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<p>Mon 4/25 77° 62°F</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p>	<p>Tue 4/26 71° 49°F</p> <p>Showers</p>	<p>Wed 4/27 60° 43°F</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p>	<p>Thu 4/28 58° 44°F</p> <p>Partly Cloudy</p>



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The Good, Bad and Ugly of the 2022 General Assembly Session

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Members of the county's delegation to the Maryland General Assembly said this year's session brought both good and bad to St. Mary's as they were able to continue to bring back more money for vital infrastructure projects but residents would still be saddled with paying for mandated family leave whether they were an employer or employee all the while the gas tax was reenacted after a month-long holiday.

They laid out their accomplishments Apr. 19 at a luncheon held by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce at Olde Breton Inn in Leonardtown.

Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Dist.29) said this session was perhaps the most successful for him personally after he was able to get bipartisan cooperation on a measure to get \$5 million for a Southern Maryland campus of the Kennedy Krieger Institute for special needs students.

Bailey said a local family came to see him in his office looking for help; they said they could no longer send their child to the Baltimore area on a bus trip that lasted more than two hours.

"I was taken aback by this conversation," Bailey said. "Prince George's County helped us tremendously; it was an easy lift when everybody got on board."

Bailey said the facility should be built by next year.

Del. Brian Crosby (D-Dist. 29B) said the delegation brought back \$1 million for Historic Sotterley Plantation and \$2.5 million for sensitive, compartmentalized information facility (SCIF) to be built at the county airport.

This would allow for more projects from Patuxent River Naval Air Station to have a presence at the airport and foster cooperation with the many civilian aviation businesses there, Crosby said.

The delegation also brought back funding for a mobile library project as well as \$10 million for engineering and beginning construction of improvements to the Route



Sen. Jack Bailey

5 intersection with Great Mills Road.

Crosby jokingly said this project was the "bane of his existence" and was a subject of constant comment from constituents.

"They haven't moved as fast as I would've liked," Crosby said of state transportation planners. "But four years ago, there was nothing and now we have a dedicated line of funding."

Both Bailey and Crosby said the delegation was able to bring back more than \$250 million to the county after four years in the legislature.

Del. Matt Morgan (R-Dist. 29A) said the state had a \$7 billion surplus this year and that the gas tax — reenacted Apr. 16 after a one-month holiday — would come back with a vengeance as it rose with the consumer price index.

The gasoline tax was capped at 8 percent, Morgan said.

"It goes up July 1," Morgan said, adding that the gas tax holiday was a "campaign year gimmick."

"At least it was something," Morgan said.

All three men opposed the mandated family leave legislation, which under the new law will require both employers and employees to begin paying into a fund in 2023



Del. Brian Crosby

"This ends up being a new payroll tax," Morgan said. "They passed it... because it polls so well.

"But if you're an employee you're going to be paying it."

The cost of the fund could reach \$1.6 billion, Morgan said.

The legislature also passed a bill that puts the legalization of recreational marijuana in certain quantities on the ballot this November.

Bailey said, according to his research, that everywhere marijuana had been le-



Del. Matt Morgan

galized, crime surged.

"It's still illegal federally," Bailey said. "That means that these businesses cannot use the banks.

"They have to store their money in their businesses and in their homes; robberies and break-ins there are higher than ever before."

Bailey said the cannabis legalization effort was a ploy to "drive people to the polls."

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Sheriff Wants Federal Funding for Traffic Surveillance

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The St. Mary's sheriff's office uses license plate reader technology on some of its patrol vehicles to find who is driving on expired, invalid or even stolen tags or vehicles and now the agency wants to put that technology to work at the county's borders.

"St. Mary's County is a natural peninsula, creating natural barriers to automotive traffic," a letter written by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer said, "Placing fixed [license plate readers] at only four locations, would allow nearly all vehicular traffic to be scanned when entering or leaving the county.

"Vehicles would be checked for stolen or other flags placed on vehicles for national security reasons and would instantly alert the agency to the presence of those vehicles."

The technology meant an additional layer of security for the county, which is home to Patuxent

River Naval Air Station and Webster Field, the letter stated.

The letter proposed that the license plate readers could be placed at Route 4 on the Thomas Johnson Bridge, Route 5 at Mohawk Drive, Route 6 at the Charles County line and Route 243 at the county line.

Each of the four camera units would cost between \$100,000 to \$155,000, the commissioners' missive stated.

"For an estimated \$500,000 the Fixed LPR's would greatly enhance the Sheriff's Office's ability to protect the citizens of St. Mary's County, successfully investigate violent crimes, and would greatly add to the security of federal, local, and state assets within and around [the county].

"It would also aid in investigating cross jurisdictional crimes."

The request for project funding for the half-million dollars has already been forwarded to Hoyer's office for approval, the county's missive stated.

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McKay Files For Commissioner President

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Thomas F. McKay, president of McKay's Food Stores, has filed to run in the GOP primary to be county commissioner president.

McKay held the post for one term, from 2002 to 2006.

McKay said he is taking part in the four-way race because he is concerned about the direction of county government.

"When I had the opportunity to serve in this position, my board did an outstanding job of controlling spending, reducing debt and we made certain that we always had open and honest government," McKay said. "Just like parents should always be heard by school boards and be aware of what is being taught in our schools, so should neighborhoods be aware of what is planned for them."

McKay said government should be part of the solution, not the problem when residents had to deal with rising inflation.

"I know firsthand the difficulty many of our small businesses are experiencing trying to recover from disruptions COVID-19 caused," McKay said. "We have to make certain government spending and regulations are not causing our small businesses and our communities undue hardship."

McKay, who is the publisher of The County Times Newspaper, said the county government, which has seen vastly increased budgets over the past decade, should find ways to curb spending and save money.

"The government needs to invest in what works," McKay said. "I want to make education our No. 1 priority but it's unacceptable that we have the highest high school dropout rate among the three Southern Maryland counties"

"The Bridge to Excellence agreement my board signed with the school board helped to demonstrate to parents and taxpayers that we would be accountable for the performance of our education system."

The same applies to dealing with surging crime.

"We're going to address crime

head on and we're going to get results, or we're going to change course," McKay said, adding the county had to be willing to try new, effective strategies to deal with problems.

Lastly, the county has incurred \$160 million in debt, McKay said, and plans to incur more even as it is taking a more than \$300 million budget to a public hearing next week.

"We will not pass on such a large county debt to future generations," McKay said. "We can't keep borrowing money like this."

"We need to prioritize our spending by addressing our needs first," said McKay. "There are times when we just have to say 'no' to spending."

McKay said he is concerned about Lexington Park and hopes to develop plans to revitalize the community and bring safety back.

"There is always the potential for another round of base closures, my board led the county through the last round in 2005," McKay said. "It is especially important that Lexington Park is always a good place for the Navy to do business."

"We must never let ourselves be vulnerable in future [base realignment and closure rounds] because we failed to keep our eye on the ball."

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Firefighters Tackle Brush Blaze

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Volunteer firefighters from multiple St. Mary's fire companies as well as firefighters from Patuxent River Naval Air Station worked eight hours last week to extinguish a brush fire in a wooded area of Lexington Park that spanned roughly 28 acres.

The blaze occurred April 15, according to a statement from the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in the area of Melissa Moore Lane south of the naval base.

Firefighters who tried to reach the brush fire had difficulty initially as only small, all-terrain vehicles could reach it.

"The issue units were running into was the area had no paths for vehicles larger than UTV's," the Bay District fire company statement reads. "The wind was pushing the fire quickly through the woods."

Fire command personnel called on state police helicopter Trooper 7 to make sweeps over the fire ground to ascertain which direc-



tion the fire was going, while more all-terrain vehicles were called in to help with the same job on the ground.

The fire ground was so difficult to access that dozers and front end loaders had to be called in to clear a path for firefighters to get apparatus in to knock down the blaze, according to the Bay District fire company's account.

Command personnel there issued an "all call" to bring in all available firefighters to assist in control efforts, the fire was spreading so quickly.

Mechanicsville and Hollywood volunteer fire company units also responded to the incident.

State fire marshals have yet to issue a statement as to what might have caused the fire.

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Businesses Rally For Battle Against Parkinson's Disease

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Laschelle McKay, administrator for the Town of Leonardtown, has long been a champion for business development and growth there.

Now town business owners are stepping up to help her in her time of need.

McKay has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Social Coffeehouse and The Rex are sponsoring a fundraiser for April's Parkinson's Awareness Month for Team Laschelle, a campaign that was started on social media by McKay's sisters and nieces in West Virginia.

They raised \$750 for Parkinson's research in the last few weeks selling t-shirts to family and friends in support of McKay's battle with Parkinson's disease.

The upcoming fundraiser starts as part of the Leonardtown Luau, April 22 in the downtown area.

Local company Hollywood Grafx, has donated a supply of t-shirts for the luau that will be available for purchase in support of Parkinson's research at Social Coffeehouse and

The Rex this Friday during the luau.

All of the proceeds from the sale of t-shirts will go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, named for one of the most high-profile celebrities afflicted by the disease.

"I know the money is going to a good cause," McKay said. "They're making great strides in finding a cure."

Sean Coogan, owner of Social Coffeehouse, and Joe Kurley, owner of The Rex have announced they will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of island-themed drinks to the foundation as well.

Coogan said the money being raised in McKay's name was appropriate given the support she had shown businesses over the years.

"She's helped out Social Coffee House so much I almost consider her a business partner," Coogan said. "She goes above and beyond what she has to."

"What better way to help her out?"

Coogan said the bar crawl McKay helped support would in turn help provide support for the battle against Parkinson's disease.

"This is to show that the busi-



Town Administrator Laschelle McKay, middle, and Social Coffee House owner Sean Coogan, left, and The Rex owner Joe Kurley

nesses support her as much as she supports us," Coogan said.

"Laschelle does a lot for our town," Kurley said. "You can go to her anytime; everybody knows Las-

chelle and she helps everybody.

"We'll do anything we can for her."

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The forgotten tragedy on the Potomac...

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St. Mary's Student Wins National Conservation Scholarship



Helen Bailey and dog Belle after a successful goose hunt

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Helen Bailey, a senior at Chop-ticon High School, is the first Maryland resident to win the national scholarship competition for the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), a group dedicated to preserving both the wild turkey and hunting heritage.

Bailey, 17, is the daughter of Sen. Jack Bailey and Board of Education Chair Karin Bailey.

She plans to use the \$10,000 scholarship to study biology with a focus on environmental law when she attends Clemson University in South Carolina.

"I'm just so grateful," Bailey told The County Times. "I'm a girl hunter and the first Maryland recipient."

Bailey first won the local and statewide scholarships from the NWTf before writing her award-winning essay on conservation and what hunting meant to her.

"I've been hunting since I can remember," Bailey said. "I passed my hunter safety course when I was 8 years old."

She's hunted wild turkeys, dove, and waterfowl as well as deer, Bailey said, all game widely found in Southern Maryland.

Her father taught her and her younger brother to hunt, she said, and they are amongst her fondest

memories.

She remembers one outing with her father when they agreed that they would count down from three and shoot at the same time if wild turkeys came into their sights but that agreement evaporated when three longbeards came into view, she said, and she fired quickly, bagging one turkey for herself.

Fortunately, her father was able to bag the second, she said, before it could get away.

"I shot on three," she said.

Bailey loves hunting, she said.

"It's just the fact that it's a tradition," she said. "It connects so many people.

"It's its own community."

She's been able to bond with others quickly whom she had only just met over a shared love of hunting and the outdoors, she said.

Bailey is the president of the National Honors Society at Chop-ticon High School, she said, and is the vice president of the Class of 2022.

She shares many of the same conservative views as her father, she said, and that will likely make her a rarity in the environmental law community.

"But I think I'll have something different to bring to the table as someone who's grown up in the outdoors," Bailey said.

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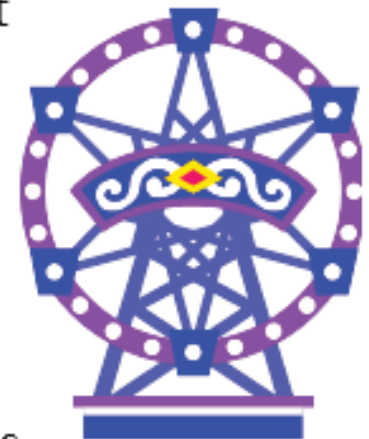
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Local Sailor's Body Recovered

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maryland State Police have recovered the body of a man who jumped from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge in the early morning hours of March 15.

The remains of Derek Paiz, 24, of Great Mills were recovered the afternoon of April 12 under the bridge almost a month after he jumped to this death.

Paiz was a sailor stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

"Our entire community grieves for the loss MA3 Derek Paiz, and urge anyone who is struggling to seek help from their medical provider, their chaplain, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255," said Patrick Gordon, NAS Patuxent River Public Affairs Officer. "NAS Patuxent River and Paiz' squadron are assisting the Paiz family, and stand by to help anyone who is suffering feelings of grief and loss following this tragic event."

Maryland State Police officials said in March that Paiz was involved in a domestic altercation in St. Mary's County before jumping from the bridge.

Ron Snyder, spokesperson for the state police said troopers from the Leonardtown barracks



MA3 Derek Paiz

responded to the initial domestic call, but a Prince Frederick-based trooper encountered Paiz of Great Mills driving across the bridge towards Calvert County in the wrong — northbound — lane.

When the trooper attempted a traffic stop, Paiz pulled over on the bridge, got out and immediately jumped into the water.

Those wishing to speak to a counselor can reach out to Pax River Fleet and Family Support Center at 301-342-4911."

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached at 800-273-8255

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County Budget Public Hearing

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chopticon High School, 25390 Colton Point Road, Morganza, MD 20660, to consider adoption of:

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Housing Inventory Low, Interest Rates Rise

As the weather starts to warm up, so does the real estate market typically. But from the beginning of 2021, the housing market in Southern Maryland has shown some relatively new patterns.

