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“THEY JUST CAN’T GET THEIR STAFF BACK.”

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Dependence On Paid Rescue Staff Grows

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County emergency services leaders seem unsure of the fate of volunteer rescue squads as the latest data shows the numbers of volunteers running emergency calls is dwindling.

Full-time and hourly paid emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics are now answering the vast majority of calls for service in St. Mary's.

Steve Walker, director of the Department of Emergency Services, reported to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County that the demand for paid medical assistants hired by the county had grown from at 1,100 hours a week when it first started last year to 2,000 hours a week.

"It's a 61 percent increase," Walker told elected leaders. "The needs are continuing to increase."

From November of 2021 through January, February and March of this year, Walker said, 69 percent of all basic life support calls were answered by county-employed medical staff.

For the same time period paid paramedics with the county's Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit answered 82 percent of calls for service.

Walker said the new data on the effectiveness of paid staffing — which was originally designed to support volunteer rescue squads during daytime staffing hours — was a reflection of the new reality facing the organizations.

"They're doing a great job," Walker said of volunteers who are still answering calls for service. "They're working very hard."

"They just can't get their staff back." The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated a lingering problem that had dogged some volunteer rescue squads for years in that they could not bring in enough volunteers to staff stations during the day.

This left the responsibility for answering calls to some of the larger, better staffed squads all throughout the county.



But soon, with volunteer rosters dwindling because of aging members and fears of contracting COVID-19, the county had to act and use federal stimulus funds to hire contract medics to bridge the gaps in service.

Walker was unsure as to whether the volunteer groups could recover their memberships.

"This has been the situation for a couple of months," Walker said. "I just don't know if we'll get there."

The county continues to use the soft-billing approach to providing ambulance or ALS service, meaning residents will not be made to pay if they are unable to do so.

This has been put in place to ensure residents will call for emergency services if there is a dire need.

So far, Walker said, the county has collected \$893,593 in medical transport fees, which are to be collected from the user's insurance company if available.

Response time on average are now down to seven minutes, Walker said, which he characterized as "good news."

Still, the county is grappling with emergency medical staffing, Walker said.

"Our biggest challenge continues to be staffing scheduling for our hourly employees," Walker said. "They're not as accountable as our full time employees."

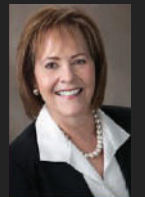
"We had to scramble this past weekend (April 23 and 24) due to some people calling off due to the nice weather."

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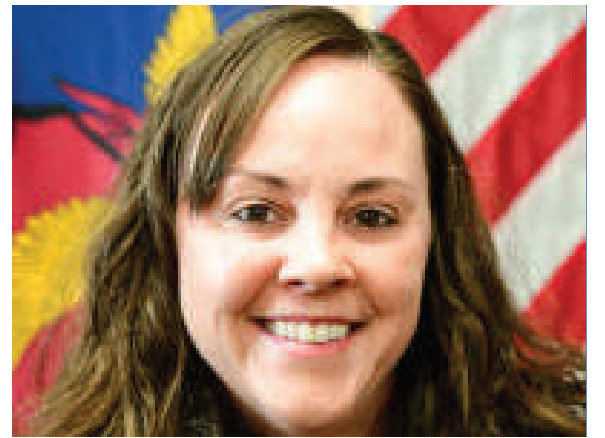
Leonardtown Council Incumbents Victorious



Tyler Alt



Mary Maday Slade



Christy Hollander

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Close to 300 town residents came out May 3 to vote for three open council seats; incumbents Mary Maday Slade, Christy Hollander and Tyler Alt all won reelection handily.

Four other candidates, Andrew Ponti, Bennett Wilson, Tawny LaQuay and Heather Earhart all trailed the three incumbents throughout the vote tallying after the town hall polling station closed at 7 p.m.

Town residents could cast their votes Tuesday from noon until the poll closed.

J. Earnest Bell, town-based at-

torney and judge of the town's elections, said 290 residents cast votes on election day, with 276 showing up at the sole polling place and 14 casting absentee ballots.

Slade was the top vote winner with 193 votes, followed by Hollander with 168 and Alt with 165.

Earhart earned 79 votes, Wilson 71, LaQuay 56 and Ponti 52, according to the final vote tally.

The town has just over 4,500 residents according to the 2020 census. There are 2,571 registered voters in town.

