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Teacher Charged in Domestic Assault

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A third-grade teacher working at George Washington Carver Elementary School has been arrested and charged with allegedly stabbing her husband in a domestic violence incident that occurred March 24.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed by a responding state trooper in county District Court, Laurie Marie Jennings, 49, stabbed her husband in the forehead and the hand when the two had an argument at their Lexington Park home.

Superintendent Dr. James Scott Smith said Jennings had been placed on leave and the matter was being addressed by the public school system's human resources department.

Court papers stated that when law officers arrived at the Gunston Drive address they found Jennings' husband, Steven Walter Butler, bleeding from several wounds.

Troopers also found blood all throughout the home and a knife in the kitchen that had blood on it.

"He said she stabbed him with a bowie knife," law officers reported of Butler's statement to them.

Police said Jennings had fled the scene before they arrived.

While Butler was taken to a local hospital for treatment, law officers were able to call Jennings on her phone and make contact with her.

Upon agreeing to meet the officers, Jennings said she and her husband had gotten into an argument when he retrieved a knife and held it to her neck; they be-



Laurie Marie Jennings

gan to fight over the knife and that was when he was cut in the forehead and neck.

Police said Jennings showed no signs of being injured.

Jennings was taken to MedStar St. Mary's on an emergency petition when she threatened suicide, police stated.

Jennings faces charges of first-and-second-degree assault.

Online court records show Jennings was released from the county detention center following a bond review.

Jennings was also charged with five separate counts ranging from driving while intoxicated, including while transporting a minor and negligent and reckless driving, court records showed.

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\$314 Million Budget Going To Public Hearing

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted unanimously this week to send a \$314 million operating budget to public hearing on Apr. 26 at Chopticon High School.

The budget, bolstered significantly by \$11 million in American Rescue Grant funding and \$21.1 million from the county's unassigned fund balance, is \$25 million greater than the current approved fiscal 2022 operating budget, according to county finance documents.

The county's Capital Improvement Plan, or construction budget, for fiscal 2023 is about \$65 million; the entire five-year plan from fiscal 2024 out to fiscal 2028 is \$220 million in public construction funding.

In all the county collected \$293 million in tax and other revenues to formulate the fiscal 2023 budget.

The property tax rate remains at .8478 per \$100 of assessed value, which is projected to have brought in \$2.8 million in additional revenue for the latest budget proposal.

To attain the constant yield of property tax revenue the county would have to lower the rate to .8270 per \$100 of assessed value.

Commissioners moved to reduce income taxes, however, by reducing the rate to 3 percent which, according to county finance documents, puts the income tax rate at fiscal 2019 levels.

Much of the \$21 million in fund balance that was brought into the budget will be used for solid waste processing and to support the emergency services fund, county budget documents stated.

The county's allocation to the Board of Education is \$120 million, while the allocation to the Sheriff's Office is \$57.7 million. The school system requested \$128 million.

Both are the largest expenditures in the county budget and both received increases for the budget year.

After the April 26 public hearing, there are two more public budget work sessions before the county commissioners; the final budget reconciliation is due on May 24.

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Regional Ag Facility Approved

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission gave its blessing to the construction of the Regional Agricultural Facility in Mechanicsville, finding that it met the requirements of the county's comprehensive plan.

The planning commission vote at their Mar. 28 meeting was unanimous in favor of the facility, which is designed to support farmers throughout the Southern Maryland region to Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) put out a request to the five counties for a RAC in 2018, stating that SMADC would provide \$1 million for the winning proposal. St. Mary's County won that competition the following year.

The county concluded an agreement with SMADC last year for the construction of the RAC.

The RAC will be located on county property between Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School and the recycling convenience center on New Market Turner Road. The RAC will be also be close to the soon-to-be opened North County Farmers Market, previously sited at the Charlotte Hall Library.

The proximity of the RAC and the new farmers market – less than one mile away - allows for frequent meat deliveries and simple coordination between the two sites. Additionally, the RAC site is

within about three miles of the region's only USDA-certified slaughterhouse run by a family in the Amish community.

The RAC site is designed to provide a convenient location for the region's farmers, who will have a short drive from the slaughterhouse to the meat processing site at the RAC, according to county planning documents.

The facility is slated for completion by December of 2023.

One local resident speaking at the public hearing Monday evening said he was concerned about additional traffic the facility would bring, especially since the county had a policy of expanding facilities when it deemed appropriate.

Economic development director Chris Kaselemis said there were no plans to expand the use already intended on the property and expected only one to two truck deliveries per day once the site was operational.

Kaselemis did say, though, that there would be some retail sales of meats at the RAC along with the cuts being processed and wrapped there, but they would be custom in nature.

"The North County Farmers Market is about one mile away and that's where most of the sales would take place," Kaselemis said.

Gary Whipple, project engineer from the county's public works department, said the site is projected to create no more than 50 trips a day at peak hours.

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General Assembly Debates New Congressional District Map

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland law makers are working to meet a deadline set by an Anne Arundel County judge that requires a new map of congressional districts after she threw out the one Democrats enacted last year as unconstitutional.

The General Assembly started deliberations on a map offered by the Senate March 28 to meet a March 30 deadline set by Senior Judge Lynne Battaglia.

The newly-offered map strengthens District 1, currently held by U.S. Rep. Andy Harris, by returning its boundaries to roughly the same status before Democrats voted their map in last year along a party line vote.

The new map makes the districts much more compact and contiguous than the one thrown out by the court; District 5 was gerrymandered to cut a swath northward from Southern Prince George's County up into District 4.

District 5 is held by U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer and includes Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles counties.

The 2021 map brought District 1 much farther west across the Chesapeake Bay into Anne Arundel County, gathering into it more Democrat voters in an apparent aim to unseat Harris and make the Maryland Congressional Delegation entirely Democrat in part affiliation.

Of the eight congressional members, only Harris is a Republican.

The new map, or one like it, was expected to go to Gov. Larry Hogan's desk on Wednesday to be signed into law.

In her ruling, Battaglia called the 2021 plan an example of an "extreme gerrymander that subordinates constitutional criteria to political considerations." This was one of the chief claims of Republicans, including Del. Kathy Szeli-ga who filed a lawsuit, along with other plaintiffs, against the plan.

Local GOP lawmakers were bolstered by the ruling.

"It pays to fight back," said Del. Matt

Morgan, (R-Dist.29A)

Gov. Larry Hogan praised the decision.

"This ruling is a monumental victory for every Marylander who cares about protecting our democracy, bringing fairness to our elections, and putting the people back in charge," said Gov. Larry Hogan in a statement. "It puts in plain view the partisan, secretive, and rigged process that led to the legislature's illegal and unconstitutional maps.

"I call on the General Assembly to immediately pass the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission maps that were written with accountability and transparency."

Battaglia's ruling also permanently enjoined the state legislature from enacting the 2021 redistricting plan and called on lawmakers to redraw the maps.

"The 2021 Congressional Plan is unconstitutional, and subverts [the] will of those governed," Battaglia wrote in her ruling.

Democrat leadership in the Maryland General Assembly — Sen. President Bill Ferguson and Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones — defended the Democrat-promulgated plan.

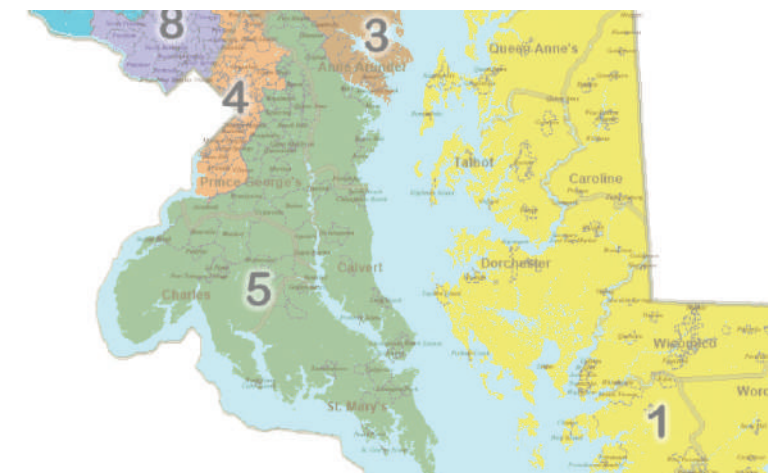
"When the General Assembly approved our new congressional map in early December, we believed then, as we do now, that the new districts upheld the letter of the law by enacting fair boundaries that reflect demographic shifts and keep as many Marylanders as possible in their current district in a Congressional map that was approved by more than 64 percent of the voters," their joint statement read.

"The Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission conducted a transparent process as we visited every corner of the state, hearing from the public. That input and testimony guided us, in addition to prior rulings and established precedent on redistricting."

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2021 map ruled unconstitutional



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Hewitt Files for Re-election

Commissioner Seeking Third Term



Mike Hewitt with his wife Elaine, daughter Kristina, son-in-law Nathan and granddaughters Charlotte, Eva and Maddy Rose.

By Dick Myers
 Editor

Mike Hewitt has filed for re-election as county commissioner in the 2nd commission er district. If re-elected it would be his third term, which is the maximum in St. Mary's County.

Hewitt, 69, said, "I'm running for re-election to continue serving the constituents of St Mary's County. It's been an honor and a privilege serving the past seven years as commissioner for District 2 in Hollywood and Leonardtown. My goals are to continue providing high quality services to the constituents while keeping taxes low, limiting the growth of government regulations, and maintaining the rural characteristics we all love and cherish."

He said the past seven years have been rewarding. "We've raised the salaries of teachers, deputies and county staff, along with fully funding our commitment to our retirees and senior citizens. In those seven years we've fully funded the retirement trust funds for county employees (OPEB) and are well on our way to a fully funded Sheriff Department Retirement Plan (SORP) as well as the Length of Service Plan (LOSAP) for volunteers who make up the backbone of the local fire departments and rescue squads," he said.

Hewitt added, "We've delivered a

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Senior Center, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Feed St Mary's Food Bank, Snow Hill Waterfront Park and soon to be opened farmer's market in New Market and animal shelter in California without having to raise taxes. By promoting sound fiscal policy we've increased our bond ratings, established healthy fund balances and kept our budgets balanced."

As to what he hopes to accomplish with four more years, he said, "I'll advocate for a lower Homestead Tax rate that will help residents withstand the impacts of rising assessments and high levels of inflation. It's about our future and what we leave for the generations that follow us. As a husband, father and grandfather, it's important to me that I leave St Mary's County in better shape than I found it.

"Providing amenities like a YMCA will increase the quality of life for all our citizens and leave future generations reasons to raise their families here too. Keeping our county finances strong, our taxes low and the quality of life high are things that make St Mary's County a great place to work and live. I look forward to campaigning, hearing from the citizens and serving to the best of my ability."

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Commissioners to Host Public Forum April 12

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will host a Public Forum Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the commissioner's meeting room inside the Chesapeake Building, at 41770 Baldrige Street, in Leonardtown.

Public forums allow residents to speak directly to the commissioners on topics of their choosing. Residents may offer appreciation, questions, or suggestions in a mutually respectful format.

In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

- a. Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com.
- b. Mail: Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653 Leonardtown, MD, 20650.
- c. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1234 to speak via telephone during the public forum.

d. Submit a three-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com through 5 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Those wishing to speak at the forum will receive up to three minutes to address the commissioners. Anyone wishing to provide more detailed comments can do so via email or regular mail.

Commissioners of St. Mary's County public forums are televised live on St. Mary's County Government TV 95 (SMCG TV 95) and streamed live on the St. Mary's County YouTube Channel.