The most recent data shows the ongoing inventory problems faced nationwide are seen on the micro-level across the region. New listings in March hit a five-year low in year-over-year data, down roughly 18.65 percent from the same time last year.

Additionally, active listings are not as abundant as last year, as are pending sales. Southern Maryland has seen a 7.29 percent drop in active listings from the same time last year and a 25.23 percent decrease in pending sales during the same time.

With such low inventory, there is less potential for sales to take place.

“Signs are showing that the low inventory issue is going to hang around for a while,” Southern Maryland Association of REALTORS® 2021-22 President Gregg G. Kantak said. “So, with more buyers than sellers, buyers continue to be up against some heavy competition, higher prices, and maybe even bidding wars. Buyers will have to work harder or wait a little longer to find their dream home.”

Although the total sold units and dollar volume sold decreased by 14.56% and 7.99%, respectively, home prices thrived. The median sold price across southern Maryland rose 11.43% from the same time last year.

But how long those prices continue to see drastic increases could slow as inflation grows.

While inflation drives many consumer decisions, some forget the impact it has on the real estate market. Economists from the National Association of REALTORS® are forecasting that due to soaring inflation, interest rates will rise, which will likely reduce the number of home sales while also slowing home price appreciation.

The market has already begun to see some likely impacts of these adjustments. When coupling rising interest rates with a lack of inventory, many buyers in south-

ern Maryland cannot find the right home for them.

Although most homes on the market sold in 10 days or less, the average days on the market in southern Maryland during March was 18 days, three days less than it was in 2021.

“Mortgage rates have already started increasing in 2022. Like everything else, mortgage rates are influenced by the economy and inflation,” Kantak explained. “And the Federal Reserve has announced it plans to raise interest rates this year as part of its efforts to slow inflation. While that move alone will not directly impact mortgage rates, the overall change in the Federal Reserve’s policies will likely lead to increased interest rates for all borrowers. That is unfortunate because new buyers will pay more for their house over time.”

Housing market statistics from each county in the Southern Maryland region can be found below:

- Calvert County
 - Units Sold: 130 (-1.98%)
 - Total Sales Volume: \$ 55,972,850 (-16.25%)
 - Average Days On The Market: 17 (-7 Days from March 2021)
 - Median Sold Price: \$386,000 (-3.50%)
- St. Mary’s County
 - Units Sold: 165 (-13.61%)
 - Total Sales Volume: \$ 60,652,549 (-11.05%)
 - Average Days On The Market: 18 (-6 Days from March 2021)
 - Median Sold Price: \$350,050 (+7.71%)

Visit <https://www.southernmarylandrealtors.org/pages/housing-statistics/everymonthforadditional> for additional details about the housing market in Southern Maryland. A video breakdown of the local statistics can be found on the SMAR YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mt6-2b2fn9U>

Statistics for this article were compiled with cooperation from Bright MLS, a leading housing market data source and a real estate listing service for Realtors® throughout the region.

Press Release from Southern Maryland Association of Realtors®



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

Assault

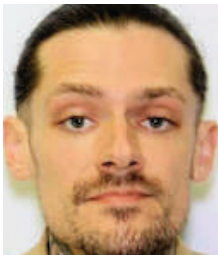
On April 12, 2022, DFC Thomas Snyder responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center for the report of an inmate assault. Inmate **Steven Joseph Boteler**, age 41 of Leonardtown, was found to be the aggressor in argument with another inmate that turned into a physical altercation. Boteler was charged with Second-Degree Assault



Steven Boteler

Contraband

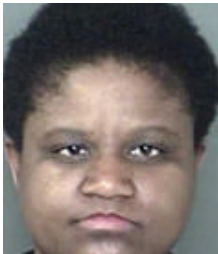
On April 13, 2022, Deputy John Gardiner responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center for the report of found Controlled Dangerous Substance. **Daemon Scott Robertson**, age 38 of California, was brought to the detention center on April 13 on a warrant when Suboxone was found inside of his wallet. Robertson was charged with Possession of Contraband in Place of Confinement.



Daemon Robertson

Trespassing

On April 13, 2022, Cpl. Alvin Beishline responded to the La Quinta Inn in California for the report of trespassing. **Laitisha Jonelle Jones**, age 29 of Leonardtown, was located



Laitisha Jones

in the lobby of the hotel and had already been issued a notice not to trespass at the business. Jones was charged with Trespassing on Private Property.

Trespassing

On April 14, 2022, Cpl. Beishline responded to the Lexington Park Wawa store for the report of trespassing. **Shawn Michael Miles**, age 28 of no fixed address, and **Joshua Antoine Miles**, age 31 of no fixed address, were located at the store property and had already been issued notices not to trespass. Both were charged with Trespassing on Private Property.



Shawn Michael Miles



Joshua Miles

Assault

On April 14, 2022, Deputy Preston Dixon responded to the 39400 block of Golden Beach Road in Mechanicsville for the report of an assault. The victim and witnesses advised that **Randall Francis Windsor**, age 40 of Mechanicsville, grabbed the victim by the throat and threw the victim to the ground. Windsor then smashed the victim's cellphone. Windsor was charged with First-Degree Assault, Second-Degree Assault, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct.



Randall Francis Windsor

Foot Chase Ends in Arrest, Gun Charges

On Saturday, April 16, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Division, along with Patrol Division deputies, attempted to serve an arrest warrant for **Delmante Isiah Jordan**, age 23 of Lexington Park, for Second-Degree Assault. As uniformed deputies attempted to place Jordan under arrest, he fled through the nearby Westbury subdivision



Delmante Jordan

in Lexington Park. During the foot pursuit, Jordan threw a handgun to the ground and was placed under arrest.

In addition to the warrant, Jordan was charged with Handgun on Person; Loaded Handgun on Person; Illegal Possession of Ammo; Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm and Resist/Interfere with Arrest.

The handgun was recovered and Jordan was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown where he is being held without bond.

Editor's Note

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

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ASHLEY JAXEL, the aboved named plaintiff, has filed a complaint motion titled COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY in which she is asking the court to grant CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN.

The Circuit Court for St. Mary's County may grant that relief unless CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON, et al., above named defendant can show reason why the court should not grant the relief. CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON AND FREDERICK MILLER must file a response to the petition/complaint/motion on or before June 6, 2022.

If CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON, et al fails to respond within the time allowed, the court may enter judgement by default or grant the relief sought, as long as a copy of this notice is published in a newspaper in this county/city at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks on or before May 4, 2022.

After the time period in the judge's order has passed, you may ask the court for a default judgement or to move forward with your case.

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Benches Bring Whimsical Beauty to New Art Park



St. Mary's County Arts Council

Five park benches were transformed from simple pine to wonderfully whimsical pieces of art in a recent project co-sponsored by the Lexington Park Lions Club and St. Mary's County Arts Council. The art pieces were revealed with much anticipation at the recent Cherry Blossom Festival at the Lexington Manor Passive Park.

The artists were selected from a call for proposals held in January 2022 with the winning submissions chosen based upon an emphasis on creative color palettes in conjunction with themes of nature.

Following several rounds of a juried process, artists Ruby Bassford, Lea Craigie-Marshall, Michael Evans, Tom Rogers and Nicole Stewart were picked based on their presentations and designed the benches listed below:

“Sleepy Fox” by Ruby Bassford finds a slumbering friendly forest creature surrounded by fireflies in an enchanted and wooded setting. The seat of the bench includes paw prints entwined with moss and leaves with mushrooms rooted in and growing upwards from the ground.

“Night Blossoms” by Lea Craigie-Marshall highlights nocturnal pollinators, specifically the Luna Moth. It also features cherry blossoms and a nighttime sky filled with a celestial scene of stars and nebula. No need to wait for spring, visitors can enjoy the flowers all year round!

“Jellyfish” by Michael Evans shines radiantly with shimmering flecks of gold adrift in a peaceful water setting. Even the bubbles have metallic accents as part of a symbiotic relationship in this beautiful piece portraying a most intriguing water creature.

“Butterfly Bench 1” by Tom Rogers is a stunning design of traditional monarch colorings blended with a background of lively and bright teal. This piece portrays a tribute to

change and transformation including a carefully crafted silhouette emerging from the depths of dual wings.

The “Sun and Moon” project reflects two solar entities which the artist, Nicole Stewart, often drew in her childhood. Their two friendly faces were recurring themes of Nicole's past artistic endeavors with the bench design reflective of memories of her youth.

The Lexington Manor Passive Park is a 40-acre parcel owned by St. Mary's County and operated by the St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks. The parcel was formerly the site of the Lexington Manor housing project, built in the 1940s as military housing for employees of the Patuxent River Naval Base. The housing was torn down in the 1980s but many of the cherry trees that were planted from the beginning still remain.

This location is currently the focus of ongoing revitalization plans and includes an Arts Park, a disc golf course, an Interpretive Center, and much more. Other recent improvements include new trails, roadways, and designated areas for non-motorized transit.

Be sure to stop by to enjoy the many amenities (plus more coming soon!) and see the amazing benches created by our local artists. Both fun and functional, they are a perfect spot for taking a break, reading a book, visiting with friends, and capturing a photo or two! Each and every one is painted from top to bottom, an in-person visit is a must to see the stunning details from all sides!

To learn more about the Lexington Manor Passive Park including address and hours of operation visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/docs/lexingtonmanorpassivepark.pdf>

For future updates and news see the St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks website at: <https://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/recreation/>

Museum Expands 'Dinner & A Cruise' Series

Beginning April 24, visitors can enjoy a fun evening of cruising on the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi, dessert reception at St. Clement's Island Museum, and delicious seafood dinner at waterside Morris Point Restaurant during a series of themed events throughout the season.

The run of five cruises kicks off April 24 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. as part of the Black Diamond Disaster American Civil War Commemoration Weekend with “The Civil War and the St. Clement's Island.” The tour will include a guided presentation about St. Clement's Island's interesting role during the American Civil War.

The six other cruises occur in May, June, July, August, September and October. They include the following themes:

- Sunday, May 15 features “Maryland's Beginnings,” from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., where your water tour guide will discuss the first people and events that led to the founding of Maryland.
- Sunday, June 12 features “Lost Towns of Tidewater Maryland.”
- Then, Sunday, July 17 features “Inside Blackstone Lighthouse,” from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. where your water tour will include a guided tour of the Blackstone Lighthouse on St. Clement's Island.
- Sunday, Aug. 7 features “Inside the Blackstone Lighthouse,” from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., where your water tour will include a guided tour of the Blackstone Lighthouse on St. Clement's Island.
- Sunday, Sept. 11 features “Shipwrecks of the Chesapeake” from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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• Sunday, Oct. 9 will feature an environmental topic from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

“Since 2019, when we inaugurated these themed cruises, they have always sold out quickly, so we knew we had to continue offering even more of these fun and informative events in 2022 to get visitors back out on the water,” states Karen Stone, manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. “This year's series includes seven cruises, all on different interesting subjects. We have plenty of opportunities for the public to grab tickets before they sell out.”

Though there are more chances to get a spot before tickets are gone, Stone suggests reserving early. “We recommend calling in for any of the cruises as soon as possible – the tickets will sell out quickly as we only allow a maximum of 20 spots per cruise for these exclusive events.”

Tickets for all cruises are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple, and include boat ride, dessert reception at St. Clement's Island Museum and dinner at Morris Point Restaurant. When making a reservation, the public is encouraged to choose an entrée: broiled crabcake sandwich basket with coleslaw and french fries; fried shrimp basket and coleslaw and french fries; or Chicken Parmesan and Pasta with Salad. All meals include one nonalcoholic drink.

For more information or to reserve your ticket, please call St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222. Visit [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum) for details.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Museum Division.

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Ultimate Paradise Raffle Has Timeshare Prize

Benefits Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living

The Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living (SMCIL) announces the launch of the Ultimate Paradise Raffle, offering participants a chance to win the Grand Prize of a Fully Paid Timeshare, with locations anywhere in the US. Additional prizes include cash (now through May 21, 2022), although a limited number of tickets will be sold.

The Grand Prize is an offer to stay at a fully paid timeshare with locations anywhere in the US, including Hawaii. The prize is only for the stay of the timeshare, transportation is not provided. The SMCIL Raffle tickets will be available through May 21, 2022 – with the Grand Prize Drawing taking place on Sunday, May 22, 2022 during our Quarter Auction fundraising event at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

Tickets can be purchased at our office in Mechanicsville or over the phone by calling (301) 884-4498, ext.7. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each. The \$25 raffle ticket purchase not only provides the chance to win a Timeshare vacation and cash prizes, it gives participants the opportunity to help raise funds for SMCIL.

Proceeds from the Ultimate Paradise Raffle fundraiser directly benefit the

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living programs. This helps with internal operating costs so they can continue to support individuals with disabilities in the Southern Maryland Region. "I am always incredibly proud of the SMCIL team for embracing SMCIL's culture of going all in when it comes to supporting the Southern Maryland community," said Lidiya Belyovska, SMCIL's executive director.

About Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, SMCIL

Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living is a nonprofit organization created by and for people with disabilities. We are an advocacy, information and educational center that promotes independent living and empowerment for people with all types of disabilities. Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living provides residents of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties access to use community resources and services to enhance their independence. For more information about the Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, please contact us at 301-884- 4498 or visit us at www.smcil.org

Press Release from SMCIL.

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
 - o Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - SMCHD Main Office at 21580 Peabody St in Leonardtown
 - o Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) at 24801 MD-235 in Hollywood
 - o 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.

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Run For Hospice Helps Fund Hope



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

COVID-19 is seemingly not the threat it once was and people are coming out, socializing and ready to take part in community activities that we all once took for granted.

But ask Jim Dicus, the coordinator of the Run For Hospice, which brings walkers and runners out to Leonardtown this weekend to support care for those facing their last days, and this is no ordinary event.

“This isn’t a run or fun walk - it’s a beloved community event and transcends anything I’ve ever seen,” Dicus said. “The spirit of community — of support — is incredible.”