The three victorious incumbents all ran on continuing the work the

town had started in the past four years, that of promulgating and instituting the downtown and waterfront development plans as well as continuing to help town small businesses recover from losses sustained during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Slade and Alt both said they would not try to offer or vote for a town ordinance that would restrict or outright ban chain businesses or restaurants within the town limits, especially the downtown.

Hollander, however, said she would support some restrictions on bringing chain or franchise restaurants into the downtown

area; she favored finding ways to protect locally-owned small businesses.

Both Alt and Slade campaigned on strengthening public safety, particularly traffic safety for town residents as redevelopment plans envisioned making the town more connected by pedestrian paths, crosswalks and sidewalks.

Hollander, a civil engineer for the Metropolitan Commission, advocated for ensuring the town's water and sewer infrastructure be properly maintained and modernized.

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Apartment Development Set For Public Hearing

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A concept site plan for a six-story apartment complex development complete with a restaurant will go before the county planning commission for a second time; its first public hearing was April 11 when the planning commission agreed to postpone the hearing at the request of the applicant's attorney.

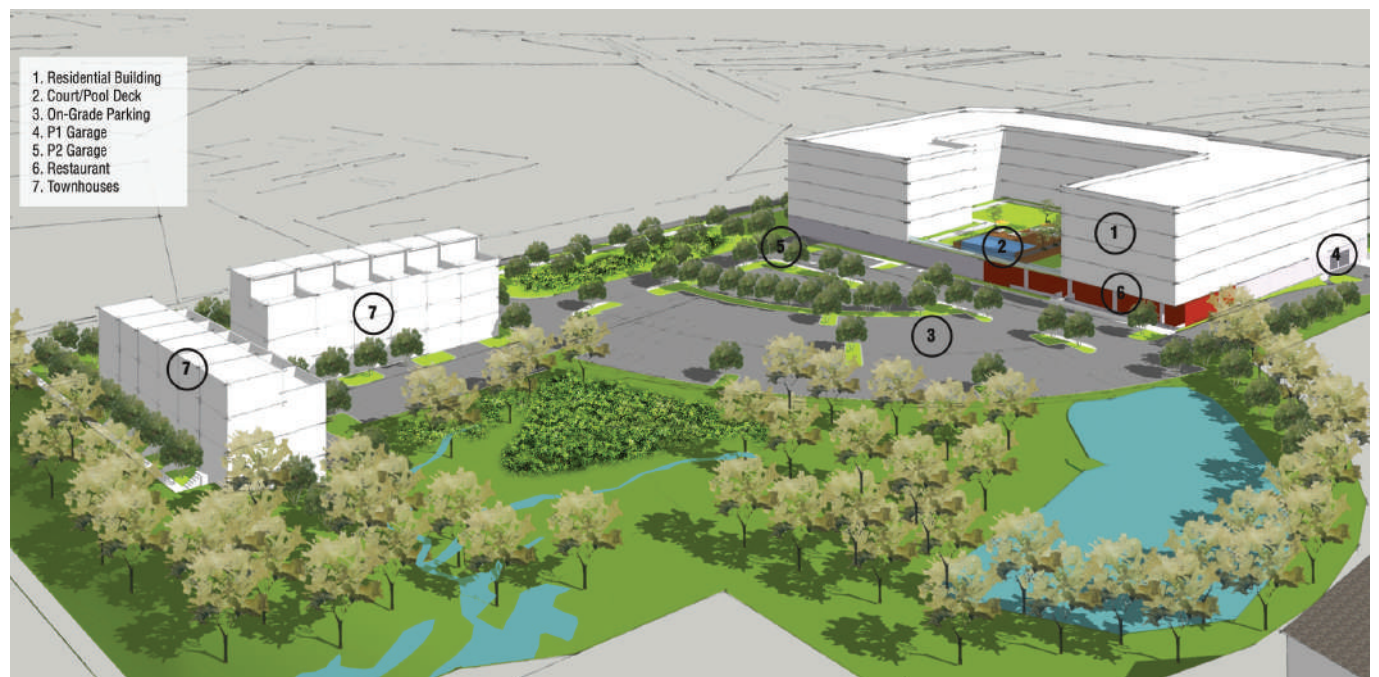
"We know the planning commission has a lot of questions about that," Christopher Longmore said at the first public hearing.