For those without access to cable television or the internet, a listen-only line is available by calling 301-579-7236; Access code: 963443.

Comment Sought on Public Transportation



The Department of Public Works & Transportation is accepting comments on the St. Mary's Transit System, STS request to change fares for the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) program.

The SSTAP program is available to all senior citizens and individuals with disabilities who reside in St. Mary's County. SSTAP allows individuals in the community who live outside of fixed routes the opportunity to utilize public transportation and still maintain independence by making doctor appointments, local shopping, or even having lunch with friends.

Currently, fares for SSTAP services are \$3.00 one way, \$6.00 round trip, and an additional \$3.00 for any additional stop request. STS proposes lowering fares to \$2.00 one way, \$4.00 round trip, and an additional \$2.00 for any additional stop requests. Reduc-

ing the amount by \$1.00 per trip will make SSTAP prices the same as ADA (American Disability Act) services. Changing the price to mirror that of ADA services will provide opportunities to help individuals reach more independence.

STS will accept comments now through April 25, 2022, followed by a Public Hearing Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Chopticon High School, 25390 Colton Point Road, Morganza, MD 20660.

Any additional information referencing the proposed fare change can be located at the STS office at 44829 St. Andrews Church Road California, MD 20619. Written comments may be sent to:

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Ribbon Cutting Planned for New North County Farmers Market

All three county-operated farmers' markets open in April

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will host a Ribbon Cutting Event at the new North County Farmers Market located at 29133 Thompson Corner Road, Mechanicsville, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

The new complex located on 15 acres along Thompson's Corner Road includes a 5,100-sq-ft Seasonal Market building with 14 vendor stalls; a 5,100-sq-ft year-round Value Added Market building; a boardwalk linking the market buildings to the nearby Three Notch Trail; ample parking; and public restrooms

All St. Mary's County Farmers Markets are preparing to open for the 2022 season. Customers will find various locally grown and locally made products, from eggs, meats, and cheeses to soap, alcohol, and baked goods.

- Home Grown Farm Market
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- North County Farmers Market
Located at 29133 Thompson Corner Road, Mechanicsville

Open for the season starting April 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. For up-to-date market information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NorthStMarysCountyFarmersMarket>

- California Farmers Market
Located in the BAE parking lot at the intersection of Rt. 235 and Town Creek Drive, California. Open for the season Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. For up-to-date market information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaBAEFarmersMarket>

COVID-19 Testing Operations Change

The St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) is announcing changes to the days and hours of operation at the SMCHD COVID-19 testing sites. Effective April 1, COVID-19 testing will be available for community members at the:

- Behavioral Health Hub at 21625 Great Mills Rd in Lexington Park
Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- SMCHD Main Office at 21580 Peabody St in Leonardtown
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) at 24801 MD-235 in Hollywood

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Testing continues to be a key strategy in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Get tested if you are experiencing symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. For more information on SMCHD testing, please visit:



smchd.org/covid-19-testing.

SMCHD will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccine by appointment at HVFD. Everyone age 5 and older should get and stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines for the best level of community protection. For more information, available clinic dates, or to make an appointment, please visit: smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine.

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

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Governor, Lawmakers Reach Bipartisan Tax Relief Agreement



House Speaker
Adrienne A. Jones



Senate President Bill Ferguson



Gov. Larry Hogan

Governor Larry Hogan, Senate President Bill Ferguson, and House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones on March 28 announced that they reached a historic bipartisan agreement to provide \$1.86 billion in tax relief over five years for Maryland retirees, small businesses, and low-income families.

Combined with the recently-enacted gas tax suspension, this legislative session will deliver nearly \$2 billion in tax relief.

“Today, we are announcing the largest tax cut package in state history with major and long-overdue relief for Maryland’s retirees,” said Governor Hogan. “Cutting our state’s retirement taxes is something we have been trying to accomplish for seven years, and I want to thank the leaders of the General Assembly for working with us to get this done for Maryland’s seniors. This agreement will deliver on our promise to provide real, long-term relief for hard-working Marylanders dealing with inflation and higher prices, and help create more jobs and more opportunity to continue our strong recovery.”

“The last two years of the pandemic have shown the cracks in our state’s civic infrastructure,” said President Ferguson. “As I’ve said since the beginning of the 2022 legislative session, everything we do must prioritize our state’s economy and the health of our residents. This historic agreement demonstrates that regardless of political party, leaders come together to deliver vital services and economic relief for families, seniors, and small businesses.”

“The House started this session with a clear goal of helping Marylanders left behind in the post-pandemic recovery,” said Speaker Jones. “This bipartisan agreement helps hundreds of thousands of seniors on fixed incomes who are struggling with inflation and puts families on a stronger footing as they buy necessities and pay for child care or college. The significant increase in capital spending, coupled with the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, will help Maryland businesses put more chronically unemployed Marylanders back to work.”

This bipartisan tax relief agreement includes the following provisions for FY23-FY27:

- Tax Relief For Retirees 65 and older making up to \$100,000 in retirement in-

come, and married couples making up to \$150,000 in retirement income. As a result, 80% of Maryland’s retirees will receive substantial relief or pay no state income taxes at all. (\$1.55 billion)

- The Work Opportunity Tax Credit to incentivize employers and businesses to hire and retain workers from underserved communities that have faced significant barriers to employment. (\$195 million)

- Family Budget Boosters: sales tax exemptions for child care products such as diapers, car seats, and baby bottles, and critical health products such as dental hygiene products, diabetic care products, and medical devices. (\$115.6 million)

The bipartisan agreement also makes a one-time record \$800 million investment in the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future while maintaining a record level in the Rainy Day Fund. Further, this agreement uses the surplus to make strategic and historic investments that:

- Support public safety and victims of crime;

- Ensure Maryland’s world-class health system by supporting hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities;

- Expand Medicaid dental coverage for adults, in-home medical care, and autism services;

- Help families by expanding access to child care, providing bonuses for public school staff, and increasing student aid at higher education institutions;

- Spur local economies and job opportunities through capital funds for school construction, affordable rental housing, state facility maintenance, and local transportation infrastructure; and

- Protect against the growing threat of cyber attacks.

This agreement follows bipartisan discussions that included Department of Budget and Management Secretary David Brinkley, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Chair Guy J. Guzzone, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Maggie McIntosh.

Later this week, Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones will hold a bill signing ceremony for these measures.

Press Release from Office of Gov. Larry Hogan.

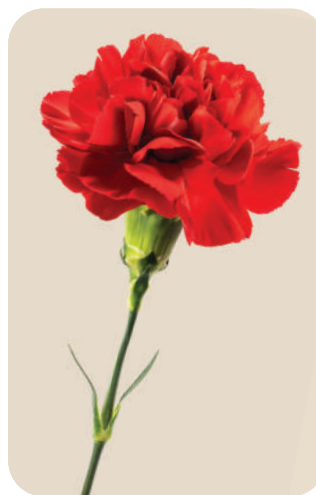


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The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce the first Men's Health Day Event. Commemorating National Men's Health Month in June, this event will be held Saturday, June 4, at the Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Doors open at 8 a.m.

Joining the Department at this inaugural event are guest speakers Dr. Adam Splaver, speaking about heart health, and Dr. Tushar Samdani, speaking about the importance of a healthy colon and

rectal health.

Along with the guest speakers, Men's Health Day will feature informational displays, health screenings, and lunch provided by Mission BBQ.

Pre-registration for this event is strongly encouraged. To register, visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/menshealth/>.

For more information, contact Department of Aging & Human Services Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager Sarah Miller at 301-475-4200, ext. 1073, or sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com.

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Lexington Park Native Serves at Naval Air Station North Island



Petty Officer 2nd Class Diamond Fletcher (Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Bryan Niegel)

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Bryan Niegel
Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Lexington Park native serves in the U.S. Navy at a helicopter squadron who flies the newest and most technologically-advanced helicopters.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Diamond Fletcher joined the Navy four years ago. Today, Fletcher serves as a culinary specialist.

“I joined the Navy as part of a family tradition,” said Fletcher. “I grew up around family members who served and motivated me to pursue a career in the Navy.”

Growing up in Lexington Park, Fletcher attended Great Mills High School and graduated in 2016. Today, Fletcher finds the values in Lexington Park similar to those needed to succeed in the military.

“I’ve always been committed to hard work and treating others how you would want to be treated,” said Fletcher.

These lessons have helped Fletcher while serving at Naval Air Station North Island.

Fletcher serves with the “Wolf Pack” of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM 75), a San Diego-based squadron that operates the Navy’s next generation of submarine hunter and Anti-Surface Warfare helicopter, the MH-60R Seahawk. Each helicopter is nearly 65 feet long, may weigh up to 23,500 lbs. (max gross) and can travel over 120 miles per hour for nearly 320 miles on a tank of gas.

“HSM 75’s mission is to conduct combat operations as an integral part of Carrier Strike Group Nine and Carrier

Air Wing Eleven,” said Cmdr. Thomas Mashuda, commanding officer, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 75. “Our mission success requires all hands work in unity as a pack. Every member of HSM 75 plays a vital part of our mission, from the most junior aviation maintainer to the pilots.”

According to Navy officials, the MH-60R is the most capable multi-mission helicopter available in the world today. It is used for a variety of missions, including hunting and tracking enemy submarines, attacking enemy ships, search and rescue, drug interdiction, delivering supplies and supporting the Navy’s special operations forces.

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world’s international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

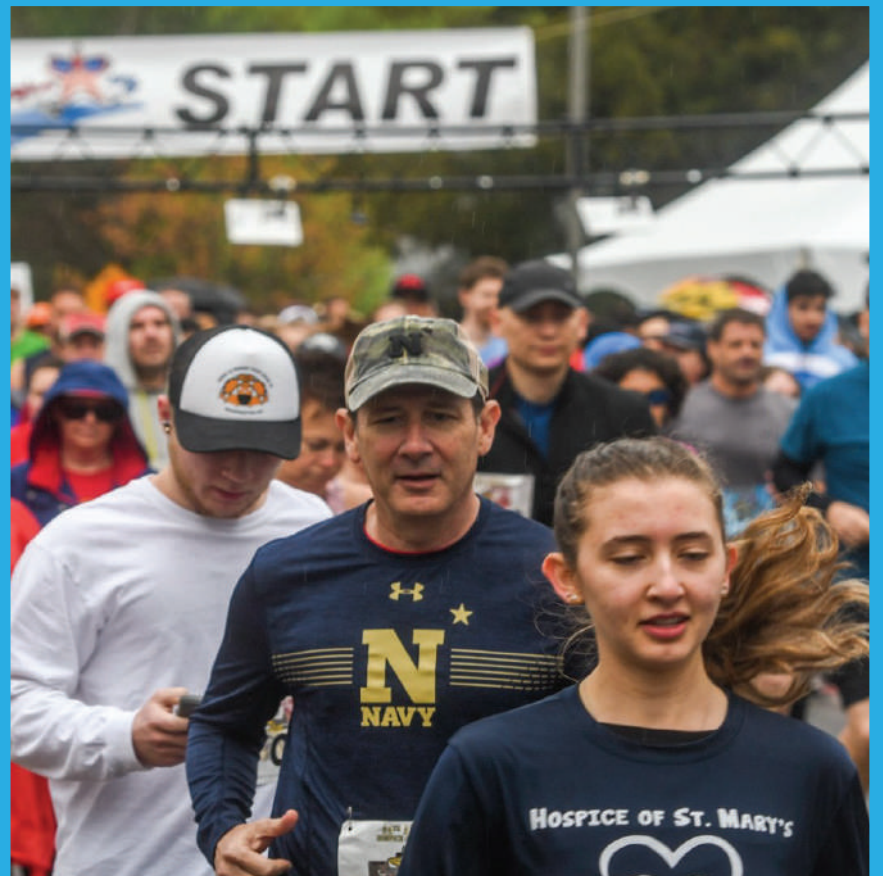
Fletcher and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

“I take great pride in advancing to the rank of second-class petty officer in three years,” said Fletcher. “It took a lot of hard work, but I did it.”