The hospice run has been shut down for the past two years due to the pandemic but there are already 1,000 participants who have signed up to either run or walk in the event Apr. 23 at the county governmental center in Leonardtown.

Dicus said the event is roaring back to life.

“This has been our biggest fundraiser historically,” Dicus said. “This raises awareness of what hospice does.”

“The hardest thing anyone will have to face is death.”

The hospice house in Callaway has been operating for 12 years now, Dicus said, and helps provide care to a small number of live-in residents at the facility but also provides care to outpatients.

Every dollar that the hospice run raises goes to fund the operations of the facility, Dicus said, including bereavement counseling for family members who have to deal with the impending loss of a loved one.

“All of it stays here,” Dicus said of the money to be raised this weekend.

Many of the people who come out to run or walk during the hospice event do so because they have lost someone; some of them have had a loved one in hospice care and knew the importance of their work.

Some who go into hospice care, though, receive such close and effective care that they experience a recovery and have a new lease on life.

“People come out for the hospice run because hospice means a lot for them,” Dicus said. “Hospice helped them out at a tough time in their life.”

Runners and walkers at the event often share a bond through hospice, Dicus said.

“The feeling of camaraderie is great,” said Dicus.

The event is actually divided into three separate events, designed to allow a maximum number of participants based on their ability.

There is a 5-kilometer walk, a 5-kilometer run and a 10-kilometer run, Dicus said.

“It’s a professionally timed run,” Dicus said.

There is another portion of the event dedicated to those actively serving in the military, Dicus said.

“The Defender’s Cup is a tribute to these men and women who dedicated themselves to our defending our country and her liberties, freedoms and American ideals in the form a 5K team competitive run — with the winning team holding the legacy trophy for a period of one year,” he said. “Every year the honoree’s name is inscribed on the trophy — with a short tribute — along with the winning team’s name.”

This year, the Defender’s Cup is dedicated to U.S. Navy Captain Peter Riester, who passed away in December of last year.

Riester was widely recognized



as a beloved volunteer coach, Dicus said, while maintaining his status as a naval aviator and program manager at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

In 2000, Riester was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and retired from active duty in 2006 and continued as a civilian in the Department of Defense until 2013 when the progression of his disease forced his retirement.

In his retirement, Riester continued to help sailors, marines and their families as a volunteer with the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.

Dicus said motorists should be on their guard as there will be at least 1,000 participants the day of the event and most likely many more as he expected additional participants to sign up Saturday morning.

Registration will still be open from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. this Saturday, Dicus said.

“We have a huge group who will take part no matter what the

weather is,” he said.

“They really enjoy doing this.”

This year’s event is the 25th anniversary of the Run for Hospice and it is the first time the event will break a key fundraising goal, Dicus said.

“We will break the \$1 million raised for hospice goal this year,” Dicus said. “It’s pretty amazing.”

After the event a brunch will be provided for participants, to include local food favorites.

“We may be the only run in the world that offers stuffed ham at our post event brunch,” Dicus said.

The race begins at 8:30 a.m. and participants are encouraged to come early to prepare for the start, strollers and “well behaved” dogs are permitted in the race and children under the age of six can participate for free.

For more information on the event visit their website at www.runforhospice.org.

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How to Be a Good Money Manager in Retirement

If you reach retirement with a significant amount of assets, you've done a great job of saving and investing. But now comes another challenge – making that money last.

You might think that this task, as important as it is, won't be as hard as accumulating the money in the first place. Yet, a sizable number of people have reached a different conclusion. In fact, 36% of retirees say managing money in retirement is more confusing than saving for retirement, and 56% say they wish they had budgeted for more unexpected expenses in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study.

What steps can you take to help you become an effective money manager during your retirement years? Here are a few to consider:

- **Set your goals.**

Your money management needs will certainly depend, to some extent, on what your goals are for the coming years. Will you travel extensively? Stay close to home and pursue your hobbies? Or maybe even open a small business? Once you identify your vision for retirement, you can estimate how much it will cost, which will then dictate much of your spending and saving needs.

- **Stick to a budget.** If you've followed a budget throughout your working years, there's no reason to stop now – in fact, budgeting may be even more essential when you retire. Of course, you don't necessarily want to force yourself to be as frugal as possible – after all, you worked hard, saved and invested so you can enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Look for reasonable cost-cutting opportunities, such as eating out less often or eliminating streaming services you don't use.

- **Don't underestimate health care costs.**

Even when you're on Medicare and pay for supplemental insurance, health care costs could still be one of your biggest expenses during retirement. Initially, budgeting for \$4,500 to \$6,500 per person annually may be a good starting point for traditional health care expenses in retirement. However, depending on your health, prescription drug usage and other factors, your costs could be higher or lower. And you may also want to estimate long-term care expenses as part of your plan.

- **Look for senior discounts.**

Once you're a senior, you may be able to find discounts on a wide range of items and activities, such as movies, transportation, groceries, gym memberships and more. By taking advantage of these discounts, you can save a surprising amount of money and ease pressure on your cash flow.

- **Establish a sustainable withdrawal strategy.**

For decades, you've been putting money into your IRA and 401(k). But once you're retired, you will likely need to start taking withdrawals from these accounts. It's essential that you don't withdraw so much early in your retirement that you eventually run the risk of outliving your money. You may want to work with a financial professional, who can analyze your entire situation – assets, expenses, lifestyle, expected longevity, etc. – and recommend a sustainable withdrawal rate. Keep in mind that once you turn 72, you may be required to take out a certain amount each year from your 401(k) and your traditional IRA, so you'll want to incorporate these withdrawals into your overall income strategy.

Do whatever it takes to become a good money manager during retirement. You'll find that it's well worth the effort.

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Registration Opens for Nonprofit Institute Conference

The Nonprofit Institute at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) invites representatives from local nonprofits to register for its 12th annual conference, which will take place virtually May 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The theme of the conference is "What's Next: Strategy and Adaptability," with sessions geared toward helping nonprofits to move forward in a post-pandemic world. Registration opens today.

"Nonprofits have had tremendous struggles during the pandemic, but there have been some amazing silver linings that forever changed their work," said Nonprofit Institute Coordinator and Senior Consultant Cara Fogarty. "Many people are asking, what do we do now, how do we strategize for the future? How do we adapt? This year's conference is about looking toward and planning the future in a new way."

The conference will feature more than one dozen breakout sessions focused on topics of fundraising, leadership and management, marketing and communications, governance, and operations. Fogarty said that sessions are designed so that everyone from a volunteer to an executive can leave with concrete steps that they can put into practice immediately.

A few popular sessions from previous conferences will return. Patty Stine, executive director of Pure Play Every Day, will again present "New Kid on the Nonprofit Block," focused on the challenges of starting a nonprofit business – including discussions about the common mistakes made, and potential solutions for correcting or preventing them.

"Participating in the Nonprofit Institute conference has provided my young organization with vast resources for growth and sustainability," said Stine.

New sessions have also been created based on feedback from attendees following previous conferences and classes. For example, a session on "Advocacy vs. Lobbying by Nonprofits," which will be led by Director of Public Policy for Maryland Nonprofits Henry Bogdan, is based on questions that the Nonprofit Institute has received about distinguishing between lobbying that is limited by the tax code, and other permissible activities that can advance their causes in shaping public policy and attitudes. Bogdan's session will offer attendees an exploration of advocacy, the role of lobbying, and the

limitations and requirements for charitable nonprofits as they attempt to influence public policy and legislation.

The keynote address will be given by CEO of the United Way of Southern Maryland Mel Brennan. He is leading an organization that has gone through its own pandemic-era changes. Late last year, the United Way of Calvert County, United Way of Charles County, and United Way of St. Mary's County merged to create the United Way of Southern Maryland.

"Coming together in ways like the Nonprofit Institute Conference matter because sometimes massive societal impacts like a global pandemic can have us disoriented and spinning," said Brennan. "Taking a moment to connect with like-minded folks doing similar work can be a powerful synergistic force for renewal and growth. My hope is that when I'm done talking, attendees are left with authentic and actionable tools with which they can both adapt to an emergent new normal and form strategies that maximize singular and collective work on behalf of the most vulnerable."

Fogarty said that the organizers are also building some time into the conference for more casual interactions among attendees. Although the conference is virtual, there will be time devoted to socializing and mindfulness. Planners also intend to designate a location where attendees can meet for in-person discussion and networking after the conference closes, noting that while the pandemic has created an environment of unprecedented collaboration between nonprofits, it has been more than two years since the community gathered in person.

"Being able to dive into these topics amongst others who face the same challenges as a nonprofit is invaluable," said Lyndee Waldbauer, marketing and communications coordinator for the Arc Southern Maryland.

The Nonprofit Institute at CSM is the premier source of professional development and capacity-building for the diverse array of nonprofits serving the Southern Maryland region. Registration for the conference opened April 5, and the fee to attend is \$65.

Learn more at <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/workforce-training/nonprofit-institute/conference-information.html>.

Press Release from CSM

As Home-School Numbers Soar

CSM Sets Info Session for Families

Home-school families looking for support creating an educational plan that works best for their children can turn to the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) for experiences that help students of every age with their academics.

In the last five years Southern Maryland has seen a 74 percent increase in home-school students and now has more than 9,000 students learning at home, according to the Maryland State Department's annual home-school data. CSM is responding to that need by building its existing programing, launching a second home-school program at the Leonardtown Campus this fall, and hosting a "Home-school Experience Day" at its Prince Frederick Campus for home-school students interested in dual enrollment Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"This home-school experience day event is a way for home-school students to get a feel of what it is like to be on a college campus," said CSM Enrollment Coordinator Mary Prather. "They can try out a class, interact with faculty and staff, and learn about the services offered."

For home-schooled high schoolers, dual enrollment offers a way to satisfy high school course requirements while simultaneously working toward an associate degree. At the April 29 event, students will have the opportunity to talk to current home-schooled dual enrollment students, learn about the college's transfer and articulation agreements that offer guaranteed admission to dozens of colleges and universities nationwide, experience a CSM class taught by CSM professors, explore support services that are available, and find out about student government and other CSM clubs and organizations. Students can also take a career assessment, enjoy refreshments, and win prizes.

Home-school students who dual enroll at CSM have access to the same benefits as traditional students, including full access to all college services including clubs, free tutoring, learning support workshops, library resources, and workout rooms. Home-school students also receive a 50% discount on tuition if they meet certain requirements.

Enrollment Coordinator Latasha Baker said that home-school students have a proven record of success at CSM.

"These students are used to having some independence with their education, and that makes them

well-prepared for the transition to college-level classes. Home-school students are some of the most successful students on campus," she said.

In 2019, dual enrolled home-school student Phillip Means, of Dunkirk, was the featured student speaker at Spring Commencement. At 17, he received an associate degree in applied science and technology. And with many of his college classes also counting toward his high school credits, he received his high school diploma the same year.

"I hope we can all connect the lessons learned at CSM to our futures. I learned to take advantage of opportunities... I learned to set goals," he said in his speech. "We have developed into more resourceful, more motivated, and hopefully life-long learners thanks to the College of Southern Maryland." Means, now 21, took those lessons to heart and will be graduating from the University of Alabama with his bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering this May.

CSM also offers support for home schooling families with younger children through the Kids' and Teen College. Families can sign up for classes such as chemistry, painting, or Spanish, all of which are currently offered at the La Plata Campus.

"People choose to home-school for many different reasons, and we strive to create an atmosphere that fits this niche community," said Tony Warrick, CSM youth program manager for the Kids' and Teen College. "That means being flexible, offering subject matter experts, and having a diverse program that meets the needs of all our students."

Maggie Mudd-Stewart, who home-schools her two children and helped to develop the program at CSM's La Plata Campus, said that she is excited for the ability to sign her kids up for classes that require resources that she doesn't have access to at home, and she appreciates knowing that they are being taught by experts who are attuned to the county's requirements for home-school education.

"This gives me the ability to have and create a hybrid learning environment," she said.

Students interested in the Home-school Experience Day can register at <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/04/homeschool-experience-day.html>.

Press Release from CSM.



Homeschool Experience Day

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CSM Graduates Reflect on Pandemic

Students Receive Hard-Earned Nursing Pins

Thirty-eight new nurses received their nursing pins during a virtual Nursing Recognition Ceremony last month as part of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) 2022 Winter Commencement.

The traditional pinning ceremony symbolizes a rite of passage into the professional world of nursing and the nurse's commitment to those they care for, said CSM Nursing Professor Robin Young. She said that the origin of the nursing pin dates back 800 years. Modern pinning ceremonies date to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George. To share the honor, Nightingale presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates and by 1916, the practice of pinning new graduates was standard throughout the United States.

"Our CSM Nursing Pin represents this commitment to those we care for and a graduate of our program," Young said. "As you go forth into the world of nursing, wear your pin with pride. You worked very hard to receive this well-deserved honor."

The history of CSM's nursing pin begins in 1979, when the Associate Degree Nursing Program was established. The pin was redesigned in 2000 when

Charles County Community College's name was changed to CSM.

Guest speaker Dawn Yeitakis, vice president and chief nursing officer at MedStar Health and '96 CSM alumnus, looked back on her more than 22 years of experience as a nurse. She recalled times she felt full of self-doubt early in her career and told students not to forget that their pins are proof that they belong in the profession.

"This environment that we are working in today is full of uncertainty," she said. "When times get hard and you are wondering if you belong, you should remember that you are valuable, you have earned your place in the profession, and you are the right person for the job. You are nurses who touch lives in ways that others cannot. We are so fortunate to have you in our ranks."

Many speakers emphasized the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that it made students' education more difficult; and it fundamentally changed their career field.

Shannon Chesley was chosen as the class representative, and she acknowledged the challenges that she and her classmates lived through because of the pandemic – from needing to adjust to

classes and clinicals on Zoom and creating relationships with teachers and classmates from afar, to dealing with health challenges and school disruptions at home. Chesley said that enduring through these challenges will ultimately make she and her classmates better nurses.