Longmore said the State Highway Administration had yet to comment on the traffic impacts the development might have near the intersection of St. Andrews Church Road and FDR Boulevard where it is proposed to be constructed.

The apartment complex would be 176,904 square-foot in size, according to county planning documents, with 221 dwelling units.

The main apartment complex would have adjacent to it a three-and-a-half-story townhouse-style apartment structure of 26,957 square feet and 12 dwellings.

The restaurant would be situated in the first floor of the main



apartment complex and be 5,977 square feet in size.

The entire development would be built on 7.55 acres and include underground parking for the site for 331 vehicles, according to county planning documents.

On May 16 the planning commission will also take up a concept site plan for a piece of the First Colony planned unit development

(PUD), known as Pod 5, which is also the site of the proposed apartment projects.

The planning commission must first approve an amendment to the PUD to allow for a total of 291 dwelling units on the site.

The agreement between the county and the owner of the property, Marcas LLC, originally stated that as many as 400 dwelling

could be built on the property but the developer has decided to reduce that number.

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Weech Seeks Commissioner Presidency



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Natalie Weech, a St. George Island resident and licensed attorney who has a remote law practice in Florida, is running to be the next commissioner president of St. Mary's County.

Weech is the only Democrat running in a field of Republicans.

"I really want to continue working to help people," Weech told The County Times as her reason for running for the top seat on the county commissioner board. "I'm a military brat, I've lived all over the country."

"But I've fallen in love with St. Mary's County."

Weech said she is concerned at the lack of activities available for youth in Lexington Park but also throughout the county.

This lack of activities has more serious consequences for the community, she said.

"The majority of the violent crimes being committed [in the Lexington Park area] are by youth with little direction or nothing else to do," Weech said.

Weech also coaches a Little League softball team and lamented over the available field space for girl's teams; she wanted to find ways to change that.

The pandemic brought out just how important internet connectiv-

ity was to the community, Weech said, and she said the current situation in the county, with one provider — Breezeline — being the main source of that connectivity was a problem.

"Comcast is also an internet service provider. We need to get internet access throughout the county," Weech said. "And we also need to have it not be just a monopoly."

"I want to find ways to bring more competition into the county."

Weech said the county had to find a balance when dealing with continued growth, that it benefited all in the community.

"You have to be cautious to ensure that growth includes things like affordable housing," Weech said.

Weech is a member of the local Housing Authority board.

"I embrace growth," she said. "But we need to ensure everyone's needs are met with that growth."

Weech said the ability to cooperate was key to being the leader of the commissioner board.

"I would work with anybody," Weech said. "Democrat, Republican or Independent, the label isn't required in local politics. "It's important for everybody to work together for the betterment of the county."

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Milburn Seeks District 1 Commissioner Seat

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sheila Milburn, a retired acquisition specialist who worked on Patuxent River Naval Air Station for 35 years before retiring, is running as the only Democratic candidate for the District 1 county commissioner seat.

Milburn, who lives now in Lexington Park, was born and raised in the Red Gate area near Leonardtown.

Milburn said she remembered growing up in St. Mary's County and that a trip to the Lexington Park area was considered a treat because of all the amenities available.

But that reputation has faded over the years, she said, with the loss of commercial businesses and the rise in crime.

"I'm truly concerned about the county and its people," Milburn said. "It used to be that Lexington Park was the place to go because of all the shopping opportunities.

"Now it's like the people don't want to come down here, especially after dark."

She wants to find a way to ensure those in aging communities that are stressed by blight and crime are served equally.

"I see a lot of good happen-

ing," Milburn said. "But I also see an economic group being left behind."

Milburn is an advocate for affordable housing, she said, but not just apartments.

"There's an assumption that people who are low income only want to rent," Milburn said. "More people owning homes... means they will care more about how they take care of their spaces."

Recent high-profile suicides in the county — people who have jumped from the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge — means the need for mental health services is even more critical locally, Milburn said.

"Are we reaching the families?" Milburn asked about how mental health resources are being used. "The bridge suicides, that's not the only way people commit suicide.

"We need to get to people before they get to the end of that rope... or the other side of a gun."

Milburn said she wanted to ensure that the county's budgeting process was transparent and accessible to all.