As Fletcher and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

“Serving in the Navy means I get to give back and mentor junior sailors who support this great country,” added Fletcher.

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Ag Commission Director to Serve as Envoy for Land Solutions



Shelby Watson-Hampton

Shelby Watson-Hampton, of Brandywine, a farmer and director of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, is among eight prominent voices in the U.S. food and agriculture sectors to come on board as Farmer Envoys for Solutions from the Land.

She joins SfL's broad mission to advance land-based solutions to the interconnected challenges the world now faces, ranging from food and nutrition security, energy security, sustainable livelihoods and climate change, all while overcoming the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An active member of the agricultural community, Watson-Hampton currently farms with her family on their 4th-generation operation, Robin Hill Farm & Vineyards, in Brandywine, where they grow wine grapes, run the farm winery, and host private events in their barn venue.

Watson-Hampton also freelances for several regional and national agricultural publications, including the Lancaster Farming newspaper, Pink Tractor and American Agriculturist. Shelby recently finished serving a two-year term on the American Farm Bureau Federation's National Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee.

She joins other nationally renowned farmers in sharing SfL's

vision for a 21st Century "Agricultural Renaissance" that enables all forms and scales of agriculture to innovate, sustain productivity, enhance resilience to climate change and other shocks, and move the world towards achieving global sustainable development goals (SDGs).

These envoys will proactively engage United Nations agencies and conventions, introducing and engaging conversations on new approaches, which include circular-systems agriculture, a way of going forward that focuses on reducing external inputs, closing nutrient loops, regenerating soils and minimizing ag's impact on the environment. Envoys also will promote Climate Smart Agriculture, and whole-system technologies that enable the sector to provide the pathways toward meeting SDGs.

"We are thrilled to welcome Shelby and these other outstanding farmer leaders to our envoy team" says SfL President Ernie Shea. "We look forward to helping her share her insight and experiences producing food, feed, fiber, clean energy and a wide range of high value ecosystem services with decision makers and agricultural stakeholders across the world."

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

Burglary- On March 25, 2022, Dep. Wynnyk responded to the 21400 block of Sydney Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported check the welfare. The residence is unoccupied and has a lockbox on the door. **Carlos Isaisas Hernandez-Ticas**, age 20 of no fixed address, was located inside the residence. Investigation determined Hernandez-Ticas did not have authorization or permission to be inside the residence. Hernandez-Ticas was arrested and charged with Burglary 4th Degree.



Carlos Isaisas Hernandez-Ticas

Assault/Disorderly Conduct- On March 25, 2022, DFC. Westphal responded to the 45000 block of Miramar Way in California, for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined **Dimitri Paul Brooks**, age 26 of Great Mills, arrived at the victim's place of em-



Dimitri Paul Brooks

ployment and grabbed the victim and put the victim in a headlock. Numerous citizens intervened and attempted to stop the assault at which time Brooks pushed one victim and headbutted another. Brooks is also the respondent of a valid court order preventing Brooks from contacting the victim. Brooks was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree and Violate Protective Order.

Violate Protective Order- On March 26, 2022, DFC. Shelko made contact with the victim who advised **Vincent Paul Shontere**, age 59 of Avenue, violated a valid court order by contacting the victim and going to the prohibited residence in the 38000 block of Malcolm Gass Lane in Avenue. Shontere was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order.



Vincent Paul Shontere

Handgun Arrest- On March 27, 2022, DFC. Raley conducted a vehicle stop in the 22700 block of Three Notch Road in California. Prior to the vehicle stop Emergency Com-

munications received a call regarding the vehicle being operated in a reckless manner. The operator of the vehicle was identified as **Robert Francis Kennedy Jr.**, age 39 of Washington, D.C. Kennedy was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Kennedy was uncooperative, and attempted to pull away from deputies on scene. A vehicle inventory search was conducted prior to the vehicle being towed. Located during the inventory search was a loaded handgun. Kennedy was charged with Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, Loaded Handgun on Person, Handgun in Vehicle, Resisting Arrest and Driving While Intoxicated.



Robert Francis Kennedy Jr.

Stolen Vehicle Sought

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is conducting a motor vehicle theft investigation that occurred in the 28000 block of Three Notch Road in Mechanicsville. The theft occurred on March 24, 2022, at ap-

proximately 5 a.m. The stolen vehicle is a 1993 black, Ford Econoline van with an orange lightbar on top of the vehicle with a vehicle registration of 70C323. The van is prominently marked with Southern Maryland Radio logos to include Star 98.3, WKIK and 97.7 "The Bay."

The radio station also utilizes a similar van with the same markings, but that vehicle is a 1993 GMC. That vehicle is not stolen. Citizens are advised it is scheduled to be at an event in Callaway on Saturday from noon to 2 pm.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Deputy Anthony Cucinotta at (301) 475-4200 extension 78174 or by email at Anthony.Cucinotta@stmarysmd.com. For immediate assistance contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at (301) 475-8008.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact 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.

Editor's Note:

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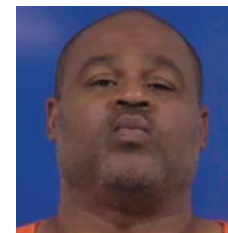


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Local Men Sentenced for Dog Fighting Ring

Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Harvey is pleased to announce that law enforcement has taken down a major dogfighting ring operating in Southern Maryland. Rodney Carlton Rance, 53, of Lusby, was sentenced on March 28, 2022 to 3 years and 6 months of active imprisonment to be served at the Department of Corrections for 14 counts of felony dogfighting. Rance was also ordered to pay \$84,056 in restitution to Calvert County Animal Control. Following his release, Rance will be placed on a 5 year term of supervised probation at which time he is prohibited from possessing, residing with, or owning any animals. Any violation of that probation could result in the imposition of an additional 38 years of incarceration. The sentence, imposed by the Honorable Mark S. Chandlee of the Circuit Court, represents the highest limit of the sentencing guideline range for the offenses. Rance's co-defendant, Charles Henry Hall, 44, of Chaptico, was sentenced on March 14, 2022 to 4 months of active imprisonment for 2 counts of dogfighting.

These charges are the result of a collaborative effort between the St. Mary's



Rodney Carlton Rance



Charles Henry Hall

County Sheriff's Office, St. Mary's County Animal Control, Humane Rescue Alliance, and the Calvert County Animal Cruelty Task Force, comprised of members of the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and the State's Attorney's Office. State's Attorney Robert Harvey would like to extend special recognition to Detective Jernigan of the

Calvert County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Director Dowd of Calvert County Animal Control, Chris Schindler, Vice President of Field Services for the Humane Rescue Alliance and Senior Assistant State's Attorney Christopher J. Monte, for their efforts in investigating and securing a conviction in this case.

Trisha Post is St. Mary's Woman of the Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

It was February of 2020 and Trisha Post was set to make her long-awaited dream come true of opening a sports complex for the community just off of Willows Road in Lexington Park.

The COVID-19 hit and all her plans were put on hold; the survival of her new business was in question before it had even had a chance to succeed.

It forced her to adapt.

And she did.

Her perseverance helped her earn the latest Woman of the Year award from the St. Mary's County Commission for Women.

Post and many other women were honored for their contributions to the community last week at a ceremony in Leonardtown at the county commissioners' chambers.

Post said she was a little "surprised" to receive the top annual honor, given that the competition for it was significant.

"There were so many women doing extraordinary things," Post told The County Times. "I was honored to be among them."

Post's work in standing up the Willows Recreation Center on Bradley Boulevard started as a way to provide adults with a place to go to engage in sports and other recreational activities, she said, but the pandemic changed much of that.

As schools closed and people went indoors in an effort to avoid getting infected, Post had to find ways to keep her facility solvent — even if it could not be reopened to visitors and sports teams immediately.

"We had our grand opening on Feb. 29, 2020," Post said. "On March 19 (2020) we were shut down."

"We reopened in August."

Even then, with limited numbers of people being allowed back into facilities with masks as they engaged in sports and other games, it was slow going.

"You're coming back from COVID-19 and everyone's still wondering if we should even be here," Post said. "If people came in and asked more than four or five questions about how things were being conducted, I told them maybe they weren't ready to be out in this kind of space."

The Willows Recreation Center is housed in a large, fairly new building that was constructed for a defense contractor who later decided not to occupy the building.

The building's owner, Post said, supported her efforts to keep the facility open because it provided a key amenity that the community had been desirous of for a long time.

They have reduced her rent, she said, and two pandemic relief business loans have helped her keep the center running.

Though it is an indoor structure with two levels, it is home to many

sports and other activities and during the pandemic its driving concept went from adult sports recreation to providing places for young people to gather and play and even learn.

It became a community center that the county — and activists — had been seeking for years.

The county is currently pursuing a public private partnership with the YMCA of the Chesapeake to build and operate a facility on Great Mills Road near Great Mills High School.

Marcia Greenberg, an activist heavily invested in bringing the YMCA to the county, which would be the first of its kind, nominated Post for Woman of the Year.

As the pandemic waned and vaccines became available, things began to turn around for Post and her partners in the center.

"There were so many people ready to get back to doing something, especially for their children," Post said. "We became much more of a youth center model; like a community center."

Soon they were hosting middle school level sports as well as high school teams looking to play and practice all the while keeping busy with adult sports such as basketball.

The facility also hosts pickleball and even dodgeball, Post said, plus mentoring programs for young people to help with their academic studies.

Other activities such as birthdays, laser tag and providing space for meetings and luncheons have helped diversify the business to keep the doors open, she said.

Birthday parties and youth soccer and basketball leagues are among her most popular programs.

"Those are two solid programs with two amazing coaches," Post said, naming coaches Mia Moore for her work in the soccer league and Cassia Fernandez for the basketball leagues.

Quang Vu teaches pickleball to beginners and at an advanced level, Post said.

Post and her husband Tom Post, a retired helicopter pilot and lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corp, came to St. Mary's in 1997 for him to receive training at the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School.

He took command of the HX 21 Marine Aviation unit and retired in 2011.

They have stayed here ever since; Post said she became interested in starting an activity center from her initial push here years ago to start a volleyball league.

Everywhere she turned somebody was willing to talk to her about her sports complex idea.

"No matter who I talked to, everybody gave me words of advice or some business plan," Post said.