"As nurses, we must be willing and able to have hope in a time of despair that will in turn allow us to leave a lasting imprint on others. We persevered during difficult times and have come out better because of it," she said.

The students' pins were presented by faculty pinners Morag Dahlstrom, Lauren Guy, Linda Hamel, Dawn Leukhardt, and Rose Miller.

Acting Chair of Nursing Sara Cano closed the program by telling the students that the difficult environment of the last two years has left them well prepared for their career.

"In the best of times nursing school is challenging, but we are not in the best of times. For two years you have been figuring out how to handle this new world that is constantly changing," she said. "As a nurse you will be challenged to work under immense pressure. Use what you have learned to handle those

challenges."

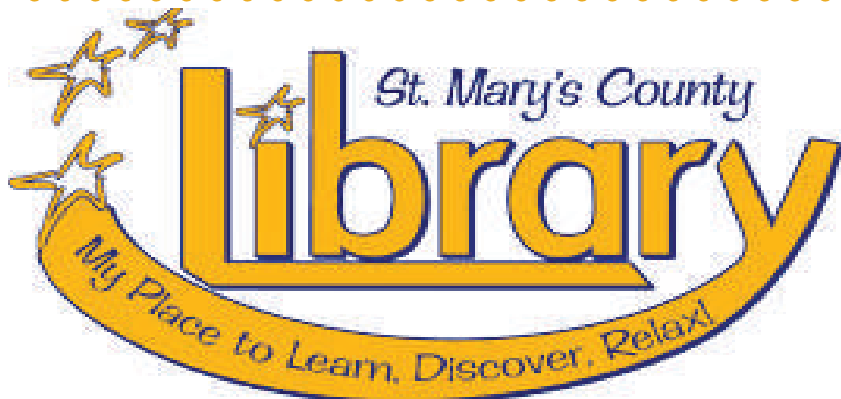
Students who received the pin were: Rachell Marlene Amoui, Morgan Lee Beavers, Monae Alexis Bell,

Julia Victoria Berry, Shannon La-Trece Chesley, Colette Olena Collins, Jessica Marye Denny, Kassidee Jensen, Dull, Aniyah Tañe Gabriel, Lezly Guadalupe Garcia, Katherine Elizabeth Garilli, Brooke Gabrielle Gatton, (Academic Achievement in Nursing Award), Amber Leigh Gontarek, Audrey Dawn Gross, Journey Lyones Gushen,

Paige McKenzie Haffer, Julie Herbert, Taya Nikol Jackson, Jenny Johnson, Markeysha Edna-Antoniya Jones, Kristi Jo Kelly, Shannon Kelly Lanham, Morrighan H. LeFave, Ki Ki Leung, Rachell P. Lock, Marcia Temple Lopez.

Samantha Mae Mendoza, Emily Kate Newby, Marlene Pruneda, Laura Louise Richardson, Elizabeth D. Scott, Nanci J. Sien, Lauren Ashley Taylor (Achievement in Nursing award), Alissa Kaitlin Temple, Ngoc Han Truong, Nicole Chantal Valenzuela, Kristine Williams and Jadé C. Wilson.

Press Release from CSM.



Archaeology and Understanding the Civil War: Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg

Dr. James Gibb will discuss the archaeological excavation of the Antietam National Battlefield Site on Monday, April 25 from 7 – 8 p.m. There are excellent books on the subject of the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg, from the Confederate perspective), including hour-by-hour action in one of the fiercest battles of the American Civil War. Archaeology provides some details not otherwise seen by combatants through the dense smoke and noise of the bloodiest day in American history. This illustrated presentation focuses on the archaeological investigation of the parking lot in front of the Antietam National Battlefield Site, providing hitherto undocumented details of one small sector of the battlefield. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshop for Teens

Need help with job-related skills but not sure where to start? Join staff from the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland on Tuesday, April 26 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for a virtual workshop on resume writing and interview skills. Register to receive the link to the Zoom meeting on www.stmalib.org.

Financial Literacy Fair

Join the Academy of Finance to learn all about personal finance on Thursday, April 28 from 12 – 1 p.m. at Lexington Park Library. Students from the Academy of Finance will lead educational games about spending and saving, investing and the stock market, balancing a budget, and identifying wants versus needs. It's a great opportunity for families to bring finance into your curriculum. Bring your elementary and middle school students! Register on www.stmalib.org



500 by 5: Jumpstart Your Child's Reading! Special Outdoor Storytime

Jumpstart your child's participation in 500 by Five Reading Program with St. Mary's County Library! This is an outdoor event on Friday, April 29 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. at the Lexington Park Library. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Help your child read 500 books by age five! Reading with your child helps build stronger relationships, gets them ready for school, increases vocabulary and encourages a love of learning. 500 books is just one book per day for two years, weekly library storytime from birth to age five or two books before bed for one year. Join us for an explanation of how the program works and a jumpstart of five books that day. Three read by a librarian and two shared between you and your child! Leave with everything you need for your child to participate in this fun program! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver over 18 at all times. We will have our storytime

outdoors so please dress appropriately. A rain date will be available if needed. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Car Maintenance 101

Interested in learning the basics of car maintenance? Join the Lexington Park Library on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., along with Angela Puryear, a seasoned automotive instructor, for a hands-on learning experience. Angela Puryear has over 19 years of automotive course instruction experience. In this program, individuals will learn the basics of car maintenance, from engine to exhaust to battery. The session will be split into two parts: (1) a presentation by Angela, and (2) a detailed and interactive overview of an actual vehicle. If you have ever wondered what a certain symbol meant, or why your car is making a specific sound, or how to change your oil, please join us in learning the foundations of keeping your vehicle running smooth. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Weekend Commemorates Black Diamond Disaster



On the weekend of April 23-24, the St. Mary's County Museum Division will remember the 87 lives lost in a tragedy during the American Civil War on the Potomac near St. Clement's Island during the hunt for presidential assassin John Wilkes Booth. Weekend activities will happen on both days at St. Clement's Island Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., including free museum admission and free boat rides, a free folk concert Saturday, and a military ceremony Sunday featuring remarks from the Naval Air Station Patuxent River Base Commander and wreath-laying on the waterfront. This free event is open to the public. It is an opportunity to learn more about one of Maryland's worst nautical disasters and other information regarding St. Mary's County during the American Civil War.

In April 1865, following the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the Quartermaster Corps sent the barge Black Diamond to the lower Potomac to stand on picket duty off St. Clement's Island. Her main job was to keep John Wilkes Booth from crossing the Potomac River. The steamer Massachusetts headed for Fortress Monroe out of Alexandria, Virginia, during the same time. In a tragic turn, the Massachusetts struck the Black Diamond on the port side near the boiler in the darkness, sinking her in under three minutes. Eighty-seven lives were lost off the shores of St. Clement's Island that night.

On both days throughout the weekend, the public can enjoy free water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island (the final water taxi will leave at 3 p.m.) and free admission to the St. Clement's Island Museum. There will also be special exhibits on the Black Diamond story and Surratt House Museum.

On Saturday, April 23, at 2 p.m., there

will be a free, family friendly outdoor concert on the waterfront lawn of the museum by the Sibling Rivalry Fiddle Band, a four-sibling folk band playing Civil War-era music and other American folk tunes. This extremely talented group of siblings ages 13 to 19 are Fredericksburg natives and their instrumentation includes fiddle, bodhran, tin whistle and mandolin.

The weekend concludes Sunday, April 24, with a fun evening of cruising on the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi, a cocktail reception at St. Clement's Island Museum, and delicious seafood dinner at waterside Morris Point Restaurant from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. This event's theme is "The Search for the Wreck of the Black Diamond" and will include a guided presentation during your cruise. While the entire weekend is free and open to the public, the cruise requires prior reservation as only 20 tickets will be sold.

Local artist, Angela Wathen, has created an original painting depicting the Black Diamond and the Massachusetts collision on that fateful night, which will be on display during the event weekend. The artist has generously donated the piece to the museum's permanent collections. This artwork will be the only known portrayal of this event; it is based on an actual photograph of the Massachusetts and an image of a coal barge thought to be very similar to the Black Diamond.

For more information about the free weekend or to reserve your ticket for the cruise, please call St. Clement's Island Museum at 301-769-2222 or visit Facebook.com/SCIMuseum.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Museum Division.

Pet OF THE WEEK MEET FRANKIE



This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine!

Hi there, my name is Frankie. Remember listening to Frankie Avalon or Frankie Valli? Well, the gang at TCAS now have their own Frankie in the building....me! I may not be famous or able to carry a tune, but I do have my own SWEET squeal, SPECIAL squeak and CHEERFUL chirps, especially when you give me a piggy salad. I'm ONLY 8 MONTHS OLD and everyone here thinks I'm just the CUTEST PIG EVER! So if you'd like to add a LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN to your family then 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.

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St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Apr. 21

Lecture—HSMC Staff Archaeology Month

Historic St. Mary's City
18751 Hogaboom Lane
St. Mary's City
7p.m. to 8p.m.

Visitor Center Auditorium, Free,
7:00 p.m. info@hsmcdigshistory.org.

Friday, Apr. 22

Noises Off

Newtown Players
21744 South Coral Drive
Lexington Park
8p.m. to 11p.m.

Michael Frayn's Noises Off takes a fond look at the follies of theatre folk, with out-of-control egos, memory loss, and passionate affairs that turn every performance into a high-risk adventure.

This play-within-a-play captures a touring theatre troupe's production of Nothing On in three stages: dress rehearsal, the opening performance, and a performance towards the end of a debilitating run. Frayn gives us a window into the inner workings of theatre behind the scenes.

Brimming with slapstick comedy, Noises Off is a delightful backstage farce, complete with slamming doors, falling trousers, and—of course—flying sardines!

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

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

Thursdays all tickets \$13

www.newtownplayers.org/tickets.html

Saturday, Apr. 23

25th Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

St. Mary's County
Governmental Center
23110 Leonard Hall Drive
Leonardtown
7a.m. to 10a.m.

100% net proceeds help Hospice of St. Mary's provide comfort and care to the terminally ill.

To register, sponsor, or for more info: runforhospice.org/

Pre-registration \$35, Race day registration \$40, Children six and under free.

We encourage everyone to arrive early. Race day registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Please arrive no later than

8:00 a.m. to pick up your race packet.

Black Diamond Disaster Weekend—

American Civil War Event
St. Clement's Island Museum
Colton's Point
10a.m. to 5p.m.

Head to St. Clement's Island Museum for a weekend commemorating a forgotten tragedy of the American Civil War—the Black Diamond Disaster. Weekend includes ceremony, free boat rides, free museum admission, folk music performance, and more.

On April 23, 1865, eighty-seven (87) lives were lost when the barge Black Diamond and the steamer Massachusetts collided in the Potomac River near St. Clement's Island during the hunt for John Wilkes Booth.

Saturday & Sunday (10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)

—FREE water taxi rides to St. Clement's Island where the 1863 Goldsmith Raid occurred (the final water taxi will leave at 3:00 p.m.—water taxi operates as weather and wind conditions allow)

—FREE admission to the St. Clement's Island Museum

Saturday Only (April 23)

—Special performance by Fredericksburg's folk fiddle band "Sibling Rivalry," a four-sibling fiddle band playing Civil War era music and other American Folk Tunes. This extremely talented group, ages 13 to 19, will perform at 2:00 p.m. at the museum! More Info: www.facebook.com/events/280892207555236

Sunday Only (April 24)

—Commemorative ceremony (2:00 p.m.) with remarks by Naval Air Station Patuxent River Base Commander. The ceremony will include a wreath laying and the reading of the names of the deceased

—Reception (3:00 p.m.) at St. Clement's Island Museum follows the ceremony

Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland

Location: Jefferson Patterson Park
10515 Mackall Road St. Leonard,
MD 20685 *View Map*

Date: 4/23/2022

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 6:00 PM

(08:00 Duration)

Posted By: Kaitlyn Likas

On the banks of the Patuxent River at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, in beautiful Southern Maryland, you will find on a cheery Saturday in late April, the sound of the bagpipes calling you home. Whether it be the music, food, dance or other Celtic attractions—we beckon you to join us as we celebrate the spirit of the 7 Celtic Nations in our 44th Annual Celtic Festival on April 23rd!

Sunday, Apr 24, 2022

Historic Sotterley Garden Guild's Plant Sale

Historic Sotterley Mansion
44300 Sotterley Ln
Hollywood
Noon to 3p.m.

Spring is just around the corner and that means it's time for a much-anticipated event—the annual Plant Sale sponsored by the Historic Sotterley Garden Guild! The sale will take place at Sotterley for two days only—it is your chance to buy plants lovingly nurtured by the Sotterley gardeners. Have questions about your plants? Members of the Garden Guild will be on hand with the answers and to share advice. The funds raised by this all-volunteer group of gardening enthusiasts are used to maintain the beautiful Colonial Revival Garden adjacent to the Sotterley Manor House.

A community Free Plant Exchange will run on Saturday only from 9 am to noon, or until the plants run out. Do you have too many plants, or some divisions or bulbs you want to share? You can exchange your plants for other annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, etc.

The popularity of this event continues to grow, and we invite you to revel in the wonders of springtime!

For more information go to www.sotterley.org or check out Historic Sotterley's Facebook page!

Monday, Apr. 25

Companions and Buddies for Singles Seniors

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.

Tuesday, Apr 26

County Budget Public Hearing

Chopticon High School
25390 Colton Point Rd
Morganza

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

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chopticon High School, 25390 Colton Point Road, Morganza, MD 20660, to consider adoption of:

1) Constant Yield Tax Rate ("Real Property Tax Increase")

2) St. Mary's County Fees & Charges for the following Departments:

a) Economic Development—Farmer's Market

b) Emergency Services—Animal Control Shelter Fees

c) Public Works & Transportation—Passenger Fees

d) Recreation Parks Activity Enterprise Fees

3) FY2023 Recommended Budget

Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing. In lieu of appearance, comments may be submitted via:

a) Email: csmc@stmarysmd.com

b) U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650

c) Submit a 3-minute video clip to publicmtgs@stmarysmd.com no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

All submissions will be considered by the Commissioners at the Public Hearing and/or the seven (7) days following the Public Hearing.