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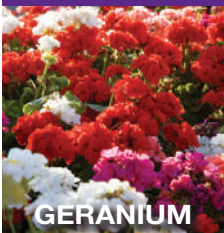
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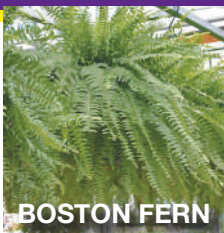
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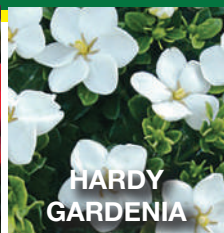
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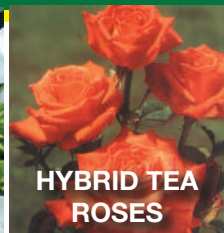
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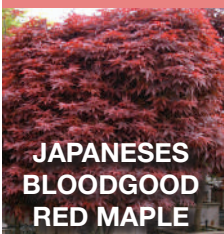
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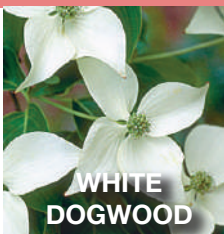
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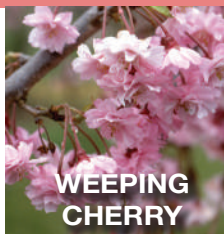
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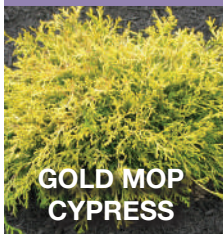
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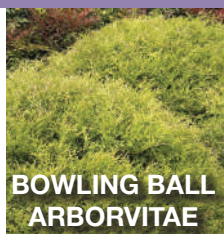
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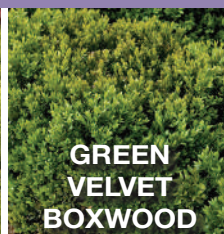
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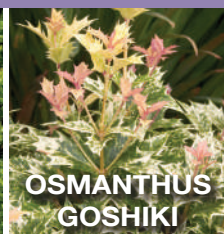
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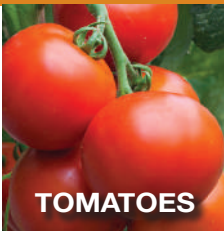
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SMECO Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award Recipients, St. Mary's County
From left are Matthew Taggart, Great Mills High School; Kirsten Seiler, Greenview Knolls Elementary School; and Kathryn Smith, Leonardtown Middle School.

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Clarissa Labor, Chopticon High School, Science

Jessica Sage, Chesapeake Public Charter School, STEM

Kirsten Seiler, Greenview Knolls Elementary School, Mathematics

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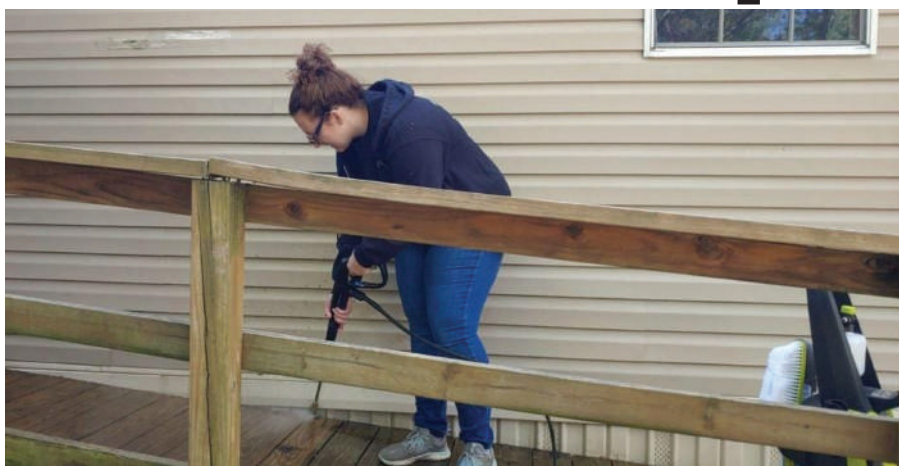
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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) cautions anyone who encounters a fawn to avoid disturbing it and resist the urge to feed or handle it. Removing deer from the wild and keeping them in captivity is dangerous, harmful to the animal, and against the law.

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Despite these effective strategies, inquisitive fawns will sometimes explore new surroundings and may appear to be lost or orphaned. There is usually no need for human intervention as the adult female, or doe, is almost always nearby and will return to nurse the fawn. Hu-

mans who remain near the fawn or doe will interfere with this natural process and put themselves at risk of harm, and should steer clear for those reasons.

