, “not far!” I was only thinking that “I am going to get in trouble for not being on time.” The Marine Corps does not mess around when it comes to being irresponsible, even if the Greyhound bus driver drives like grandma. At that moment, before I could even worry about my lack of cash, I just saw this hand come from the other side of the cab across the roof and hand me five bucks. I could not believe it. No one was in the cab, and it was in the middle of the night in drug-infested Santa Ana! Who would be out this late? I just remember looking over the cab and expressing to a man who was fully dressed in a suit that until my dying day, I would tell everyone what he had done for me. He said not one word, and actually, I do not even remember his face.

All I knew is on one given day in the middle of the night, the Lord with his unspoken hand helped me with what most would say was just a small gesture. It turned out to be life changing. Friends, like Christmas, in the middle of the night, a child was born for one reason: to give the world a savior to rescue us from trouble. For **Isaiah 9:6** tells us, **“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”** Friends, it still is the most important thing that has happened to all of us. The question is: Do you believe?

By the way, I got to my duty station on time, with five minutes to spare. My promise: I would tell the story of when the hand of God came down and saved me in the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere, and put me somewhere for his purpose. I do not know about you, but this sounds a lot like Christmas.

***Merry Christmas***

**Richard Myers, Executive Director**

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