Copies of the FY2023 Recommended Budget are available in the Department of Finance, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, MD 20650, and under "Public Hearing Notices" at www.stmarysmd.com/publichearings/.

Any reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities should be requested by contacting the St. Mary's County Government Public Information Office at (301) 475-4200, ext. 1342.



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Navy and Marine Corps Aircrew Receive New Training Devices Improving Capability, Readiness

The Naval Aviation Training Systems and Ranges program office (PMA-205) recently delivered the first fully capable Naval Aircrewman Training Systems (NATS) and Marine Common Aircrew Trainers (MCAT) to the fleet.

The NATS was delivered to Naval Air Station Mayport, Fla. and two MCATs were delivered to Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. Both the NATS and the MCAT devices are being used to conduct initial, integrated crew training and proficiency flights, ultimately reducing flight hours in operational aircraft, reducing and in some cases eliminating ordnance expenditures, and reducing high-risk evolutions that could lead to mishaps.

“This is long overdue” said Capt. Lisa Sullivan, PMA-205 program manager, who oversees the two programs. “In the past, H-60, H-53, H-1, and V-22 aircrew did not have an opportunity to start their training in a controlled simulator environment before entering into a dynamic aircraft environment”. Sullivan said, “For our Marine Corps aircrew, it provides the ability to gain initial weapon engagement proficiency in a simulator before live fire training on operational flights.”

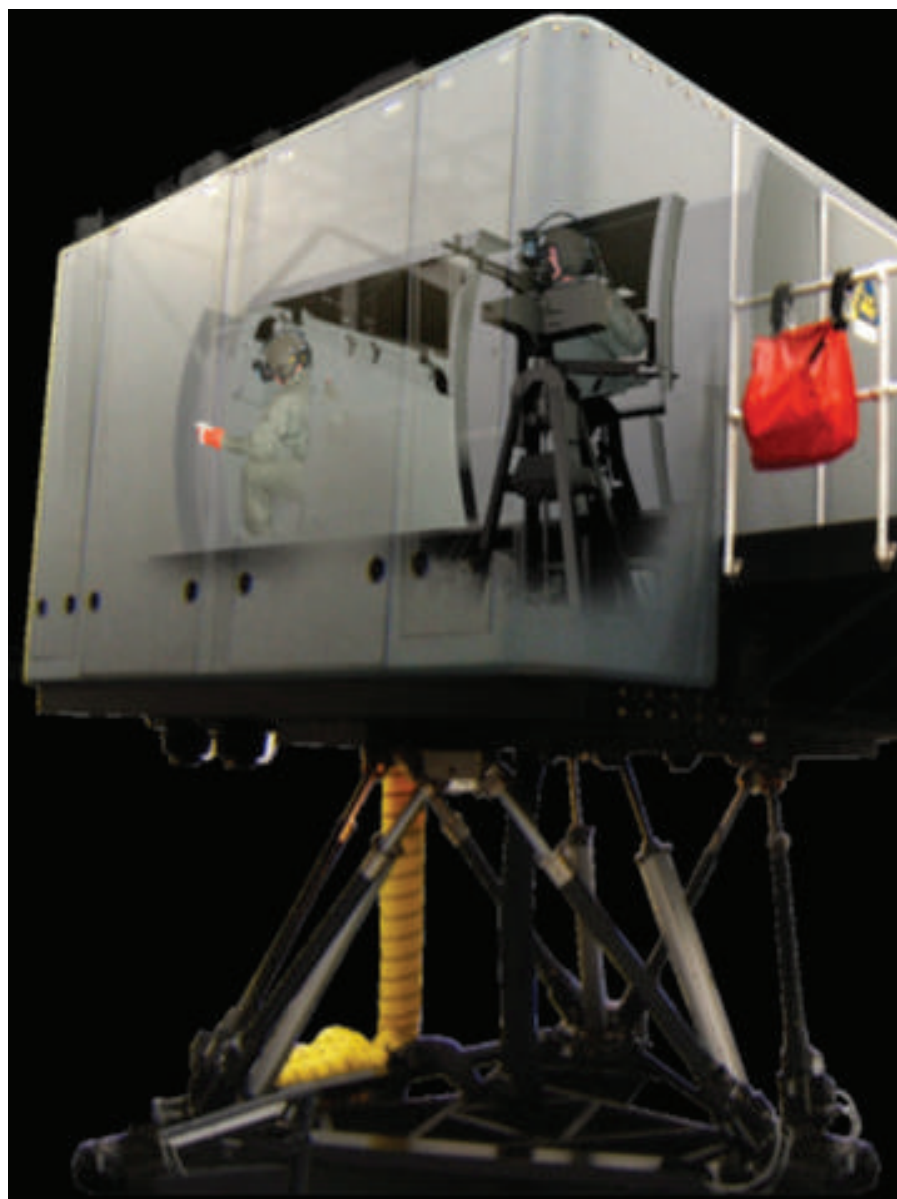
The NATS device is the first of nine deliveries under the Aircrewman Training Optimization program, an effort enhancing their hardware and software capability baseline. It provides a blend of virtual and physical environments for training MH-60R aircrew in crew coordination; aerial gunnery; hoist

operations; search and rescue; and vertical replenishment. The Navy is incorporating these enhanced environments into Navy Helicopter Wing Training Manuals.

“These devices are changing the way we train and prepare for missions around the world. It is exciting to be one of the first to experience them,” said Naval Aircrewman Tactical Helicopter Chief Matthew Owens, H-60 Training Systems deputy integrated product team lead. “This is a remarkable time to be in the realm of training, there seems to be a shift happening, and the realization that training truly does equal combat lethality is occurring. We must train like we fight to be effective.”

The fleet will officially begin training in the MCAT this spring and during recent MCAT mission scenario testing, Marine Corps enlisted aircrew subject matter experts (SME) remarked that the MCAT will be a training and readiness game-changer. All SMEs involved in the mission scenario testing voiced a desire to start training in the MCAT as soon as possible. Prior to the delivery of the new device, Marine Corps CH-53E, MV-22B, and UH-1Y enlisted aircrew trained on operational aircraft.

The new system enables non-pilot aircrew to maintain and enhance individual and unit mission readiness and will allow the Marine Corps to optimize aircraft flight hour utilization by offering a new, state-of-the-art, simulation-based alternative.



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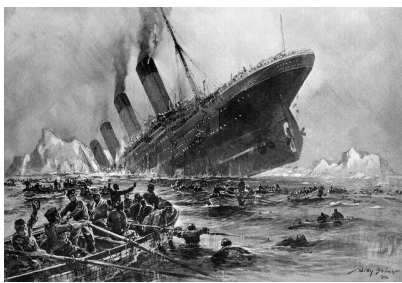
Historians are predisposed to report on the grand events of history: wars, plagues, creation, destruction, and memorable events on lesser scales that may not alter history but penetrate and remain within our collective memories.

These grand events are themselves often the consequence of little, sometimes insignificant events which, by design or accident, make the big things happen. Take the sinking of the Titanic.

David Blair was set to be the 2nd Officer but was replaced by a more experienced man just before the ship sailed. Unfortunately, he forgot to take from his pocket the key to a locker that contained the binoculars used by the Fred Fleet, the sailor posted in the crow's nest. Without the binoculars, Fleet had only his unaided vision to peer ahead in the blackness.

As the ship plowed toward New York at high speed – its Captain wanted to reach port quickly to start repairs needed due to a small fire which had damaged the starboard hull just prior to leaving England – and without the convenience of modern radar, the sail-or up in the crow's nest were the Titanic's only "eyes".

When he spotted the iceberg and raised the alarm, the helm was swung



quickly to port (left). But it was too late. The ice tore a hole in the starboard bow leading to the ship's sinking (not to mention the 1997 movie which rocketed Kate Winslet Leonardo DiCaprio to stardom). Had the sailor in the crow's nest had the missing binoculars, he would have seen the iceberg five to seven seconds earlier, enabling the ship to turn that much sooner and quite likely avoid catastrophe. But, because of the one small act of forgetting to pass along a key, 1,517 lives were lost.

Here's another small act, in this case an act of defiance, that may have saved the world.

Russian political officer Vasili

Arhipov stationed aboard Soviet submarine during the Cuban Missile Crisis may have singlehandedly prevented nuclear war.

Sailing in the Atlantic near Cuba and directly under the American blockade, the Russians lost radio contact. The sub was too deep to monitor traffic, and it was being pursued by 11 US destroyers and the aircraft carrier USS Randolph. On 27th October, 1962, the USA started dropping "practice" depth charges in international waters without warning anyone. The Soviet submarine that recorded the charges hadn't heard from Moscow in days. The sub's Captain, Valentin Savitsky, after a number of days, assumed the war had started already. He ordered the warheads to be armed, and prepared to be fired.

But he needed the political officer to help initiate the firing sequence. Arhipov stalled for time, wanting to be 100% certain before taking this irreversible step. The sub regained radio contact long enough to learn there was no war. Had it not been for Arhipov, the world we have today might be very different – if it existed at all.



There are dozens more similar stories of history being changed by forgetfulness and neglect, the stubbornness of one person, or some other seemingly insignificant thing.

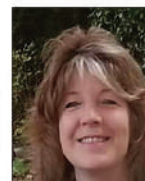
Like a stone dropped in the ocean, small acts ripple outward affecting others in ways we cannot imagine. That's why studying history is so fascinating. As we look at our own lives, what might have changed had you turned left rather than right as you were supposed to? Would your mistake have steered you to meet the person who became your spouse? Would it have avoided an accident? Saved a life?

Sometimes, it's the small stuff that changes history.

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



THE UGLY EASTER AFTERMATH



Hoping that everyone had a joyous Easter with family with lots of food, and lots of leftovers. Ours was wonderful and filling. We were still eating ham last night along with Robert's sister Sherry's delicious homemade macaroni and cheese (she made two big metal pans full) and Robert's daughter Michelle's perfect potato salad. Robert's family knows how to cook for crowds. My husband called his daughter last night and said, "Come over and help us eat some of this ham and leftovers", which she and her boyfriend did. I'm still looking at that hambone in the fridge thinking do I really want to make ham and bean soup or freeze the bone. Though I am pretty sure there is a hambone from some other holiday still frozen in the back of our freezer. I guess I better add freezer clean-out (upstairs and downstairs) to my long to do list again.

I really wasn't thinking ahead when I planned out my series of 3 spinal epidurals over the last 6 weeks. Logically, I should have arranged it for the Wednesday or Thursday ahead of Easter to cover shopping, decorating, cleaning, and Easter Day, but that's not how it worked out – though most everything got done (who needs a sparkling kitchen floor for Easter anyway), and the office I go to only does Mondays. So, the Monday after Easter I had my last epidural – definitely bad timing on my part. By Monday afternoon every piece of candy that was left over from the kids easter egg hunt was gone. Every packet of Swedish Fish, which I really don't like but will do in a pinch when loaded on steroids, and all the Sour Patch Kids packets were gone. All of those particular candies were supposed to go home with my son's two little boys on Sunday, but he said that they already had half of the hunt candy plus all that was in their Easter baskets. My son is a smart man and knows he would be the one living with a 7 and 9 year old high on sugar for the whole evening. My step-son Bobby, unfortunately went home with four sons and all of their candy, as did our grandson Logan and nephew Caleb, thank goodness for me.

The candy I really wanted someone to leave were the speckled malted eggs. The few I did save out I stupidly put in my bunny bowl on the coffee table,

but some big guy I'm married to got to them first. I thought I had covered my bases by getting him his own Godiva dark chocolate bunny and holding back 3 bags of jellybeans for the bunny bowl. My husband even looked around the dining room table at all the Easter baskets when the kids were upstairs and said, "Where's my basket?" I told him, "When I make you a basket you say, "why did you make me a basket?" If I don't make you a basket, you say, "Where is my basket?" I can't win. I was fine about the candy laying around Sunday night, but Monday afternoon after the steroid shot kicked in I went to look for the malted eggs, (after all those Swedish Fish and Sour Patch kids bags were eaten), all that was left were 4 purple jellybeans in the bottom of the bowl. Apparently the greedy big guy doesn't like purple jellybeans, unfortunately I do. Normally I am not a sugar person. I don't crave candy but hit me with a mix of daily prednisone and a steroid injection and you get a frantic, candy gobbling monster. You can see in the photo the ugly aftermath of Easter and steroids.

By 1 am, I was still in a state of sugar and steroid high, trying to detox while watching the 3rd episode of Murder She Wrote and thinking of starting on my beloved Fig Newtons. The good news was that all the candy I like was gone. My theory is to eat all the candy fast after Halloween and Easter, so it is gone and out of sight, or rather raising the blood sugar in my body. By 2 am, My mind was bouncing back and forth like a stink bug inside a lamp shade, and I was already thinking ahead to when the next major candy holiday was; Mother's Day (oh, those Whitman's Sampler Candy boxes), my birthday (probably not), July 4th (hmmm, those jello cakes with flags on top would do) Halloween, Christmas, Girl Scout cookie season, and then yes! Easter again! Or I could just go and shop the after Easter candy 50% off sales and seal-a-meal them and lock them away in a storage unit somewhere. Okay, who wants to keep the key to a storage unit for me until next year?

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

House and Garden Pilgrimage

To the Editor:

The St. Mary's County Garden Club (SMCGC) is pleased to announce the upcoming Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage (MHGP) Tour on May 21, 2022, 10am – 5pm. This year marks the 85th anniversary of tours sponsored by MHGP. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the many businesses, groups, benefactors, and patrons for their support. Visit www.mhgp.org or www.visitstmarysmd.com/events for additional information and advance tickets sales, or contact Tour Chair Beth Bonifant, at #301-861-6112 or lbethbonifant@gmail.com.