"Even though people may be well-meaning, handling deer or keeping them captive is not only illegal, but almost always results in a bad outcome for the animals," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. "Deer do not suffer the stress of human intervention well and rarely survive being handled. Help us keep Maryland's wildlife wild, and trust that our deer are well-suited to surviving without our assistance."

More information on fawns can be found on the DNR website.

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

Lexington Park Man Arrested for Illegal Possession and Sale of Firearms to Minor

In February 2022, members from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice/Narcotics Division began an investigation into the distribution, transferring, manufacturing, and purchasing of firearms to minors. During the investigation **Keyshawn NMN Green**, age 19 of Lexington Park, was identified as a distributor of firearms to a minor.

On April 7, 2022, a search and seizure warrant was executed on Green's residence in the 46000 block of Midway Drive in Lexington Park. The search warrant yielded numerous rounds of ammunition to multiple caliber regulated firearms, and parts to



Keyshawn Green

manufacture a rifle. On April 22, 2022, Green was located and arrested by Sheriff's Office deputies. Green was charged with the following:

- Possession of Firearm by Minor
- Ammunition/Sale to Minor
- Regulated Firearm/Illegal Sale/Transfer
- Regulated Firearm/Unlawful Sale/Transfer

Green remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown on a no-bond status. Maryland law defines a minor, for the purposes of regulated firearms, as anyone under the age of 21. Maryland law prohibits any person under the age of 21 from possessing/selling any regulated firearm.

Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at (301) 475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eli-

gible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Lexington Park Man Arrested for Burglary

On April 27, 2022, at 3:12 a.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park for the burglar alarm activation. Deputies arrived on scene and discovered the glass door to the business shattered, and various items stolen from the business. Preliminary investigation determined two individuals approached the business on foot and shattered the glass door to the business. After various items were stolen from the business, both suspects fled on foot. A K-9 track was conducted with negative results.

The Lexington Park COPs Unit continued the investigation and **Kevin Vincent Bonds**, age 49

of Lexington Park, was developed as a suspect. On April 28, 2022, Bonds was located and arrested. Bonds was charged with burglary second degree and theft.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Corporal Trevor Teague at (301) 475-4200 extension 78128 or by email at Trevor.Teague@stmarysmd.com.

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Kevin Vincent Bonds

Two Juveniles Charged in String of Burglaries

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division arrested and charged two male juveniles with multiple commercial burglaries and vandalisms committed over the Easter weekend. Deputies performing proactive community enforcement on the night of the burglaries were able to match specific clothing seen in security video with juveniles they had contact with during their shift.

A 16-year-old juvenile and a 14-year-old juvenile, both of Lexington Park, were developed as

suspects and subsequently arrested and charged on April 29 and April 30 with two counts of Second-Degree Burglary; six counts of Third-Degree Burglary; six counts of Fourth-Degree Burglary; five counts of Malicious Destruction of Property under \$1,000; one count of Malicious Destruction of Property more than \$1,000, three counts of Theft: \$100 to under \$1,500 and Causing a Fire Alarm.

Both juveniles were processed and released to a parent.

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Sports Bar Transforming To Soup Kitchen



Joseph "Bobby" Knott and Kristine Millen president/director of St. Mary's Soup Kitchen

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For decades the Brass Rail Sports Bar on Route 5 just south of Callaway has been a major gathering place for parties and softball games, but since its closure during the pandemic and its sale by its owners Charles and Hilda Gattton, it has sat vacant.

Joseph "Bubby" Knott, owner of the Great Mills Trading Post construction company bought the property and has since donated it to the St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen.

"We've already done it," Knott told The County Times this week. "It's going to a good place."

Knott gave a simple reason why he made the donation of the property.

"I like them," Knott said of the soup kitchen, which has operated since 1993.

"We both think it's for a good cause," said Karen Siebert, Knott's daughter. "They [the Gatttons] were older and I assumed it was a good time for them to get out."

Siebert said she and her father knew the leadership board at the soup kitchen was looking for a way to expand to continue serving a burgeoning clientele of needy residents.

"They went to look at it [the sports bar] to buy it," Siebert said.

"We met with them and decided we wanted to give it to them."

Kristine Millen, executive director and one of the board of directors for the soup kitchen, said they were ready to accept that there was little chance of being able to find a new home for their operation until Knott stepped in with the donation.