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Trisha Post at the Willow Recreation center

2022 St. Mary's County Commission For Women Honorees



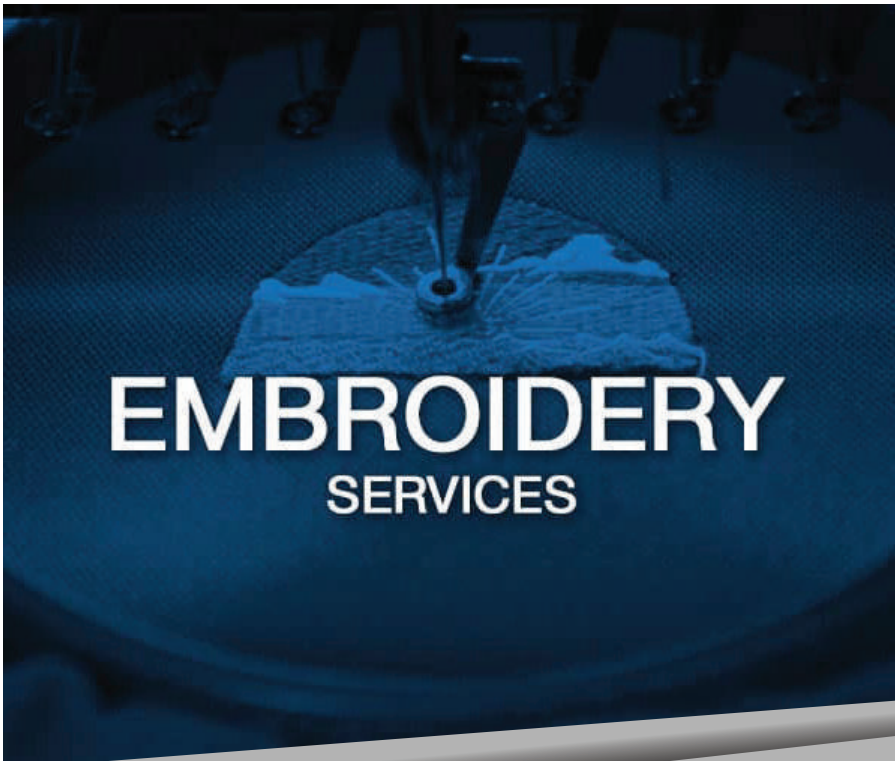
From left to right:

Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, St. Mary's Cty Health Dept Director, 2022 Hometown HERO Award

Trisha Post, Owner, Community Activist - Willows Recreation Center, 2022 Woman of the Year Award

Captain Barbara Ives - 1st Class to include woman @The Naval Academy & She GRADUATED as an Naval Officer with High Honors, 2022 Ruth Bader Ginsberg Lifetime Achievement Award

Adalynn Faith Williamson - Honors Student @ Great Mills High School has volunteered more than 550 hours to the Bay District Fire Dept. Shout out to Kimberly Adams - Bay District Mentor!! With HIGH interest to become a Commanding Officer in the U.S. Navy already actively engaged in Navy JROTC, 2022 Tomorrow's Woman Award



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Join us at the drum point club, where the trees and the shoreline meet. See live raptors up close, attend lectures with wildlife experts from all over the state, participate in bird watching, and enjoy nature in this idilic venue. It will be an event for the entire family and people of all ages. Please no pets, as there will be live raptors; only service animals.

Feel free to bring beach blankets or towels.

If you love birds and nature, or just want to learn more about wildlife, come out and join us. Deanna dove with island girl records will perform live and keep us entertained throughout the day. Grizzly mountain grill will be serving up some of southern maryland favorite dishes including raptor talon pulled pork and oscar the osprey braised beef. Bonus, free rita's italian ice to children.

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drum point club. First come, first served. Overflow parking will be at patuxent high school with courtesy shuttle provided.

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Spring Craft Show Returns To Hollywood

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department is excited to once again sponsor the Annual Spring Craft Show at the Hollywood Firehouse. There are over 100 Craft Vendors registered to participate. There are many returning Vendors registered to participate in the Show, as well as several new Vendors. There will be a wide variety of merchandise for your browsing and shopping pleasure. We are confident you will find something you have been looking for.

The Spring Craft Show will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022. The doors will be open for browsing and shopping from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing and selling food and beverage items in the kitchen. Our famous Stuffed Ham sandwiches will be available for purchase at this Show and there will be a small dining area where attendees can sit to eat.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also sponsor a bake sale consisting of homemade treats and a 50/50 money raffle for a fee. If you would like to donate something for the Bake Sale we welcome your contribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Craft Show Chairman at: Craftshow@hvfd7.com



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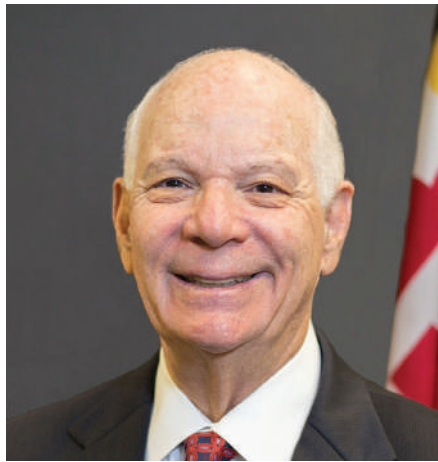
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Federal Lawmakers Announce Early Childhood Education Funding



Senator Ben Cardin



Senator Chris Van Hollen



Congressman Steny Hoyer

U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, and Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (all D-Md.) on March 28 announced \$1,277,001 in federal funding for the St. Mary's County Board of Education's Head Start programs to expand early learning, development, health services and family well-being.

"Early childhood education is essential for children to develop the social and emotional skills needed to thrive at school and close the learning gap," said

Senator Cardin. "It is essential that we support early childhood education, in communities that are underserved and most vulnerable. I will continue to work with Team Maryland to secure federal funding to support early education programs like Head Start in St. Mary's County and across the state."

"Learning gaps have only widened during the pandemic, and have particularly disadvantaged our youngest students. Investing in early childhood education

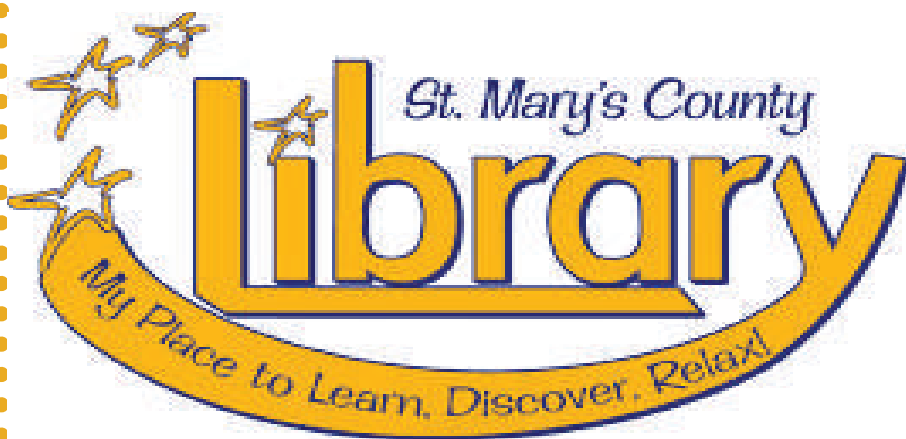
programs like Head Start is one of the best ways to set up all our children for future success," said Senator Van Hollen. "This funding will expand early learning and development opportunities in St. Mary's County so that more children can access a high-quality education."

"After a pandemic that has set our school systems and our students back, it is important that we meet the needs of our educators and our children so that they can achieve their fullest potential,"

said Congressman Hoyer. "I am glad that Maryland early childhood education programs are set to receive more than \$1.2 million in federal funds to help improve the educational experience of students and also provide important support to our families. Every child should be set up for success in St. Mary's County, and this funding is a positive step in that direction."

The \$1,277,001 award comes from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care and the Office of Head Start. Each year, Head Start and Early Head Start programs benefit more than a million families nationwide. This continuation funding from annual Appropriations was voted for by Senators Cardin and Van Hollen and Congressman Hoyer, each of whom continue to champion early childhood education funding annually. More information on Head Start and Early Head Start programs and services can be found here.

Joint Press Release



Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends will hold their Annual Spring Book Sale at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds April 1 - 3, 2022. Friday, April 1, 12 - 8 p.m. will be for members only. Join the Friends at the door!

Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, 12 - 4 p.m. will be open to all!

Outdoor Storytimes at the Library!

Outdoor stories, rhymes, songs, and activities planned with ages 1-5 in mind; all ages welcome with their adult caregivers at all three Library locations! Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Lexington Park Library,

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. at Leonardtown Library, and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Charlotte Hall Library. These storytimes are outdoors and will be cancelled in case of bad weather. Please register once per family group with an email address to get weather-related updates, and call the Library if you're not sure whether storytime is on. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on, and dress for the weather! Register for each session on www.stmalib.org.

Ancestry Library Edition at Leonardtown Library

Interested in starting your genealogical research but do not know how to start? Join us Monday, April 4 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Leonardtown Library as

we provide an overview of Ancestry Library Edition, a free service available at St. Mary's County Library. Genealogy is a massive interest among many people, both near and far, and Ancestry is one of, if not the most, well known and most utilized genealogical database. The St. Mary's County Library offers this service free to anyone in the Library - a wonderful amenity that allows individuals to perform their research. We will offer answers and clarification, along with a tutorial, of how to use Ancestry to research one's own genealogy, in addition to how to start researching one's family history. From understanding the sources provided, to identifying where to acquire more information, to simply learning

how to get started using Ancestry, we will be showcasing this database to those who are interested in better understanding Ancestry. This session is open to anyone, regardless of experience. We look forward to seeing you! Register on www.stmalib.org

Anime Movie Night

Do you like anime or manga? Join us at the Leonardtown Library on Tuesday, April 5 from 5 - 7 p.m. for this month's anime film: The Princess and the Pilot by Jun Shishido! We will have time for a brief discussion after the movie. Snacks will be provided. Ages 16+. Register on www.stmalib.org.

A View From The BLEACHERS



NOW WHAT?

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

The athletic hourglass gets loaded with only a few modest scoops of sand. Peak performance is fleeting. An athlete's "best buy" date lurks ominously in the not-too-distant future. One's twenties are the golden time – the human body never runs faster, jumps higher or endures longer. In some sports, age 30 is a cautionary marker. By 35, nearly all athletes are in precipitous decline. Few last into their forties. By the mid-forties, it is time for church leagues, weekend beer clubs and a lot of embellished talk about the old times, before personal odometers and aches and pains claimed one-time physical superpowers.

This reality creates an athlete's mentality: get all you can while you feel good and your prowess allows, prepare for the inevitable end and bow out gracefully before the wheels fall off, the game passes you by and the door of opportunity slams shut.

Conventional wisdom found its antidote – times two.

A 44-year-old, seven-time Super Bowl champion quarterback retired in February after 22 unprecedented, age-defying NFL seasons to spend more time at home with his children and supermodel wife. It seemed a well-earned respite and graceful conclusion to a career that had already thumbed its nose at Father Time – until it wasn't and he returned six weeks later! Ten days thereafter, a 25-year-old tennis star, ranked number one in the world, at the apex of her game and fresh off an Australian Open win, hung up her racket to pursue other goals.

Introductions are in order. Tom Brady, this is Ash Barty. Ash Barty, this is Tom Brady. Ash, Tom, this is everyone else – all of us equally confused and inspired.

As a fellow father, I want to believe that Brady just couldn't handle the domestic heat. He went home, tasted the daily grind of tending to a family, irritated his wife in some way, ruined dinner, forgot his chores, sheepishly waved the white flag in the face of real responsibility and scurried back to the tranquility of the football field. In reality, he probably just couldn't extinguish his competitive flame – one that has proven to burn hotter

than darn near anyone not named Michael Jordan – and decided to feed his unquenchable hunger at least one more time.

Barty's decision was both confounding and fascinating. She admitted to being scared in her farewell speech, but also excited to pursue other personal goals. There was a tinge of relief in her address – hinting that she had mustered the courage to flip the script on tennis and to dictate to it how her life would unfurl, external expectations and perceived obligations be damned.

What then to make of these two athletes? They stood together at a fork along sports' road – one leading to retirement, the other to career continuation. Everything pointed to the football-ancient Brady staying on retirement road and to Barty, in the prime of her career, continuing to dominate women's tennis. One can imagine them winking to one another just before switching lanes and shocking the world.