MHGP is a non-profit organization formed in 1930 for the primary purpose of promoting preservation and restoration of architecturally and historically significant properties in the state of Maryland. Proceeds from the St. Mary's County Tour will benefit historical restoration projects at All Faith Church in Mechanicsville, Md; an 18th Century Maryland National Register architectural masterpiece by noted architect Richard Boulton. Additional funds will support the St. Mary's College of Maryland foundation for "Unearthing Maryland's Early Manors". The tour will include All Faith Church, Trent Hall, Delabrook Manor, Birch Hanger, Anchored Roots Farm and two other private waterfront properties.

Many thanks to the following for their support: Commissioners of Leonardtown, W. M. Davis, Inc., Historic St. Mary's City, St. Mary's College, Parlett Affiliated Companies, LLC; Salsa's Mexican Café, Ed Bonifant/HWP Insurance, Shepherds Old Field Market, Barbara Stellway/Keller Williams Metro Center, St. Mary's County Garden Club, Asbury Solomon's, Sugarplum Tent Rental Company, Brandywine Rentals, The Good Earth, Cole Travel, Law Office of Kevin McDevitt, Cove Signs, Port of Leonardtown Winery, Taylor Gas Company, R & G Insurance, Farm View Kitchens, Ballet Caliente, S-Kape Salon & Spa, Ye Olde Town Café, Dr. S. F. Demehri, DPM; Society Hill Garden Club of Breton Bay, Chief's Your Neighborhood Bar, David's Flowers, Parran's Flooring Center, Inc., Barbara Raley-Realtor, Bookkeeping by Blanche, Olde Town Pub, Meadows Farms and the many Benefactors and Patrons.

*Pamela Herol
SMCGC Ad Committee
Leonardtown*

Save America's Forgotten Equines

To the Editor:

As a Southern Maryland resident and president of Southern Maryland Equine Miracles, a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and protecting horses from the auction-to-slaughter pipeline, we are joining with other Maryland equestrian enthusiasts in writing to our Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md., 5th) to urge his action on the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act, House Resolution 3355. The bill, which would ban horse slaughter in the U.S. for human consumption and the export of American horses for slaughter abroad, was referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

We hope he will use his authority as House majority leader to help advance the SAFE Act to a floor vote.

Every year, tens of thousands of American horses are shipped abroad to foreign abattoirs, facing extreme cruelty at every step of the journey. Horses' instinctual flight response makes them ill-suited for stunning, and they often endure repeated blows and sometimes remain conscious during dismemberment.

The way horses are transported to slaughter is also inhumane. Research published in Meat Science found that 79 percent of slaughtered horses had excessive bruising from transport related injury. It's no wonder that 83 percent of American voters oppose this cruel industry.

We know that equine owners are afraid to re-home their animals for fear that they may end up in a slaughterhouse. The SAFE Act, which is currently cosponsored by nearly one-half of Hoyer's House colleagues, would close the horses-to-slaughter pipeline for good and provide peace of mind to the equine community.

We are asking him to please help protect America's horses by leading the advancement of the SAFE Act out of committee and on to the House floor, where Hoyer and his colleagues can vote to end horse slaughter, once and for all. We planned to meet with his staff virtually to discuss the issue.

*Melinda Burdin, President
Southern Maryland Equine Miracles Rescue
Mechanicsville, MD*



Letters to the Editor

Immigration, Tragedy or Blessing?

To the Editor:

While sorting through my Grandma's possessions, I ran across a picture of my Great Grandmother and Great Grandfather who were from Germany. Years ago I found a small paper signed by my Great Grandfather, William Bartenbach. It indicated that he gave up his allegiance to the Kaiser and swore allegiance to the United States of America. It gave me chills as I held it. I thank the Lord that I was fortunate enough to have ancestors who moved to the "Land of Opportunity." How does the United States immigration system function? The Immigration Nationality Act (INA) governs it. It allows up to 650,000 permanent immigration visas each year. Once they get the visa they become a lawful permanent resident (LPR). They can become a citizen or stay a lawful permanent resident. They don't have to become a citizen. There is an unlimited number for relatives of U.S. citizens. As far as numbers per country go, it can't exceed 7% of the total immigrants each year.

On a positive note, the American Immigration Council believes that immigrants are part of our national fabric, bringing energy and skills that benefit all Americans. I agree.

That sounds good, let's look at the other facts. According to border-report.com there were 2 million encounters last year. Now, how many slipped through and never got caught? These illegals take jobs of our workers. Even those from Mexico want no more. They overcrowd our schools. They need to be fed, clothed, and educated. This costs millions of your tax dollars. I visited Mexico. Although my tears flow heavily for these people, we can't take all of those who desire to come.

What can we do? The current Biden administration is dropping them off all over our country in the dead of night using planes and other methods of transportation. They who are supposed to enforce our laws are breaking them. The next election will change everything. This is how a democracy has a "Bloodless Revolution. The problem is how many illegals will come in between now and the next election? Governor Abbott of Texas is taking the problem to Washing D.C. by dropping bus loads at the home of our national government. He is definitely drawing the attention of lawmakers who have not been to the border. He is bringing the border to them. To worsen matters, Title 42 will be lifted this month. Title 42 is used to stop illegal immigrants who have health concerns. I've laid out many of the problems. My recommendation is for "We the people" to do something before the next election. We can't afford to wait. Call your Governor, Senators, Representatives and others and halt this insanity. May God Bless America!

*Marilyn Crosby
Lexington Park, MD*

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In Remembrance

Carl Lee Zimmerman



Carl Lee Zimmerman, 77, of Middleburg, went to be with his Savior, Monday, April 11, 2022 at Riverwoods, Lewisburg.

He was born the sixth of eight children, on August 25, 1944, in East Earl, a son of Monroe and Maggie (Fox) Zimmerman.

On February 21, 1968, in Leonardtown, Maryland, he married the former Rosalyn "Rosie" Graves, who survives.

Carl's parents moved their family to St. Mary's County Maryland when he was six months old where he grew to manhood. He received his eight years of education at Clements, Maryland.

He was a member at the Church of God

in Christ, Mennonite, Mifflinburg.

In November of 1975 Carl and Rosie moved from Southern Maryland to Snyder County Pennsylvania making their home on a farm for the next 40 years. Carl provided for his family by building sea walls on the shores of Maryland that he designed by hand before constructing them. In both Maryland and Pennsylvania he was engaged in cash crop farming, adding a poultry barn on the farm in 1992. Later in life, he did some trucking for local farmers and businesses.

In his youth he enjoyed his dirt cycles. As a father, Carl would take the time to throw a ball or ice skate with his children. He enjoyed interacting with people. With a Native American Indian in his ancestry he had an interest in Indian artifacts.

In 2010 he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and in 2016 he was moved to the Riverwoods nursing home, Lewisburg where he resided for 6 years till his passing.

Surviving in addition to his loving wife Rosie, are two daughters, S. Lynn Auker, Hollywood, MD; Sheila and Matt Shirk, Middleburg PA; and one son, Eric and Nicole Zimmerman, Winfield, PA; six grandchildren; three brothers, Marlin, McEwen TN; Leon and Bernadette Leonardtown, MD; James, Winfield, PA; three sisters, Irene and Sam Sensenig, Leonardtown, MD; Joyce and Henry Brubacher, Lees-

burg, OH and Elaine Brubaker, Winfield, PA, and one sister-in-law Ann Zimmerman, Elkhorn KY. Carl is also remembered by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, older brother Robert Zimmerman, two sisters in law Ella Zimmerman and Marjorie Zimmerman and brother in law Lloyd Brubaker.

Family and friends are welcome from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at the Morning Star Mennonite Church, 1875 Mensch Rd., Mifflinburg, where the funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Friday, with officiating ministers David Kurtz and Israel Wengerd.

Burial will be in the Morning Star Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turnpike Rd., Mifflinburg.

Leave your condolences online at www.rouppfuneralhome.com.

Travis Andrew Davis



Travis Andrew Davis, born on May 22, 1993, was granted his angel wings on March 25, 2022. Travis was 28 years young; while his life was cut short, he managed to create such a memorable life while touching so many others along the way. Born to Brian and Tina Davis, Travis attended Holy Angels Sacred Heart School where he excelled in basketball, and later Chopticon High School where he enjoyed participating in the football and wrestling programs.

Travis had an unassuming and captivating smile that could put anyone at ease. If you were to talk with him, even for a moment, you quickly became familiar with his infamous laugh; it was one of the most beautiful things about him. His sense of humor was second to none and he was as compassionate as he was funny. He loved all animals and children. In his youth he raised lizards, ferrets, dogs, and his last cat named Mufasah held a special place in his heart. Most would describe him as someone sweet and loving with a childlike spirit. We are proud to have been able to call Travis our son and brother.

Travis was a hard worker and was resilient in the face of adversity. He was a person who provided exemplary effort and support to the teams he was a part of. He had just completed his 100th Amazon delivery working for Catalyst Consulting &

Logistics, LLC where he was well-liked and appreciated.

Travis is survived by his loving family, mother Christina Davis Hurst and step-father Jim Hurst, sisters Shannon Stone (Jason), Samantha Anderson (Alex), and Taylor Davis (Michael), grandparents Bobby and Dianne Anderson and Ann Davis, nephews and nieces Parker, Finley, Brielle and Adalynn Stone, uncles Blair Anderson (Connie), Jeff Davis (Cathy), Danny Davis, aunts Pam Clarke (JD) and Amy Roche (KJ), and Tara Carr, cousins Dusty and Davey Anderson, Lee Pilkerton, Caitlin and Daniel Clarke, Olivia Carr and Emma Anderson, Kayla, Austin and John Roche, Jacob, Matthew, Brian, and Emily Davis.

Travis was preceded in death by his father Brian Davis, maternal grandparent Bill Davis, paternal great grandparents Robert and Lucy Anderson, and uncle Craig Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, Individual Gift donations may be made to: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA). Give Online: <https://www.dbsaalliance.org/about/support-dbsa/individual-giving/>

Give by mail: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, Attn: Development Department, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 490, Chicago, IL 60604. Their mission is to provide hope, help, support, and education to improve the lives of people who have mood disorders.

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

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Memorial Poem:

"May the winds of heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here"
-Author Unknown

Pamela Kay Quade



Pamela Kay Quade, 62, of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of Winchester, VA, passed away on April 13, 2022 in Mechanicsville, MD. Born on March 10, 1960 in Winchester, VA, she was the daughter of the late Minnie Ashby and the late Jesse Ashby. Pamela was the loving wife of Gregory M. Quade, whom she married in Leonardtown, MD. She is survived by her children Rocky Buckler of Mechanicsville, MD, Stoney Buckler of Mechanicsville,

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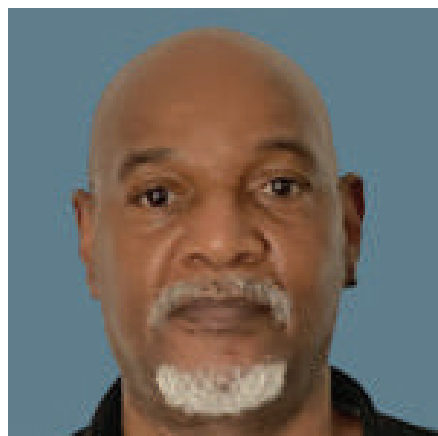
MD, and April Quade of Mechanicsville, MD, her brothers Randy Ashby of Winchester, VA, Robert Ashby of Winchester, VA, and Mike Ashby of Winchester, VA, as well as one grandchild.

All services will be private.

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Keith Thane Wellons



Keith Thane Wellons, 62, of Lexington Park, MD, formerly of Columbia, SC, passed away at his home on April 3, 2022. Born on December 15, 1959, in El Paso, TX, he was the son of the late Helen Rodger Wellons and Marshall Wellons. Keith is survived by his son Courtney Wellons of Columbia, SC, along with his siblings Terence Wellons of Pittsburg, PA, Pamela Winder of Lexington Park, MD, Kenneth Wellons of Waldorf, MD, and Mark Wellons of Bakersfield, CA.

Keith graduated from Washington High School in 1977. He was a Correctional Officer for the state of South Carolina.

Keith served in the United States Army for 11 years from May 26, 1978 to September 27, 1990. While serving in the Army, he earned the Army Lapel Button/Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, "1" Army Achievement Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), Marksman, (M-16 Rifle), and Driver, Badge-Wheel. Keith was stationed in Ft. Riley, KS, and Korea.

A Graveside service will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 1:45 PM in Maryland

Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, MD.

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Lindsay

Sadly, on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Lindsay, loving wife, mother and friend, passed away at the age of 83, surrounded by her loving family.

Betty was born December 1, 1938 to the late Rudolph Aloysius and Edith Elizabeth Thompson, and was their first child.

Betty met Mel, the love of her life, when he was a sailor stationed at Patuxent River. They married at St. Michael's Catholic Church on November 28, 1957 and their union lasted for 63 adventure filled years.



They were blessed with three children, Liz, Mel and Rick. The family moved around the country while Mel served in the Navy, with Betty maintaining their home while being a devoted wife and mother.

Betty was a loving and spirited person who took great pride in her family. She was fiercely loyal and independent, and she wore her heart on her sleeve. She made sure you always knew where you stood with her, while making life fun at every turn. She frequently went to great lengths to share that fun with those she loved! She was a lover of animals, especially dogs, and had many special pets over the years.

Betty enjoyed shopping in thrift stores, and she could find something for everyone. Many of her family and friends received thoughtful gifts from her thrifting over the years, often carefully wrapped in her signature comic strips or brown paper bags.