"We outgrew where we are now long before COVID-19," Millen said. "We never skipped a beat during COVID. 'We never missed a day.'"

The pandemic brought more needy people to the soup kitchen, Millen said, since many had lost jobs and incomes due to government restrictions on restaurants and other service industries being open.

Volunteers continued to cook for the soup kitchen from their own homes, Millen said, and provided take away meals for the needy who continued to come to the soup kitchen.

Last year the soup kitchen provided 120,000 meals, Millen said, which is a vast increase from the 4,000 they served when they first opened almost 30 years ago.

Today, they provide between 75 to 150 meals a day at the soup kitchen or through a drive-thru service there; volunteers also prepare about 55 boxes of food to support needy families.

"We feed people every day," Millen said.

Knott was aware of just how many people came to the soup kitchen each day, as well.

"You can't even get into the joint," Knott said.

"It is a big deal," Millen said of Knott's donation. "He's generous."

"He's given back so much to the county."

More than a gift to the soup kitchen, the donation of the Brass Rail was a gift to the community, Millen said.

"This will be our last home," Millen said. "We won't have to move again."

More than just a place to feed the needy, the soup kitchen also partners with MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, the Harm Reduction office of the county health department and flu vaccination clinics to provide health services.

"This is a safe space for our people," Millen said.

For years the soup kitchen had worked with principals of local Title I schools, those with students who faced the most economic disadvantages, and provided them and their families with food assistance.

"They were the neediest of the needy," Millen said.

During the pandemic, the soup kitchen opened that program — known as Feed the Family pro-

gram — to all of the county's public schools.

The new space will also offer vastly more space than the limited amount they have available now at the Lutheran church near the intersection of Route 5 and Great Mills Road.

That site has just 2,200 square feet available compared to the more than 11,000 square feet at the Brass Rail, Millen said.

"Nobody's going to be cramped," Millen said. "It's beyond comprehension, this gift."

"We're a safety net and it will continue to be here is a great way."

The Brass Rail property will have to undergo a renovation, Millen said, but once that is completed, St. Mary's Caring will be able to use all of the space in the facility, the demand is so great.

"The words 'Thank you' don't begin to summarize how important this is," Millen said of St. Mary's Caring's new home. "We're grateful to have had this."

"We're Southern Maryland's only full-time soup kitchen."

Knott said much of the accoutrements of the Brass Rail are still in the building, such as tables and chairs, as well as a full kitchen.

"When I give you something, it's yours," Knott said. "All they've got to do is bring some bread and some soup."

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Saturday, May 7th

9am - 9pm

Antoinette's Garden Mad Hatter Drink Specials

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sales & Specials throughout Shepherd's Old Field Market

10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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9am - 9pm

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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- 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.:** Explore the Old Jail Museum
- 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Artists in Wonderland Popup Art Show
- 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.:** Mad About Leonardtown Spin Sesh with eliv8 at mural in LTown Alley
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. :** Opening Reception - Artists in Wonderland Popup Art Show Bell Motor Company (Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment Fundraiser)
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Opening Reception North End Gallery The Peace of Wild Things Plein Air and Studio Works by Alison Barry & Freeman Dodsworth
- 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Opening Reception for Sharon Weiner Art Show/ Hospice Fundraiser
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Live music at POL Winery
- 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** David Sparrow
- 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** FREE Trolley Rides throughout Town
- 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Queen of Hearts Rage
- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.** Yoga with Spice Studio
- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.** Drum Circle on AC grass (no drumline)
- 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.** First Friday Art Studio at Yellow Line
- 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.** The Mad About Leonardtown Cocktail Party & Fundraiser at the Fenwick Inn (private event)
- 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Toy Station Box Release and Painting Tea Party at the Yellow Line Studio
- 7 p.m.** Levi Stephens at Antoinette's Garden

Saturday, May 7th

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Landscape Painting Workshop at the Yellow Line Studio
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Spring Craft and Vendor Show at the Leonardtown Fire House
- 10 a.m - 5 p.m** Explore the Old Jail Museum
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Mother's Day Brunch for the Fur Moms at EarthWise Pets
- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Pet Adoption Events Earthwise Pets
- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Artists in wonderland popup art show
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Hatter's Mad Mother's Day Tea Party at the Fenwick Inn
- 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** Live Music (Faith Noel) at Port of Leonardtown Winery
- 6 p.m.** Sunset Cruises at the Wharf
- 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Alice in Leonardtown Mural Ribbon Cutting and A&E Movie Festival in Ltown Alley
- 7 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Above Par Golf will be at the Mural Ribbon Cutting hosting Mini Golf with giveaways
- 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.** Alice in Leonardtown Adult After Party & Costume Party at Bru
- 6 p.m.** Higher Standards at Antoinette's Garden

Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day)

- 10 a.m - 5 p.m** Explore the Old Jail Museum
- 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.** Live Music at Port of Leonardtown Winery featuring Justin Allen



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CSM Students Inducted into Honor Society

Students, faculty, and staff of the College of Southern Maryland celebrated the first in-person induction ceremony for the Alpha Delta Nu honor society in two years April 8. The ceremony celebrated eight nursing students who have maintained a high GPA and completed a scholarly project related to the advancement of their profession.

Faculty and students relished the opportunity to celebrate in person, decorating a table with symbols of nursing, including a copy of Florence Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing" to represent the foundations of the profession; a lamp and lit candle to symbolize the light of knowledge, caring and compassion; and a stethoscope to represent the tools used by nurses in their career.

After Acting Chair of Nursing Sara Cano welcomed the inductees, their families, and distinguished college guests, Jeanne Hill, associate professor of nursing, continued the program by giving the history of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) and the Alpha Delta Nu Honors Society.

"OADN is dedicated to enhancing the quality of Associate Degree Nursing education, strengthening the professional role of the Associate Degree Nurse, and promoting the future of Associate Degree Nursing as an entry point into registered nursing in the midst of



Pictured from left in the back row are Chandler Maldonado, Alexis Klumpyan, Andrew Sien and Kiara West. The students in the front row from left are Theresa Lin Benton, Alyssa Dorsey, Kami Hardin and Myka Angelica Wilkins.

healthcare changes," she explained. "To promote scholarship and academic excellence in the profession of nursing, OADN established the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society and made provisions for the establishment of Institutional Honor Society Chapters. The College of Southern Maryland chapter Alpha Omega was established in fall 2012 and has been an active chapter since then.

"Your dedication to the profession of nursing and your future patients is reflected in the hard work you have done to achieve this honor," Hill continued. "Your commitment to lifelong learning will contribute to nursing as a profession with every single patient you encounter."

Student speaker Kami Hardin took to the podium to congratulate her fellow inductees. She emphasized that she and her fellow inductees all came from different backgrounds and dealt with their own struggles during nursing school, but that they were united by a commitment to excellence in nursing.

"For our group, meeting the requirements for induction means that we have excelled in navigating an abundance of constantly changing, moving objectives. In addition, we did not accomplish those things in the absence of personal struggle," said Hardin. "The past two years had an effect on everyone, and the nursing student is no exception. However,

being accepted into the Alpha Omegas means not only did we not give up, but that we had a fundamental belief that overcoming uncertainty and struggle could make us better nurses."

A rose, pin, cord, and certificate were presented to each inductee by CSM nursing professors Deborah Rutledge, Rose Miller, and Lynn Kennedy. Both the pin and cords can be worn by the student with their graduation regalia at CSM's 63rd Spring Commencement to be held May 13, 2022.

Lauren Guy, assistant professor of nursing, closed the program with words of wisdom for the students as they complete their nursing education and move into the profession.

"As you complete the second year of the program, I encourage you to have patience with yourselves, determination to reach your goals, and contagious excitement as you see the shining light at the end of your nursing school journey. These attributes will allow you to continue with the momentum that you have already begun," she said.

The students inducted into Alpha Delta Nu were: Theresa Benton, Alyssa Dawn Dorsey, Kami M. Hardin, Alexis R. Klumpyan, Chandler Erin Maldonado, Andrew Sien, Kiara K. West and Myka Angelica A. Wilkins.

Press Release from CSM



Chinese Culture Day

A celebration of Chinese traditional dance, language, and calligraphy, presented by the National Chinese Honor Society students of Leonardtown High School on Saturday, May 14 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. at Leonardtown Library. The National Chinese Honor Society students of Leonardtown High School will perform Chinese traditional dances, teach basic Chinese words in an interactive way, and do a mini Chinese calligraphy lesson. This program is meant for children ages 5-10 to enjoy with their families. Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Register on www.stmalib.org.