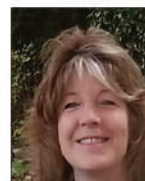
Brady and Barty both found themselves in a "Now what?" moment, one having seemingly already answered that question (Brady) and the other prepared to provide an unconventional answer (Barty). Ultimately each athlete followed their heart: Brady returned to the game he can't yet live without and Barty bid adieu to an old friend because her passions were leading her elsewhere.

John Lennon, as the story goes, claimed he was once asked by a teacher what he wanted to be when he grew up. He answered "happy." The teacher said he didn't understand the assignment. Lennon said the teacher "didn't understand life." The game of life, unlike football and tennis, often dictates the responsible or the necessary be chosen over the path to personal joy. But not always, and not entirely. Assuming we only get to tour this little blue dot in the galaxy once, Brady and Barty, and Lennon before them, remind that being the best version of ourselves isn't only about meeting expectations and obligations, it also involves making some decisions, if not in whole then it least in part, just because it makes us happy.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



A SPECIAL REQUEST

****I first need to make a correction to last week's column "Checking out a new old space". I mistakenly wrote that "My friends Angela and Shawn Wathen are managing The Potomac Gardens Bar, market, art, dance/venue space in Colton's Point when in fact they are co-owners (as well as managing the bar) with a partner. Also, something else very exciting will be coming to the market side of The Potomac Gardens soon: They will be carrying NICK's Meats!!****

One of my projects this week, well really for the last month or so, is to copy family recipes off of faded (and some food-stained) recipe cards into a document. In the 1980's I pestered, as a young bride, I pestered my mother for the family recipes and hand wrote them on these cards. It was a fight because she would tell me that she didn't use measurements, and that I should have paid attention when I was younger, which was hard because she never ever let me help her in the kitchen.

I have a cousin Bobby out in Las Vegas, suffering from asbestosis he got from being a welder onboard ship in Vietnam. My sweet cousin Bobby, who is 72, is the last remaining of four brothers/my first cousins. Our late mothers were sisters. Unfortunately, all three of his brothers passed away from a combination of drug and alcohol addictions over the last 11 years. The last cousin, my cousin Race passed away a little over a year ago, with his son and son-in-law finding him a few days later. Just a few months ago, Race's son, Race Jr, was in the hospital for Covid and pneumonia, checked himself out so he could go back to work and died in his sleep, leaving two small girls behind. With only one of my brothers left, our family is getting smaller and smaller, just like every other family I suppose.

In other words, there is not a whole lot of family left. So, when my cousin Bobby (who is probably one of the few in my family that has never smoked, besides my oldest brother (also a Bobby) and myself, found out he was dying of a form of lung cancer, it was especially hard. He also has never drunk alcohol, and in that, he is probably the only one in that category in the family. I have looked up to he and my brothers as examples of what real men should be my whole life.

Cousin Bobby and I have been keeping in touch and really enjoying going over family history and just chatting, even though sometimes his voice falls to a whisper, and I can tell he is fatigued. He often apologizes for the



oxygen muffling his voice even more. There has been so much he could tell me and vice versa, especially with me being 12 years younger (I was that late accident). But Bobby asked me for one special request that I am trying to get done, among our own things going on here. He really wants my mother's, aunt's, and great-grandmother's Hungarian or favorite recipes so his wife can make them. I've been meaning to put all these recipes in the computer anyway for my sons and niece. I know when my middle brother was dying 4 years ago, he asked me to make some of the family recipes, which I did. If I was nearer to Bobby, I would be making them for him.

The other thing my cousin requested is to have something of our grandmother's. I don't have a whole lot, just some things that she either personally gave me or were left at our house in Clinton where she stayed with us for a year or so before she died in 1969. The house she lived in Clinton was burglarized after it was known that she passed away - many family items were taken. I have been going through old jewelry boxes and areas where I have stashed things, and so far, have come up with her last old Providence Hospital wrist band from when she passed, the remaining miniature glass slipper of her little collection, a charm bracelet probably from the 1920s or 30's, a few rosary bead sets, and a black veil head covering she wore to church after my grandfather passed in 1967. I don't really want to send Bobby anything depressing like the hospital wrist band or veil, but I thought the rosary beads and amber glass slipper, along with the recipes he might like. I will, of course, send him photos of he as a child with his mom and brothers. After I hit send here, I will start typing in the recipes, and carefully wrapping a few things for Bobby to fulfill his very special request.

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

Editorial & Opinion

Planning Commission Made the Right Decision

The St. Mary's County Planning Commission is made up of everyday citizens who live and work in our community. They deal with the same issues everyday that all citizens deal with.

The board members essentially volunteer their time. They have very little expert training specific to the job of being a planning board member. Therefore, they rely heavily on testimony given by both the county's professional staff, as well as the applicants professional agents.

They also rely heavily on the testimony given by community members, as they should.

Board members are ordinary people tasked with making extraordinary decisions. Recently, the Planning Commission rejected a concept site plan for a proposed Royal Farms convenience store and gas pad, as well as a Star-

bucks coffee shop on Route 5 in Charlotte Hall.

Board members voting in opposition to the proposed site plan were concerned about the traffic conditions as well as public safety. The Planning Commission made the correct decision.

We are firm believers in landowners' property rights being protected. We all should be given the opportunity to use our property in accordance with the uses allowed by the zoning of that property.

It is not a denial of property rights however, when the proposed use and concept site plan does not reasonably mitigate the impact to the community and does not sufficiently and reasonably protect the safety of the community.

When large national and often in-

ternational companies bring popular brands to our community, these brands always create more traffic than the local brand that already exists creates. The Royal Farms brand will create more impact than the local convenience store, the Starbucks brand will create more impact than the local coffee shop.

Therefore, it is reasonable that the mitigation required by these supersize brands that create supersize impacts should be supersized for the protection and safety of our community.

Planning Commission members should not be unreasonable. Yet members should, as they have done in this case, recognize the fact that often there are projects that will generate greater impacts due to the type and location of the project.

Too often, these plans come forward

under standard conditions that do not sufficiently address the greater impact due to the unique nature of the use.

This will not be the end for this developer. Hopefully, the developer will listen to the Planning Commission and return with a plan that is better suited for this location. Alternatively, the developer can appeal the Planning Commission's decision to the Board of Appeals.

Most likely, the developer, rather than improve the proposed plan, will appeal the decision. If they do, let us hope the Board of Appeals respects the Planning Commissions concerns. The goal here is not to take away property rights, simply understand when your plan is going to have impacts higher than normal, your mitigation should be higher than normal.

Del. Crosby and Great Mills Intersection

To the Editor:

Brian Crosby's March 10 letter claims to have brought the Route 5/ Great Mills Road intersection to the state's attention. I don't believe legislative, state, or county records support his claim.

County Commissioners, not delegates, establish the county's priorities in an annual letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation, and County Commissioners began moving the project up the priority list before he was elected. While "finalizing a plan for the project" in 2019, he didn't read the fine print: no federal grant, no funding. It's also impossible to finalize plans for a project the same year the state says planning will take two years. Maybe he can clarify the decisive role he played in (not) getting funding.

After failing to move the project forward for three years, Crosby puts on a hero's cape for proposing a bill to mandate funding. Here again, the devil is in the details. Although he claims the Speaker of the House and colleagues "recognize the importance of this project," there's not a single co-sponsor. A bill requiring districts to give a portion of their highway funding to another district has the proverbial snowball's chance of passing.

At the local level, this bill failed to get a Letter of Support from the County Commissioners. Why not fix a county choke-point? Maybe because the Route 5 project is behind both the Thomas Johnson Bridge and widening the road leading to it on the local priority list. This bill would transfer what used to be a local decision to the state, a trend St. Mary's County has been fighting for decades.

At the end of Crosby's four years, the Route 5 project has been demoted to the same priority as before he was elected, and his Route 5 funding bill tries to make a useless political gesture sound like an accomplishment. Do we really want to re-elect a politician who didn't coordinate with local officials and who talks a good game but fails to deliver on his signature campaign issue?

Joie Samuelson
Lexington Park, MD

Protecting Our Democracy Act

To the Editor:

Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree that no president, regardless of party, should be able to obstruct and undermine the will of the American people or exploit weaknesses in our political system for personal gain.

That's where the Protecting Our Democracy Act comes in. If passed, it would prevent future abuse of presidential power and corruption, increase transparency, and ensure presidents of either party can be held accountable.

Strengthening the guardrails on presidential power is just common sense. If the average person used their office for personal gain, they'd go to jail. If the average person could pardon themselves, there would be no rule of law.

No president should be above the law. That's why I'm urging Congress to pass the Protecting Our Democracy Act. We must prevent future presidents of any party from abusing the power of their office.

Pamela Chaney
Hollywood, MD



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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Israeli Air Force Leadership Takes Flight in CH-53K

Israeli Air Force (IAF) Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Eyal Grinboim visited Naval Air Station Patuxent River in February for a program update and flight on the CH-53K heavy lift helicopter.

Grinboim and his staff met with Maj. Gen. Gregory Masiello, program executive officer for air anti-submarine warfare, assault and special mission programs (PEO(A)). Masiello and Col. Jack Perrin, program manager, heavy lift program office (PMA-261), gave the IAF group an overview of the CH-53K program and a status update on current tests and

production.

The visit included an opportunity to co-pilot the aircraft. U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Luke Frank, pilot and officer in charge of CH-53K detachment for Marine Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron 1 (VMX-1), provided pre-flight safety instructions before leading the group in a flight. The flight demonstrated the power and capabilities of the CH-53K aircraft.

Grinboim's visit to the program office was the first since Israel's decision last year to purchase the CH-53K. The IAF signed a Letter

of Offer and Acceptance on Dec. 30, 2021 with the U.S. government. The agreement is for purchase of 12 CH-53K aircraft with first deliveries planned in 2025.

As the long-range logistic support backbone for the U.S. Marine Corps, the CH-53K will support Israeli special operations programs first, as well as provide the Israeli Defense Forces with a platform that has the speed, safety and gross weight capability to support all of its missions, including troop and cargo transport, and search and rescue.

The CH-53K program is on track

to achieve Initial Operational Capability in 2022. VMX-1 completed all initial operational test and evaluation scheduled events, including a real-world, non-test event recovering a 14,000 pound downed Navy H-60 from a 12,000 feet high zone in the mountains of Northern California. The CH-53K will transport Marines, heavy equipment and supplies during ship-to-shore movement in support of amphibious assault and subsequent operations ashore.



Brig. Gen. Eyal Grinboim, Israeli Air Force chief of staff, along with his staff, discuss the capabilities of the CH-53K prior to flying on the aircraft.

St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Mar. 31

Gals Lead Teen Mentorship and Leadership Club Meeting

Lexington Park Library
21677 FDR Blvd
Lexington Park
5p.m. to 6p.m.

Gals Lead has been designed and developed with teens natural strengths, talents, and abilities in mind. Upon embarking on this journey teen girls (she/her they/them) will gain valuable insights about themselves. They are not alone in thinking and feeling the way they do. There are many paths to accomplishing and achieving their dreams and goals and they are all correct.

Register yourself or your teen here events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=i7m6x9sab&oeidk=a07ej0as3p6a928efbb

Friday, Apr. 1

Fish & Chips

St. George's Community Center
19199 St. George's Church Road
Valley Lee
4:30p.m. to 7p.m.

Fresh local fish served to go the St. George Community Center, next to the Catholic Church. Pancit, soup fritters and more. Suggested \$12.00 donation for adults. We hope to see you soon!