Preceding Betty in death were her loving husband, Melvin Leroy Lindsay, Sr. and daughter, Elizabeth "Liz" Elaine Canter. She is survived by her son, Melvin Lindsay, III; her son, Richard Lindsay and his wife Dorene; her brother, Joseph Thompson; her brother, Thomas Thompson and his wife Jeri; and her sister, Linda Brown and her husband Tom. Betty was the proud "Mawmaw" of Aaron Canter (wife Jaime), Lindsay Canter, Zachary Lindsay, Logan Lindsay (wife Rachel), April Gibson (husband Devin), Amy Lindsay, Ricky Lindsay, and Shelby Jacobs. Betty is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Lillian, Benjamin, Jocelynn, Allister, Claire, Mauricio, Devlin, and Conner.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, with prayers recited at 12:00 pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Interment to follow at Holy Face Catholic Cemetery, 20476 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandsons, Aaron Canter and Zachary Lindsay, nephews, Tommy Thompson, Jr., Michael Thompson, Christopher Thompson, and Danny Thompson.

Memorial contributions may be made in Betty's name to Tri-County Animal Shelter, 6707 Animal Shelter Road, Hughesville, Maryland 20637.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Luke Benedict Johnson



Luke Benedict Johnson, 95, of Mechanicsville, passed away on April 13, 2022, at his home. He was born on September 24, 1926, in St. Mary's County to the late William and Lula (Wathen) Johnson.

Luke married his beloved wife, Gloria in 1949 and together they raised two sons, Luke X. Johnson and Richard M. Johnson.

The majority of his career, Luke spent as an Equipment Operator, ultimately retiring from the Montgomery County government in 1982. Luke loved being around and, on the water, spending time crabbing and boating. He also enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Luke was predeceased by his son, Luke X. Johnson; his five brothers, Joseph, George, Lewis, William, Robert Johnson, and his two sisters, Mary and Janice.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Gloria Johnson, and his son Richard M. Johnson. Also, surviving Luke are his 5 grandchildren Jerrod, Angie, Teresa, Cindy, and Keith; 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

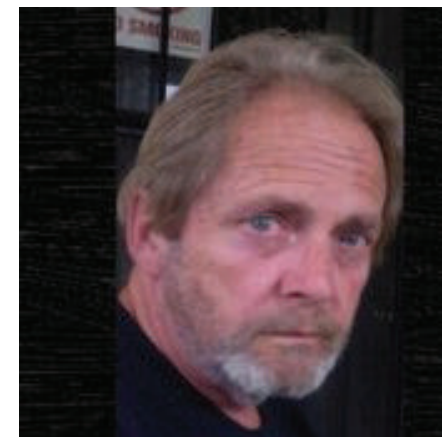
The family will receive friends on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am with a Funeral Service at 11:00 am with Deacon William Kyte officiating at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be on Tuesday, April 26th, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made

at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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

Michael J Morrison



Michael J Morrison, 76, passed away unexpectedly at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center, on April 3, 2022. He was born on February 9, 1946, in Washington DC to Ray Preston Morrison, Sr., and Elsie Z. Morrison "Pope". He was a son, a marine, a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle, and a friend to so many. He worked the night shift for several grocery chains before he retired from Giant Food in California, MD in March of 2020. He raised two children with his late wife Darlene, John Edward Ulrich, and Michael Robert Ulrich. He was a devoted husband and missed his wife immensely since her passing in 2015. His only solace was his family and his pets.

Michael had six indoor cats and more than twenty outdoor cats he fed every day without fail. He would go out of his way to make sure they were warm in the winter as well. His latest devotion was to his Great Great niece Alyanna (Aly) Clover. Michael would light up at the sight of her and she of him, he was her playmate. She had him wrapped around her tiny 4-year-old little finger since the day she was born, and he loved it! His memory we will never let her forget.

He loved cars but was a horrible me-



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chanic. He would buy a car in the early days that purred and within weeks and a few minor adjustments, you could hear that car coming eight blocks away. His wife Darlene threatened to take away his toolbox on more than one occasion. The kids loved him so much because he never lost his kid quality. He would drop to the floor and start doing his three stooges' impersonations, spend hours with no sleep after working the night shift entertaining Candice when she was a little girl, and nothing made him happier in his recent years than hanging out with his precious Alyanna. Mike was fun and he loved his family. He will be sorely missed by all!

Michael was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Darlene (Brown) Morrison, and by sisters Frances "Sis" Giuffre her son Danny Hale, Peggy Coleen Timmons her son David Jones and his brother Ray Morrison Jr. and his son Perry Morrison.

He is survived by his sons Michael Robert Ulrich and John Edward Ulrich, Granddaughters Morgan Nicole and Brittany Ulrich, and surrogate daughter Candice Cockrell (husband Jonathan) who he was a surrogate father, he was crazy about her from the minute she was born and her of him until the minute he passed. They were as close as any father-daughter could be.

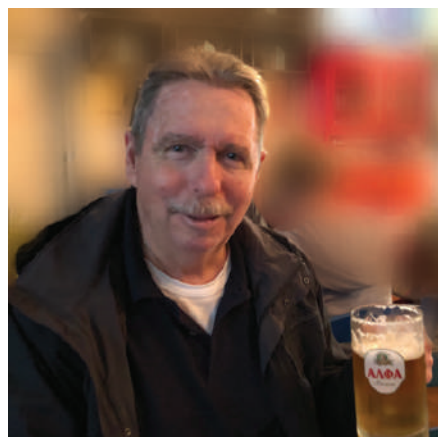
He is also survived by his sister Carolyn Burke and her husband Billy, his sister-in-law Tonie Truitt and (husband Rick), and Brenda Evans and (husband Bob). He was also close to and survived by his nieces Jan McCoy, Laura Jones, Jody Scully, Brenda Burke, Michele Jones, Melonie Jones, Tamson Evans and Jessica Cockrell (daughter Alyanna, friend Shawn) Jaimie Cockran, Amy Burke and to his nephews Timmy Burke (his wife Carol), Josh Denton, Steven Evans, Devon Custer, Timmy Burke, Austin Burke. He also had six great-nieces and nephews.

The family will be accepting friends for Michael's graveside service with Military Honors on April 28, 2022, at 11:15 am at Maryland Veterans Cemetery located at 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

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

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John Eric Nelson



On April 11, 2022, John Eric Nelson passed away peacefully at the age of 72, at

his home in Hollywood, MD surrounded by his loving family.

John was born on October 18, 1949 in Miami, Florida to the late William James Nelson and Mary Eikenberry Nelson.

On January 31, 1969 John voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served two tours in Vietnam where he earned the National Defense Service Medal. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he continued to serve his country as a Mail Carrier for the United States Postal Service from which he retired in 2011. He married his lovely wife Ann on August 6, 1977. Together, they raised two children, Jason and Ashley. John was a world traveler and enjoyed discovering new places. He was known to have a green thumb and delighted in being outdoors. He was a steadfast fan of the Miami Dolphins and enjoyed the games with a cold beer in his hand. John was a devout catholic and practiced his faith daily. His greatest love was spending time with his family.

John is survived by his wife, Ann, their children Jason Nelson and Ashley Holliday (Maurice), both of Hollywood, MD; his grandchildren: Alley Holliday, Andrew Holliday and Emma Holliday; his siblings Norma Pippin (Bob), Donna Nelson, Janet Leadbetter, Mary Hlavac (Bob), Ann Frost (Jeff), and Doug Nelson (Leslie) all of Jacksonville, Florida. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings; William Nelson, Jr. and Nancy Nelson.

Family will receive friends on Monday, April 25th, 2022 with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Reverend Raymond Schmidt at 1:00 p.m., at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, 43950 St. Johns Road, Hollywood, MD 20636. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in John's name to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Rosalinda Wepf McWilliams



Rosalinda Wepf McWilliams, age 86, entered into rest on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

Mrs. McWilliams was born in Bronx, NY, on May 19, 1935. She graduated from Bergenfield High School, Bergenfield, NJ, in 1935, and College of Notre Dame of

Maryland in 1957.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Thomas G. McWilliams, Jr, a St. Mary's County native.

Mrs. McWilliams had a long career as an elementary school teacher, specializing in music education. She shared her beautiful voice with the church choir and enjoyed travelling and caring for several horses she had over the years.

Mrs. McWilliams will be missed by her sisters, Sonia Hadyk, Syracuse, NY, and Marlene Wepf, Cooper City, FL; son Albert McWilliams (Andrea), Macon, GA; daughters, Rosalinda Marie McWilliams, Nashua, NH, and Eliza "Lisa" Ridgely McWilliams, Elkton, MD; granddaughters, Ann Marie Montgomery (Derek), North East, MD, and Melissa Halligan (Shawn), Bel Air, MD; and great-grandchildren, Morgan and Ophelia Montgomery.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Church, 455 Bow Street, Elkton, MD, where visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the church chapel. Burial will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 1:00 PM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery, Bushwood, MD with Deacon Joseph Lloyd officiating.

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.

Frances Louise Stewart

Herbert



Frances Louise Stewart Herbert of Oakville, Maryland, peacefully departed this life on her birthday, April 4, 2022 in her home in King and Kennedy Estates surrounded by her family. She was born on April 4, 1938 to the late Kathleen Stewart Young and the late John Bernard Butler. She was raised by Kathleen and James "Billy" Young, Sr. in Morganza, Maryland. She married Charles Joseph Herbert, Sr. and from this union eight children were born.

Frances, affectionately known as "Tinsy", received her formative education in the St. Mary's County School System. During her life, she wore many hats and had numerous jobs. Not only was she a bus driver for the St. Mary's County Schools for over twenty years, she was a cook, at

various times, for St. Mary's Academy, Abell's Diner, Dukes Restaurant and the Ye Olde Ice Cream Parlor, an attendant at Leonardtown Laundry, a housekeeper for Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Joseph's Church rectories, a caregiver for several local families, and finally a food service monitor at Oakville Elementary School.

Tinsy had many social and volunteer commitments. She was a forty-seven years member of the Try Me Social Club, as well as, a member of the St. Joseph Community Center. At one point, she served as vice-president of the Community Center. She was instrumental in fundraising efforts, sponsoring bus trips, preparing and selling dinners, planning Easter egg hunts and Halloween parties, and watching children during Christmas toy giveaways.

All work and no play was never in Tinsy's vocabulary. She was a very social person with boundless energy who loved to have fun. It was not unusual for the family to call each other asking, "Do you know where your mother is?" She loved to go on casino trips, play Pokeno, and talk on the phone. She played on the Morganza Hustlers softball team and developed strong friendships with her teammates and the other teams. She also enjoyed going to the Sunday baseball games. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, without fail, she would be at the soup kitchen or McDonald's shooting the breeze with her friends. Going out to dinner at the Golden Corral or Phillip's Seafood with family was one of her favorite things to do so she could eat well but pay nothing. After visits with our mom, we would say, "Okay momma, see you later!" or "I'll be back!" Her favorite reply was, "I ain't going nowhere!"

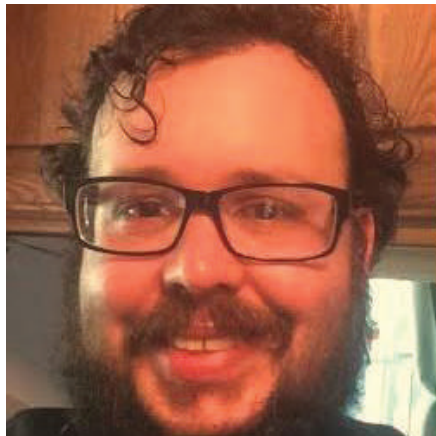
Tinsy was a force to be reckoned with . . . direct, honest and straightforward. If you didn't want the truth, she was not the one to ask. However, she was just as loving and friendly and cultivated many special relationships. She will sorely be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kathleen and James Young Sr, and John Butler; two sons, William and Michael Herbert; one grandson, Lydell Herbert; four siblings, James "Josh" Stewart, Mary "Pete" Holly, MaryRose Young, and James "Boonie" Young Jr.; and two sisters-in-law LaVerne Stewart and Agnes Young.

Left to cherish her memories are seven children, Paul (Lestremayne) Stewart, Charles (Nellie) Herbert Jr., Cynthia (John) Swann, Linda (Robert) Baker, Theresa (Steven) Faison, Bernadette Herbert, and Jobina "Pebbles" Butler; two grandchildren raised from birth, Rokita (Levon) Smith and Antoine Herbert; one sister, Jane Catherine Taylor; one brother-in-law, Joe Holly; a special nephew, Jimmy Stewart, nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, eight godchildren, a special friend that called her every day, Missy Holt, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Arrangements by Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home, Mechanicsville, MD.

Phillip A. Metzger



Phillip A. Metzger, 39, of Hollywood, MD, passed away suddenly on March 19, 2022 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born October 15, 1982 at Calvert Memorial Hospital, beloved son of Danny S. Metzger and Laurie M. Dorsey, stepson of Joe P. Dorsey. He was the grandson of Sally and the late Edward Metzger of Inverness, FL, the late Carolyn and Walter Barcikowski of Hollywood, MD and the late Catherine and Shaffer Dorsey of Hollywood, MD. Phil was the loving big brother of Elizabeth Metzger, brother-in-law to Jamie Metzger, and uncle to Alexander Metzger, all of California, MD.

As a boy Phil was very active in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts with his dad. He graduated in 2001 from Leonardtown High School, where he enjoyed being a part of the school's drama club and participating in the production of and acting in plays. Between Scouts and school Phil would make many lifelong friends. After high school, Phil worked for a few locally run businesses until he moved to Florida in 2004, where he would work towards many IT certifications that would lead him into the IT Security field, working as an IT Security Engineer for ByLight Professional IT services, a contractor for the National Science Foundation.

Phil was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, except for the 5 years he spent in Florida where he met his soulmate and the love of his life Stephanie K. Dilimone. Phil and Steph married on October 9, 2009 at a Buddhist Temple in Ocala, Florida. While living in Florida they welcomed a beautiful baby girl into their lives, Reagan Mae. Phil then moved his growing family back to St. Mary's County, where they would then welcome their sweet son Rocco Miguel (Rocky). They would live for a short time in Hollywood Shores before he was able to move his little family to Mill Pond Road, in Hollywood, where he himself grew up. He was so happy that his children would be able to grow up playing in the same woods and around the same pond that he did.

Phil loved and cherished his family. They would spend many fun days in the pool. He liked to splash everyone with a cannon ball, throw the kids around in the water and do massive waves with the kids by jumping in the pool at the same time. Nights were spent around the fire pit, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, and mak-

ing s'mores. He enjoyed going for mid-day walks with the family dog, Luna, and hiking with his children and his mom in the woods around the pond. Phil taught Reagan & Rocky how to fish off of the pier and also liked taking them out on the pond in his john boat to fish. He and Steph would spend every night curled up talking about their day and watching shows together. He truly was a wonderful husband and father.

Phil practiced meditation and Buddhism, always striving to be the best version of himself. He was a loud advocate for better treatment and de-stigmatization of ADHD and mental health disorders. He was also very passionate and vocal about equal human rights for the LGBTQIA+ community, black lives matter and other marginalized communities.

Phil is also survived by his aunts Marianne Preston, Donna Bean (Leonard), Nancy Snellings, and Ann Dorsey, all of Hollywood, and Dee Diaz (JJ) of Nevada; his uncles Jimmy Johnson of Lusby, Johnny Johnson of Lusby, and Edward Barcikowski (Julie) of King George, VA; many great aunts and uncles, and many, many cousins. He was preceded in death by his aunts Kerri Metzger and Kristi Hardgrove.

Private services were held on March 25, 2022, at Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, for the immediate family.

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.

Joseph B. Baker Sr



On April 4, 2022, Joseph B. Baker Sr. passionately known as "Mickey" passed away peacefully at the age of 80, at his home in Clements, Maryland surrounded by his beloved wife and children. Joseph was born August 3, 1941, in Chaptico, Maryland to the late James Richard and Catherine Countiss-Baker, raised as the seventh of eleven children, he loved and admired all ten of his siblings.

Joseph "Mickey" was educated in St. Mary's County Public School System and graduated from Banneker High school in Loveville, MD. He started his career with various jobs but invested his time with Buck Quade Farming Company. He expanded his skills, knowledge, and devotion at Bullock Construction Company as a Superintendent where he endured for fifty-one (51) years until his time of retirement.

On June 12, 1965, Joseph married the love of his life and soulmate; Agnes Marie Banks, he was a caring, loving, and devoted husband for 56 years.

You could always find Joseph busy with his hands doing yard work, cooking with a passion on the grill, or building home projects. He also enjoyed watching his favorite football team, the Baltimore Ravens, with a cold beer. His love and support for his family was evident but went beyond his immediate family; his love for his neighbors, friends, and in-laws was a highlight when it came to entertaining and family functions. Joseph was always ready for a good joke and ensured all in his presence had a good time. Joseph "Mickey" was known as the "go to guy" by his neighbors and friends being skilled in home improvement, landscaping; truly the hands and heart of "Jack of all Trades."

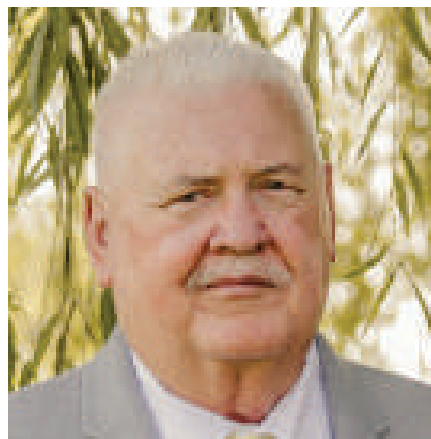
Joseph leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and faithful wife Agnes, four children: Stephanie Elizabeth Baker, Beverly Louise Baker (Joseph), Joseph Benjamin "Timmy" Baker Jr. and Lashonda Nicole "Molly" Clyburn. Six grandchildren: Joseph William Medley III, Erica Elizabeth Baker, Corey Antione Adams, Demetrius DeSales Clyburn, Deasia Nicole Clyburn and Brioni Monae Baker; ten great grandchildren; three sisters Annie Baker, Mary "Eleanor" Douglas (Francis), Teresa Chase (Paul); In-laws Mary "Mixx" Baker, Mary "Peggy" Baker, Mary Frances Baker, Beryl Baker, Carolyn Butler, Helen "Theresa" Briscoe, Mamie "Christine" Banks (Joe Pete), Mary "Ann" Brooks, Catherine Toy (Everett), and Thomas "Raymond" Banks, Bernard Banks (Regina), John Banks (Linda) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; James and Catherine, siblings: James Richard Jr., William Hayes, Edna Cecelia, William Edward, Robert Andrew, Thomas Frederick, and Louis Jerome; godson John Francis "Fanny" Baker and son-in-law Toby DeSales Clyburn.

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

Arrangements are by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

George "Earl" Newton



George "Earl" Newton, 71, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on April 18, 2022, at his home. He was born on May 14, 1950, in Leonardtown, MD. Earl was the son of the late Dorothy Newton and Leo Newton. Earl was the loving husband of Sarah Johns-Newton whom he married on November 10, 1995, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Mechanicsville, MD. Earl is survived by his children Myssi Williams (David) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Mary Hughes of Mechanicsville, MD. Along with his grandchildren Ryan (Crystal) Raley, Brooke Raley, Scott Hughes, Brandon Hughes, DJ Williams, Jace Williams, great grandchildren Christopher Raley, Rylynn Raley, many nieces' nephews, grand nieces and nephews. As well as his siblings Linda Johnson, Christine Hill, Charlie Newton, Dottie Wilcox, and Wanda Markakis. He was preceded in death by his siblings Snow Newton and Bobbie Palmer.

Earl was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He graduated from Chopticon High School in 1968.

Earl served in the Army National Guard for 12 years from November, 1969, to retirement in 1981. He was a CPR and First Aide Instructor for St. Mary's County, MD.

He worked as a Firefighter and EMT for NAS Patuxent Fire Department for 25 years, retiring in 2008. Earl was a member of the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept., Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad lifetime member, Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad, and St. Mary's County ALS, and Member of the Hall of Fame with the Southern Maryland Vol. Firemen's Association. Earl's other nicknames included Turtle, Earl the Squirrel, and Earl the Pearl.

Earl was a softball coach. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, spending time with family and friends. Along with playing keno, bingo, trips to the casinos breakfast and lunch outings. Earl loved sitting on his carport watching cars go by and Visitors!

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 25, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department Hall, Mechanicsville, MD where a funeral service will follow at 12 noon with Deacon Bill Kyte officiating. Interment will be private. Serving as pallbearers will be Greg Casoni, George Bussler, David Williams, Hunter Heiss, Stanley Williams, and John Raley. Honorary pallbearers will be the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department, Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad, Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad and St. Mary's County AL Unit.

Contributions may be made to the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. P.O. Box 37 Mechanicsville, MD 20659, Mechanicsville Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 15 Mechanicsville, MD 20659, Hollywood Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 79 Hollywood, MD 20636, and any local Fire or EMS Company.

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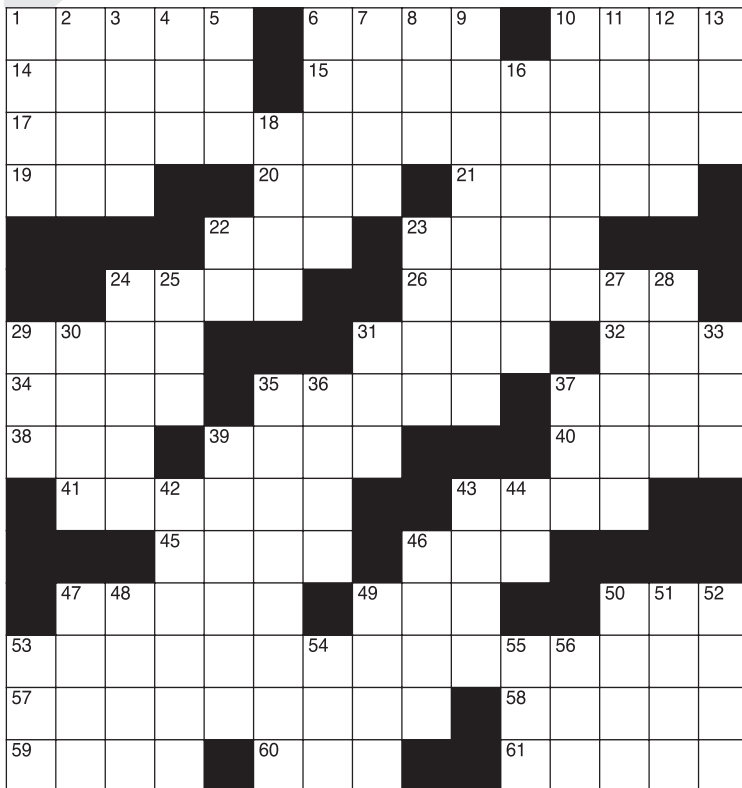
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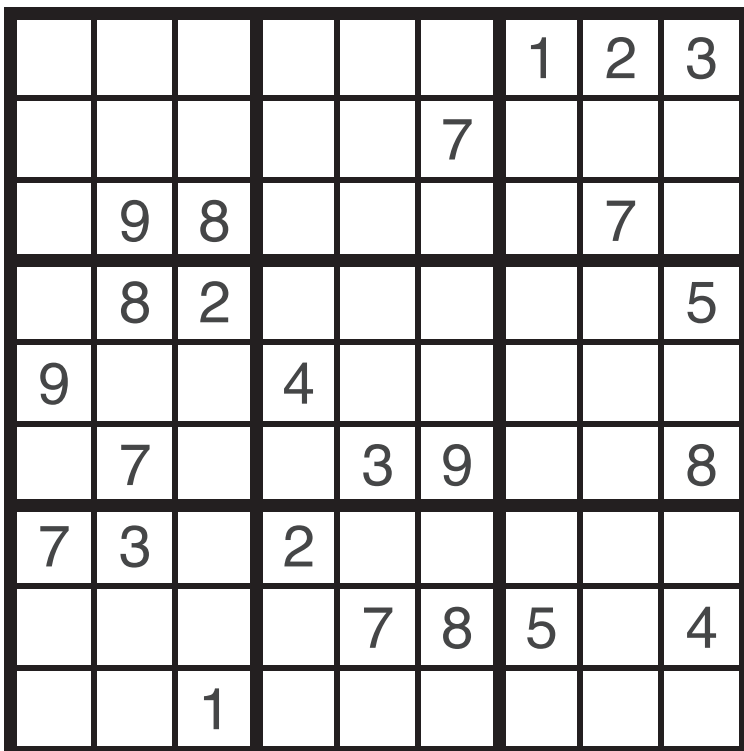
- 1. North American people
- 6. Chinese surname
- 10. Fit in at the last minute
- 14. "Very" in musical terminology
- 15. Underwater displays
- 17. Crosby's bandmates
- 19. Belong to he
- 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- 21. Sequences of alternating turns
- 22. Genus of grasses
- 23. Satisfy
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Made level
- 29. Ruler of Iran
- 31. Historical region of Syria
- 32. Food suitable for babies
- 34. Something to lend
- 35. Zone of oceanic trenches
- 37. Philippine island
- 38. Domesticated animal
- 39. Plant of the lily family
- 40. Bluish green

- 41. ___ Tomei, actress
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Lilly and Manning are two
- 46. Apply pressure to
- 47. Divide in half
- 49. Bad deed
- 50. Don't know when yet
- 53. Hollywood's greatest honor
- 57. Aiming to exhort
- 58. Faked
- 59. A way to pierce
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Points

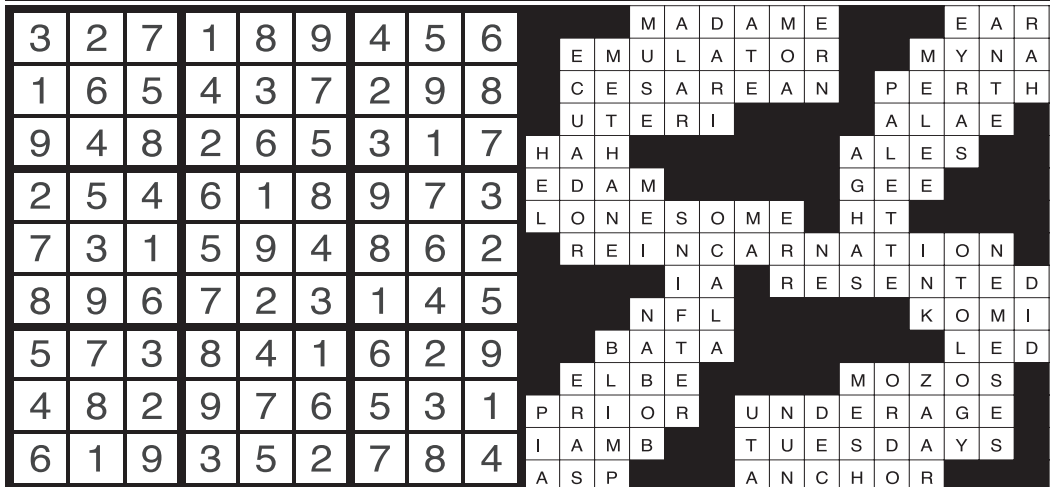
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Chop up
- 2. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 3. Egyptian goddess
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Afflict
- 6. Type of area rug
- 7. Tide
- 8. Affirmative
- 9. Sudden change
- 10. One picked
- 11. Debauched man
- 12. Stiff bristles
- 13. Famous arena
- 16. Established rules and methods

- 18. Injection
- 22. Father
- 23. Protein-rich liquids
- 24. He delivers gifts
- 25. Advanced degree
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Chinese mountain range
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
- 31. Much ___ about nothing
- 33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
- 35. A way to act slowly on
- 36. Ottoman military commanders
- 37. Popular kids' network
- 39. Hard compound
- 42. Sympathize with
- 43. Northeast college
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Frosted
- 47. Turn away
- 48. Benefit
- 49. Dry or withered
- 50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 51. Reproduced
- 52. Contributes
- 53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 54. Wear
- 55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- 56. Very small



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