Saturday, Apr. 2

SouthPoint Students Walk and 5K Run

43160 St Andrews Church Rd
Leonardtown
8a.m. to 11a.m.

To register go to SouthPoint4u.com/5k

Packet pickup on April 1st from 3-6pm. The race starts at 9:00AM.

All proceeds go to support SouthPoint Students Bigstuf Camp.

Bigstuf provides students with a fun and fresh environment where they can hang out and learn about Jesus-at the beach! For more info visit bigstuf.com

Sunday, Apr. 3

PaxSpace Makerspace Spring Open House

44180 Airport View Dr
Hollywood
1p.m. to 5p.m.

PaxSpace is a member-operated Makerspace, where people can meet and work on their projects. Our main purpose is to address, coordinate, and provide education and scientific awareness to Southern Maryland to bring back the American spirit to be Makers instead of just consumers. Not sure what a Makerspace is? Come by our Spring Open House on Sunday, April 3rd, 1pm-5pm to see our space as well as meet our members. With our four (or more!) 3D printers, CNC router, laser engraver, computer lab, electronics shop, metal shop, and full wood shop we are sure there is something for everyone.

Monday, Apr. 4

Companions and Buddies for Singles Seniors

Leonardtown Library
23630 Hayden Farm Ln
Leonardtown
5p.m. to 7p.m.

This is a group of singles seniors ages 50 and up. We meet on Mondays at the Leonardtown Library. We Have half hour socializing. We plan on events to go to such as movies, dine out, movies, plays, picnics and trips. For more information call Christine Olson 301-997-4160 or email mccambridgec@yahoo.com or just show up.

Wednesday, Apr. 6

Friendship Night

Olde Breton Inn
21890 Society Hill Rd
Leonardtown
6:30p.m.

The Leonardtown Lions Club invites interested members of the community to attend their "Friendship Night" starting at 6:30 on Wednesday, April 6th at the Olde Breton Inn in Leonardtown. The Friendship Night corresponds with

our 82nd Charter Night Celebration. (Club Chartered 1940) and will include a display of historical documents and a presentation on the history and programs sponsored by the Club. For more information, contact Lion George Kirby, 240-577-0029

confident you will find something you have been looking for.

The Spring Craft Show will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022. The doors will be open for browsing and shopping from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing and selling food and beverage items in the kitchen. Our famous Stuffed Ham sandwiches will be available for purchase at this Show and there will be a small dining area where attendees can sit to eat.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also sponsor a bake sale consisting of homemade treats and a 50/50 money raffle for a fee. If you would like to donate something for the Bake Sale we welcome your contribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Craft Show Chairman at: Craftshow@hvfd7.com

Upcoming

Spring Craft Show Returns to Hollywood

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department is excited to once again sponsor the Annual Spring Craft Show at the Hollywood Firehouse. There are over 100 Craft Vendors registered to participate. There are many returning Vendors registered to participate in the Show, as well as several new Vendors. There will be a wide variety of merchandise for your browsing and shopping pleasure. We are

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET PETER



Feline Fact: There's no way that the earth is flat. If it was, cats would have pushed everything off by now.

Hi everybody, my name is Peter. My TCAS pals say I'm an ADORABLE 1 YEAR OLD BOY with a PERFECTLY MELLOW PERSONALITY. However, all bets are off when you get the string toys out or toss the ball because then I'm all business! The gang here also say that I seem to LOVE everyone I meet. It's really simple, if you've got the HOME, I've got the LOVE! Hurry now and email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

To see more of my amazing friends also available for adoption, "like" us on Facebook @ Tri-County Animal Shelter Southern MD or view us on our website at <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/animal-care-control/tri-county-animal-shelter>

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Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 1080

Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 3101

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

Protect Your Identity

Do you have paper documents with personal information that you'd like to purge? Or do you have unused, unwanted, or expired medications in your cabinets? Dispose of these items safely at the Community Shred & Medication Take Back Day. This event will be held Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Department of Aging & Human Services, located at 41780 Baldrige St. in Leonardtown.

Join Cpl. Rachael Roszell from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 10 a.m. in the Department of Aging & Human Services Building for a presentation on identity protection.

For more information, contact Community Programs & Outreach Manager Sarah Miller at

sarah.miller@stmarysmd.com or 301-475-4200, ext. 1073.

Project Linus Meeting

The St. Mary's County Chapter of Project Linus will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. The mission of Project Linus is twofold: **FIRST:** To provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets, quilts, and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers" and **SECOND:** To provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children. We are fortunate to have a local chapter right here in St. Mary's County! Led by Southern MD Coordinator Ginger Barnes, this group usually meets the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. unless the 3rd Friday falls on a day the center is closed as happens in April. Do you wish to be a blanketeer? Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

Art Pottery: Wind Chimes

Get creative in this two-part class at Northern Senior Activity Center on Fridays, April 8 & 22, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.! Enjoy making art pottery forms (you have a choice of shapes) that will build your custom wind chime all under the direction of our volunteer, Pam King. All materials are

provided, such as clay and glaze, with firing fees also included. Finished art will be available for pick up on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 26. Request a reservation by leaving a message on the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. Your call will be returned. A payment of \$10 is needed within a week of your confirmed reservation.

Watercolor with T.L. Ford

Come learn the basics of watercolor painting in a relaxing, informal setting on Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. No experience or drawing skills are necessary and everything you need is provided. The cost for each class will be \$25. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 to make reservations. Payments are due within 5 business days from the time of sign up.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention Level 3

For those who have enjoyed 2 levels of the Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention Programs, we welcome you to the next level! We will review all the movements from Beginner and Level 2. If it's been a while since you've practiced with us, the review will be very helpful, and the new movements will be exciting! The sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. from April 12-May 5 (8 sessions) at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com for more information.

Cherry Blossom Canvas Art

The cherry blossoms are a beautiful tradition in the Washington D.C. area. What better time to create a lovely piece of art to hang in your home for the springtime? Come join Kathy Creswell, Program Specialist, as she helps the class create a beautiful piece of art on Wednesday, April 13 at 10 a.m. No painting experience is needed for this class and all supplies will be provided. The cost for the class is \$10 per piece of art. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075. Registration opens March 20. Payments are due within 5 business days from the time of sign up.

Video on Human Trafficking

Not for Sale: A Two-Part Documentary on the Fight Against Hu-

man Trafficking will be shown at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14 at 10 a.m. The focus is on the global problem of human trafficking and the modern-day abolitionists who are fighting it. Based on the book Not for Sale by David Batstone, covers what modern-day abolitionists are doing to fight the rampant terrors of human trafficking in the U.S. and abroad. Tens of millions of people are slaves today. In spite of this tragic figure, there are modern day abolitionists who battle human trafficking. Register to see this video by leaving a message on our reservation line,

301-475-4200, ext. 1660 approximately 117min. Free, seating is limited.

Grief Support Group

Everyone has experienced grief in some way. It can be very difficult to go through, especially on your own. Join our free grief support group at Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This group, led by Mechanicsville-based grief counselor Melinda Ruppert, LCPC, is great place to connect with a network of people who are experiencing similar struggles. As her website explains... Melinda works with individuals, couples, and families, around aspects of grief and transition. Her approach is one of companioning, walking alongside someone experiencing grief; not treating them like they have a disorder that needs to be resolved or fixed. Request a reservation by leaving a message on the reservation request line at 301-475-4200, ext. 3115. Your call will be returned. Space is limited.

Card Making

Join us in the Art Studio at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 14 at 2 p.m. to make one-of-a-kind cards for your family and friends. This is a great way to interact with others while making cards for holidays, birthdays and more. Everything is included for you to make your cards. You will be given the opportunity to use rubber & clear stamps, die cutting and embossing machines, cardstock, embellishments, and punches. Whether you are new to card making or want to learn a new skill, our Card Making Class-

es will give you the opportunity to show off your creativity and have fun! The cost for the class is \$5 payable at time of registration: \$1/ card payable on day of class. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075, to make reservations, beginning March 20.

"Ways to Enjoy Life"

Presented by Hope & Healing

As we age life's events can often become overwhelming, both physically and mentally. Especially during this time, it is important to take care of your mental wellness. We have collaborated with Hope & Healing Psychotherapy, LLC to bring you a Mental Health Series. Each month we will hear a presentation on a new topic. This month's presentation will be on April 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. The topic is "Ways to Enjoy Life". Advance sign up and a suggested donation of \$5 for each series is requested. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 1075 to make reservations.

Loffler Book Club

During the month of April read (or re-read) The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown. Follow it up with a discussion at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on May 6 at 2 p.m. This casual group takes turns choosing book selections then leading the discussion on that choice. Would you like to be added to the book club notifications? Contact Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com.

Men's Health Day

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce the first annual Men's Health Day on Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center!

Joining the Department at this inaugural event are guest speakers Dr. Adam Splaver, speaking about heart health, and Dr. Tushar Samdani, speaking about the importance of a healthy colon and rectal health.

Along with the guest speakers, Men's Health Day will feature informational displays, health screenings, and lunch provided by Mission BBQ.

For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/menshealth/>.

Legal Notices

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Paradise Point LLC Case No. C18CV20-000087

Plaintiff

v.

James Yungyao Shih, Trustee, The Shih Family Trust

and

Taifu Shih, Trustee, The Shih Family Trust

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

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

Thomas Rd, Piney Point, MD 20674-0000 and also known as # 09-000887

Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

Thomas Rd, Piney Point, MD 20674-0000 and also known as # 09-000887

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 8th day of March, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 8th day of May, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debrah Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Paradise Point LLC Case No. C18CV20-000086

Plaintiff

v.

Clarence William Taylor, Melvin D. Taylor, Ralph C. Taylor, John Leon Taylor c/o Lawrence H. Taylor, Personal Representative and Serilda Dorothy Godfrey.

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as: 0-0000 WATHEN RD and also known Number 03-031365

Defendants.

REISSUE ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

WATHEN RD and also known Number 03-031365

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 9th day of March, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 9th day of May, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has been abandoned for more than 180 days on the property of Howard Burch, 8011 Keech Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 phone 3013833989. The vessel is described as a 14' 1975 sea nymph. vessel number MD 4269 AX. Hull ID# SEA15769M73H Aluminum boat. Application for title will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated code of Maryland. Natural Resources Article if this vessel is not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.

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Case No. C18CV20-000074

Plaintiff

v.

James E. Hill, Jr.
40879 Bishop Rd.
Mechanicsville, MD 20659,

and

Marilee G. Hill
40879 Bishop Rd.
Mechanicsville, MD 20659,

and

St. Mary's County, Maryland,

and

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

40879 Bishop Rd.
Mechanicsville, MD 20659
and also known as Account Number 03 -042030

Defendants.**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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

40879 Bishop Rd. Mechanicsville, MD 20659 also known as Account Number: 03—042030

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 2nd day of March, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

ORDERED, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 2nd day of May, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debrah Burch
Clerk of Court for
St. Mary's County Maryland

WOMEN STARTING A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

In recent columns, I have talked about why women need to get a financial education and how many professional financial advisors aren't offering women what they want—a lifetime financial plan. If you are reading this, you're concerned about your financial education. You know somehow such an education is important to you. Why? Are you looking for financial protection, or is your goal to buy a house, a boat, or finance your child's college education?

Your answer matters. Focus on a short term goal, such as making a major purchase, probably won't be enough to give you the will or the stamina to engage in basic financial planning. While there is nothing magic about financial planning, it takes time to implement a strategy. If your motivation is to satisfy a short-term goal of making a major purchase, how patient will you be? If your motivation is to improve your financial health, then you'll have and get the stamina necessary to make a plan work for you. So, forget about the short-term goals.

Let's assume that what you want is self-sufficiency. What does self-sufficiency mean to you? Does it mean owning your own home, being able to retire and live at about the same level as if you were still working? What would make you most satisfied with your financial life? Where is your comfort level? Are you realistic enough to understand it is unlikely you will have as much money with the best and most perfectly executed financial plan as Bill Gates?

You need some ingredients here—the motivation list. Make a list of your motivators—what you really want to achieve from your lifetime of financial planning. Get pretty specific about what you want. Identify your comfort level. Of course, this will likely change over the years, but to start, figure out what your list is today and we'll use that list as something to work towards.

Here is an example of a motivations list prepared by Jane, aged 33:

I WANT A LIFETIME FINANCIAL PLAN BECAUSE:

- I don't want to have to worry about money all the time. I want to know I've done the best that can be done to minimize money worries so that I am not and do not become a burden to my family or loved ones. I want to know enough of the basics to be able to create a money strategy and to execute it.

- When I retire, I want to be independent. I don't want my husband/ children/ family to have to care for me. I want to pay my own way.

- I want to be able to help my loved ones financially—like paying for a college education for my children. I want my plan to help me do that.

- I want my plan to help me pay off my house so that when I am older, I won't have mortgage payments to worry about and I won't have to place any burden for my mortgage payments on someone else.

What do you see in Jane's list? Clearly, she's concerned about having and keeping money. It seems to Jane that money worries upset her—she fears lack of mon-

ey. OK, that's fine as a motivator. But why? What's going on in Jane's life that causes such worry? What Jane needs to do is delve deeper into her list. Like the following:

- I worry about money all the time. About having enough to pay off my bills. They seem to come at me from nowhere and pile up. I lose sleep at night worrying about where I will find the money to pay all the bills.

- I cannot seem to control myself or this situation. I feel I am a burden on my loved ones, my family since they often loan me money—I know they can't afford it. Why can't I learn to control this thing with money?

Whoa! Jane's deeper list contains something important. Control. Jane's relationship with money is out of control. She feels she cannot control the relationship she has with money. Now we get to a real motivator for Jane.

Suppose she got control? Suppose she learned enough to manage her relationship with money? Feeling that control, exercising a newfound power over money and its relationship to her, now that's a true motivator for a lifetime of financial planning. Jane can do it and so can you.

See what I mean about the motivations list? Start with a list, then read and re-read it and try to get to a deeper list. Be cruelly honest with your feelings. Identify why you want a lifetime financial plan. Getting to the why is half the battle. Learning how to plan and executing the plan are easy compared to identifying why you want the plan.

Remember Scarlet in *Gone With The Wind* and her comment: "As God is my witness, I'll never go hungry again!" Freedom from hunger is a true motivator. No one who has felt real hunger ever wants to be hungry again. But, is it fear of hunger pangs that is the motivator, or is it really the powerlessness of being unable to feed yourself? Lack of power over your circumstances—that control thing again, that appears to be the true motivator. Maybe that's why the generation of the 1930's, the Great Depression, were better savers than later generations. Because many of them went hungry, lost control over their life situations, they tended to set aside a portion of their income in savings to provide a cushion against similar experiences.

If you think, as a woman, you'll never be able to achieve your financial plan because of a lack of education about finance, think again. Did you realize that women have been statistically proven to be better long-term investors than men? Why? Because women use motivation, not short-term goals as driving factors in financial planning. Women come to motivation more easily than men. Once into the planning process, women continue to focus on motivating factors, enabling them to ride out the storms of ups and downs in the markets without abandoning their goals or plans. You can do this. Get started today to create your lifetime financial plan.

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In Remembrance

Mary Jo Wolfe



On the morning of Saturday, February 5, 2022, Mary Jo Wolfe, 64, left this world unexpectedly in her home.

Mary leaves behind her brother, Michael (Wanda) Wolfe, 2 sisters, Patty (Peter) Cordero and Lisa (Kevin) Wolfe, many nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Haskel Wolfe, her mother, Katherine (Allen) Wolfe, her sister, Debbie, and brother Ernie.

Born in Bathe, Maine, April 15, 1957, where her family was stationed. Her family lived also in Florida, Washington and settling in Lexington Park the summer of 1972.

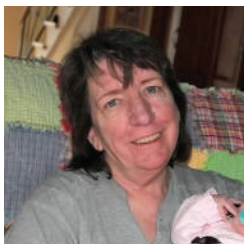
Mary loved her family, friends, coworkers, and many customers over the years. She loved her Washington football team, Maryland style crabs, listening to music, going to the beach, and lunch with her aunt Jane. She collected snowmen and lighthouses. She was known for her honesty, not holding back her thoughts, and always lent a hand to those in need.

Mary worked for K-Mart, and Superfresh in her early adult years. She stopped working to be a complete caregiver of her parents. She then returned to the workforce for Giant Foods where she worked for over 20 years.

Mary Jo became keeper of the Wolfe family legacy. She secured documents, family heirlooms of sentimental value, and several keepsakes.

A graveside memorial service will be held, Friday, April 8 at noon. A gathering to celebrate her life will be held afterwards at the Lexwood Apts Community Center. Tribute donations may be made to The National Alzheimer's Association ALZ.org honoring Mary Jo.

Donna Lynn Mattingly



Donna Lynn Mattingly was born in Washington, D.C. on June 18, 1958, the daughter of Thomas Guy

and Betty Jean Mattingly nee Harvey of District Heights MD. Donna grew up in District Heights. She graduated from Suitland Senior High School and worked on the telephone grid for Verizon. Donna

was an outdoors person, played softball, liked hunting and shooting, and was an avid Orioles fan and baseball card collector. She was the apple of her uncle's eye! Donna spent much of her time in Southern Maryland. Donna lived with her sister, Deborah Freeman, on the outskirts of Baltimore for more than a dozen years before her death. She passed away at 6:25 am on Wednesday, March 24, 2022 at the Gilcrest Hospice Center, 6336 Cedar Lane, Columbia MD.

She is survived by her siblings Rosemary L. Hubscher (Dennis), John T. Mattingly (Sharron), and Deborah Freeman, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were private.

Margaret Canter DeLozier



Margaret Canter DeLozier, "Grandma", "Bebal", "Big Mama", 89, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed

away on March 22, 2022 at her home. Born on November 11, 1932 in Hughesville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Marguerite C. Canter and the late Frank W. Canter. Margaret was the loving wife of the late George A. DeLozier, Sr., whom she married on August 19, 1950, and who preceded her in death on January 9, 1986. She is survived by her children R. Wayne DeLozier (Dina) of Mechanicsville, MD and Elizabeth D. Murphy (Lewis) of Mechanicsville, MD, her sister Elizabeth Huntt of Charlotte Hall, MD, as well as eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Margaret was preceded in death by her son George A. DeLozier, Jr. and her siblings Francis W. "Tommy", James E. Canter "Jimmy", Charles R. "Dickie", Louise Ryce, Carrie Copsey, and Anna Mae Murphy.

Margaret graduated from La Plata High School, and moved to St. Mary's County, MD when she married George. She worked as a secretary for MDIA, an electronic inspection company, for many years. Margaret loved spending time with family and friends. Her great pleasure was keeping her yard and flower beds in top shape. She was a wonderful cook and fed anyone visiting. Margaret enjoyed country music and belonged to the Country Music Dance Club that met at Compton Church. She loved to travel and saw many sights and made many friends during the bus trips she went on. Margaret will be remembered for her kind nature and willingness to help others. She passed away peacefully at home

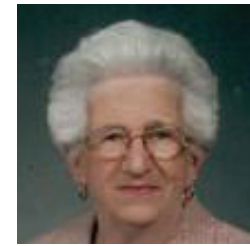
surrounded by her loving family, as was her wish.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 28, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 10:00 AM with Father Chip Luckett officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Buster Canter, Bobby Long, Emory Bowling, Gary Johnson, Damien Thomas, and Cole Bowling. Honorary pallbearer will be Dan Hayden.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Catherine E. "Cassie" Regan Gibson



Catherine E. Morris Regan and Cornelius P. Regan in Steelton, PA. Her family moved to Sparrows Point, MD in 1932. She

attended St. Elizabeth's Catholic High School and had numerous book-keeping jobs in Baltimore City, MD.

She married Everett G "Bud" Gibson on September 25, 1948 at St Luke's Catholic Church in Sparrows Point. After marriage, she moved with her husband around the country before he retired from the US Navy to St. Mary's County in 1961. While raising her children, she was very active in the Girl Scouts of America, March of Dimes, Little Flower Catholic School, and St Vincent de Paul. She also worked at Hallmark for over 20 years.

She is predeceased by Everett G. "Bud" Gibson, her husband of 60 years, who passed away in October of 2008. She is also predeceased by their infant daughter Laura M. Gibson, her sisters Mary Ellen Guthrie



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and Thelma Kottraba, her brother Cornelius Regan Jr and her grandson Mark J. Snyder.

She is survived by her children Gerard "Jerry" Gibson (Caryl), Sharon Holliday (Michael); Gail Gibson; and Nancy Hess (Robert). Also surviving are her grandchildren Jessica Hitt (Travis Bennett), Teddie Hitt (Meaghan), Tara Snyder, Miranda Shade (Gregory Sr), Catherine "Cassie" Raley, Benjamin Raley, Regan Michaels (Robert) and her great grandchildren Joshua Bennett, Maya Bennett, Michaela Bennett, Lillian Shade, Laura Shade, Gregory Shade Jr, Kyla Michaels and Katherine Michaels. She is also survived by dear family friend Winnie Beerman who helped care for her as her health declined.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 28, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD with prayers recited at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lexington Park, MD on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM with Father Marco Schad officiating. Interment will follow in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Cemetery, Lexington Park, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Gregory Shade Sr, Benjamin Raley, Thomas Hunt, Andrew Marziani, Gregory Meyers, and Stephen Meyers. Honorary pallbearers will be Gerard Gibson, Vincent Gibson, Robert Michaels, and Preston L. Rose Sr.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Autism Speaks and/or Little Flower School.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

Mary Mindell Statesman



Mary Mindell Statesman, 86, of Valley Lee, MD, passed away on March 18, 2022 in Calaway, MD.

Born on February 8, 1936 in St. Mary's City, MD, she was the daughter of the late Mattie Mason and the late George Robinson Swailes. Mary was the loving wife of Joseph S. Statesman, whom she married on July 30, 1966 in Valley Lee, MD. She is survived by her daughter Mary Jo Statesman of Valley Lee, as well as her siblings Violet E. Robinson of Mechanicsville, MD and George A. Swales of Coloumbus, MS. Mary was preceded in death by her siblings Priscilla M. Statesman, and Paul Swales.

Mary was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Cardinal Gibbons School. She worked as a Nurse's Aide at the St. Mary's County Health Department for 26 years, retiring on March 1, 1998.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 1, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Mark's UAME Church, where a funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM with Rev. Pete House, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Warren A. Statesman, Jr., Alfred W. Jordan, Louis P. Jordan, Sr., Lamont Saxon, Herbert Hardy, and Nathaniel Lawrence. Honorary pallbearers will be Shawn T. Jordan, John C. Smith, and James H. Whalen.

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

Arrangements provided by the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

James "Kevin" Lorence



After a courageous, year long battle with cancer, James "Kevin" Lorence, 56, of St. Inigoes, MD passed

away on March 28, 2022 with his loving family at his side.

He was born on March 27, 1966 in Leonardtown, MD to James Melvin Lorence and Frances Marie "Dumplin" Abell Lorence of St. Inigoes, MD.

Kevin is a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, and a 1984 graduate of Great Mills High School. The majority of his career was spent working as a landscaper for Mitchell Landscaping, and later as a meticulous groundskeeper at Brinsfield Funeral Home. Kevin aspired to own his own landscaping company, and most recently started a small landscaping side business. In 1986, Kevin proudly joined the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. He has served 35 dedicated years and was recently appointed honorary Lieutenant. When Kevin wasn't at the Fire Department he enjoyed hunting, watching NASCAR with his father, rooting for the Washington Nationals, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys. He loved spending time with his family, especially his great nephew and niece.

In addition to his beloved parents, Melvin and Dumplin, Kevin is also survived by his sister, Carole Koeniger (Bob) of Venice, FL and Johnson City, TN; his nephews, Blaine Koeniger (Christy) of Hollywood, MD and Justin Koeniger of Canton, GA; his great nephew, Landon Koeniger; great niece, Abigail Koeniger; and extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends for Kevin's Life Celebration on Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., with Fireman's Prayers at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Peter Giovanoni on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 16566 Three Notch Road, Ridge, MD 20680. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Blaine Koeniger, Justin Koeniger, David Dean, Alex Pulliam, Bart Pulliam, and Joe Cooper. Honorary pallbearers will be his great nephew, Landon Koeniger, and Kevin's comrades at Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorial contributions in Kev-

in's name may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 520 Ridge, MD 20680.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Francis Raymond "Ray" Currie, Sr.



Francis Raymond "Ray" Currie, Sr., 64 passed away at his home in Bushwood, MD on March 23, 2022

Ray was born on December 15, 1957 to Margaret Ann Dean of Lexington Park, MD and the late Francis Jessie Currie.

Ray was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. He married the love of his life Barbara Jean Currie on March 10, 1978 in Leonardtown, MD. They spent 44 wonderful years together. He and Barbara were blessed to raise two children together. Ray enjoyed spending time with his family and friends especially his grandchildren, Evan and Ava. He worked for Weis Grocery Store as a Butcher for over 30 years. He loved to coach Little League Baseball and girls softball, and also loved to play softball for Capt'n Sam's. He was an avid San Francisco 49ers fan and never missed a game. He had a passion for music and playing the guitar as well as attending local auctions.

The family will receive friends for Ray's Life Celebration on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with 7:00 p.m. prayers recited by Rev. Joe Orlando, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment is private.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean (Trossbach) Currie; a son, Francis Raymond Currie, Jr. and his spouse Christy; a daughter, Robin Faye (Currie) Lape and her spouse Victoria; two grandchildren, Evan Matthew Currie and Ava Madison Currie; two brothers, James Allen Currie and Michael Currie; and one sister, Jeannie Barnes. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert "Bobbie" Dewayne Currie, Sr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 and the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 206, Avenue, MD 20609.

Martha Herbert (Fussy)

April 2

Happy Birthday Mom!

We miss you and love you.

Gone but not forgotten.

The Herbert Family

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Charles Alfred "Allie" Burch, Sr.



Charles Alfred "Allie" Burch, Sr., 82, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully on March 19,

2022 at home with his loving family at his side.

He was born on December 18, 1939 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Howard Burch and Mildred Marie Thompson Burch.

Charles worked as a carpenter and a waterman for most of his life until he became disabled and unable to work. Many of his friends and family called him by his nickname "Allie". He loved to listen to the Baltimore Orioles games and Nascar on his radio. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his seven children: George William Burch (Wendy) of Lexington Park, MD, John Edward Burch (Lisa) of Monroeville, PA, Charles Alfred Burch Jr. (Danielle) of King George, VA, Joseph Burch of West Virginia, Elizabeth Burch of Bristol, TN and Melissa Burch of West Virginia; his fourteen grandchildren: Michael, Tabby, Billy, Ashley, Vincent, Rachael, Tyler, Autumn, Alexis Burch, Charles Burch III, Julian Jones, Connor Burch, Autumn Rose Burch, Michelle Lynn Burch and Britany Marie Burch and seven great-grandchildren: Dalton Richmond, Nevaeh, Mattie, Brooklyn, Victoria, Shelby and Jamie; and his sister Ellen Flood.

In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his daughter Mary Burch and his siblings Doris Jean Buckler, Snookie and Tommy Burch.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with prayers recited at 4:00 p.m., by Reverend Joe Orlando at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650

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

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Charles Daniel Davis, Jr.



Charles Daniel Davis, Jr., 75, of Hollywood, MD passed away peacefully on March 3, 2022 at MedStar St. Mary's Hos-

pital with his loving family at his side.

He was born on January 15, 1947 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Charles Daniel Davis, Sr. and Frances Catherine Raley Davis. Danny grew up in Hollywood, MD where he resided all his life. He graduated from Ryken High School in 1965.

On September 10, 1966 Danny married his beloved wife, Rose Marie Cheseldine at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Together they celebrated over 55 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed by the Department of Defense at Naval Air Station Patuxent River for 38 dedicated years as an Electronic Technician until his retirement in 2002. Danny and Rose loved to travel together and go camping with dear friends. Together they saw nearly all 50 states, went on several cruises and in recent years visited Italy and Ireland.

In addition to his beloved wife, Rose, Danny is also survived by his daughter, Heather Lynn Davis Flaherty. After many years of waiting Danny and Rose were blessed with and adopted Heather in 1973. Until she went to college she was his ever present shadow. His grandchildren: Joseph "Jack" Daniel Flaherty and Isabella "Izzy" Davis Flaherty were the apples of his eye. He enjoyed every minute spent with them. A man of few words Danny always had more love than a heart can hold for his wife and small family.

In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his sister: Frances "Candy" Marie Farr.

Danny joined Hollywood VFD in 1970 and began his lifelong dedication to the volunteer fire service. As a member of Hollywood he was Assistant Chief in 1984 and Chief in 1985 and 1986. In 1992 he was made President of the Department in 1992 and held that position for 3 years. During his tenure at Hollywood, Danny also held positions of Safety Officer, Assistant Engineer, and Training Officer, Secretary and was on the Board of Directors for numerous years. During his time at Hollywood, he was awarded several awards for service. These awards include; Top 5 Responder,

HVFD Outstanding Service Award, Firefighter of the Year, President's Award, and a Unit Citation in 2006 for a Rescue Incident. Danny sat on numerous committees over the years and was the Chairperson of the Carnival, Audit, Budget, Membership, Safety, Ways & Means, Brush Truck, Engine, Planning, and News Letter Committees during his time at Hollywood.

Danny was also involved within the County and State when it comes to the Fire Service. He was the President of the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association in 1989. Prior to President, he was 1st and 2nd Vice President and held the position of Secretary for 5 years. Within St. Mary's County, he was Chairman (1988-89) and Co-Chairman (1986-1987) of the St. Mary's Fire Board and Chair (2010-2014, 2016-2017) and Vice Chair (2009 and 2015) of the St. Mary's Emergency Services Committee. In 1997 Danny was elected as the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA). Prior to President he held the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the MSFA Executive Committee and Board of Review. He was involved in numerous aspects of the State Firemen's Association including Fire Prevention, Legislation, Budget, Convention, and Awards Committee. He served on or as head of the MSFA Legislative Committee for over 15 years. He worked tirelessly to make sure the Maryland firefighters got the money, equipment, training and benefits they and their families deserved. Danny was also appointment by the governor to the Maryland Fire Prevention Commission and a member of the evaluation team for the replacement Med-E-Vachelicopter 2010 to 2011.

Danny was inducted into the SMVFA Hall of Fame in 1988 and the MSFA Hall of Fame in 1990. He was awarded numerous awards from SMVFA and MSFA. Some of his most notable awards are; MSFA Silver Spring Award for Fire Prevention 1984, Legislator of the Year 2005 and 2012, MSFA Gladhill - Thompson Award 2009, and most recently the Marbery F. Gates Memorial Award in 2021. Chief Davis is one of the reasons we have what we have in the Fire Service here in Hollywood and throughout the State of Maryland.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Fireman's prayers recited at 7:00 p.m., at Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, 24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednes-

day, March 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43927 St. Johns Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. Interment will follow at in the church cemetery.

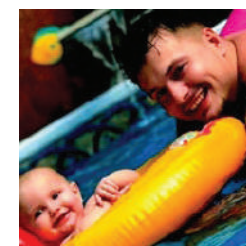
Serving as pallbearers will be his nephews: Johnny Cheseldine, Gary Cheseldine, Scott Cheseldine, Dale Anderson, Allie Raley and Ricky Raley. Honorary pallbearers will be Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorial contributions may be made to, Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, Post Office Box 7, Hollywood, MD 20636 or Hospice of St. Mary's, Post Office Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650

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William 'Willie' Adams



William 'Willie' Adams, 28, passed peacefully in his sleep at his home in Mechanicsville MD, on Feb

21, 2022 with his daughter Ada Dawn at his side. She was the true love of his life.

He was born in Clinton, MD on May 19, 1993. He played pigskin football since he was 5 years old. He graduated from Chopticon High School, where he excelled on the football field and he was an avid Redskins fan. He loved Ocean City, swimming, fishing, working out, night life, going to the casino, or just playing Xbox with his daughter Ada at his side. He worked with his father and looked forward to running the family business someday.

Anyone who knew Willie could tell you he was a free spirit that could not be tamed. He did what he wanted, when he wanted, and never worried about tomorrow. He was the life of the party wherever he was.

Willie was an awesome son, brother, father and friend. He was one of a kind and will be missed by all who knew him. Willie often told his family and close friends if anything ever happened to him, to please not have a big celebration of his life. He asked his father to release him at Ocean city.

The family has respected his wishes.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hillsides
- 6. A way to ingest
- 9. Large number
- 13. Southeastern Minnesota city
- 14. Cronies
- 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin
- 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute
- 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State
- 25. Where golfers begin
- 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
- 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Domesticates
- 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 39. Asian antelope
- 41. One who takes apart
- 44. Kin
- 45. Dresses

- 46. Says something about you (abbr.)
- 48. Doctor of Education
- 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 51. Overcharge
- 52. Sailboats
- 54. Indian musical patterns
- 56. Predisposition to a condition
- 60. Share a common boundary with
- 61. Wide
- 62. Skin disease
- 63. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 64. Source of the Blue Nile
- 65. Instrument
- 66. Red deer
- 67. Unidentified flying object
- 68. Bar or prelude

- 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach
- 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race
- 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale
- 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time
- 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece
- 30. Arrangement of steps
- 32. Classifies
- 34. Young child
- 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
- 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots
- 47. "___ Humbug!"
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keyed instrument
- 53. Varnishes
- 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail
- 58. Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through
- 61. British thermal unit
- 65. Iron

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flying insects
- 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
- 3. Old
- 4. Moves in slowly
- 5. Symbol for tin
- 6. Having certain appendages
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
- 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
- 10. Hebrew calendar month

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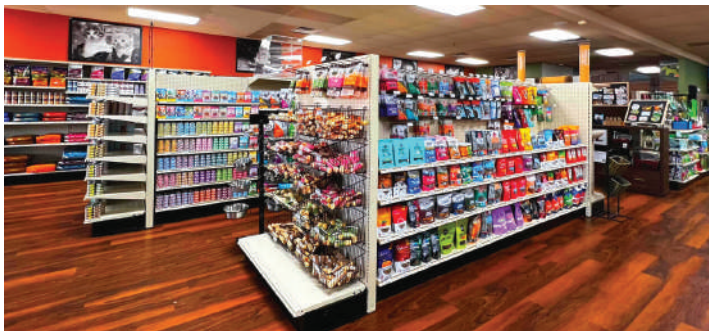
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