The History of Sotterley

Would you like to know the history of the Sotterley Plantation? Join the Library, along with Sotterley staff, in discussing the cultural significance, the stories, and the people of Sotterley at Leonardtown Library on Wednesday, May 11 from 6 - 7 p.m. Sotterley has and will continue to focus on reconciliation while honoring the organiza-

tion's mission of preserving, presenting, and telling the story of the site and the people who lived on it. In recent years, Historic Sotterley has embarked on their Common Ground initiative and their Descendants' Project. They help facilitate healing through shared journeys which lead to understanding and compassion. With honesty and integrity, Sotterley embraces their responsibility to interpret all aspects of Maryland's shared history. They are dedicated to being an exceptional educational and cultural resource, with a full range of formal education programs, as well as events and visitor programs. Sotterley is a 94 acre former plantation with over 20 authentic structures providing a stunning backdrop for their stories. In the tradition of their ancestors, they farm sustainable, and donate most of what is grown to local food pantries. The Library looks forward to welcoming Sotterley staff to the Leonardtown Library and we hope you join us in learning about Historic Sotterley! Register on www.stmalib.org.



Smartphone Photography Contest

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Researching Your Local Ancestors: Part 1

Explore your local roots. Learn about the resources at our local historical and genealogical societies from the experts at the Leonardtown Library on Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Our friends Karen, Frankie, and April from the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society and the St. Mary's County Historical Society will be

here to teach about the resources available at these local societies. Please bring any names, dates, and locations you are interested in researching. All skill levels are welcome. This is part 1 of a 2 part class. Part 2 is scheduled for May 19, 2022. This is an in-person class held in meeting room 1. Register on www.stmalib.org

Introduction to 3D Printing

Have you ever wanted something 3D printed at the library, but not sure how? Now is your chance to learn! Join us at Leonardtown Library on Tuesday, May 17 from 5 - 7 p.m. This introductory course will cover the basics of how a 3D printer works and how to use the PRUSA Slicer computer application. Participants will be able to submit one pre-designed project from one of our platforms to the library for printing at no charge. No prior experience is needed. Participants may want to have an idea for a project ready in advance and bring it to the class. This will allow for more time to learn computer skills. This is an in-person class held in the Computer Lab and Makerspace. Register on www.stmalib.org.

Legal Notices

CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY MARYLAND NOTICE ALTERNATE SERVICE

PLAINTIFF: ASHLEY JAXEL
DEFENDANT: CONNIE MILLER-HENDERSON

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.

Debra J. Burch
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In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-22-000275

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The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from ALLEN ELIZABETH JORDAN to ELLEN ELIZABETH JORDAN. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Misspelled name

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 06/05/2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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Tackle Box Fishing Report



Robert Lagrange with catfish from Hog Point at the Naval Air Station in the mouth of the Patuxent River

By Ken Lamb
Contributing Writer

It was calm, it was cold, it was slow. Trollers had limited success, on Sunday, May 1, as the big stripers were few and far between.

There were big fish caught, but many fishermen came home with nothing in the cooler. I have heard of only one fish caught under the 35 inch minimum; so most of those landed have been true trophies approaching 40 inches, and some closer to 50.

I had some of the best fishermen I know contact me on Monday asking for info as they had struck out. I had no hot spots or success stories to relay. The Potomac River may have been the best for trollers. Many there were able to catch a fish or two off Stuart's and St. George Island.

Tandem rigs and umbrellas have been the favorite lures.

Cat fishing continues to be excellent. The big catfish are still in the

mouth of the Patuxent. Surf fishermen at Hog Point in the mouth of the Patuxent and at Myrtle Point above Point Patience have caught catfish steadily all week, mostly in the late afternoon and into the night.

The Potomac is loaded with catfish in Breton Bay, Piney Point, Bushwood, and points north. The further up the river the bigger and better numbers.

The tides have regained a normal footing, and with the warmer weather this week, we should have perch in the creeks.

The winter grasses have not begun the spring die off and that will make lure casting difficult. But, the carp and snakehead love that stuff so that can provide some fun.

Fresh water continues to be good with bass, crappie, pickerel, and stocked trout. Some rain will help conditions and improve the bite.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Retiring Early? Know Your Health Care Choices

Life doesn't always go as planned. For example, you might think you'll retire at 65 or later, when you'll be eligible for Medicare. But if you retire before then, how will you pay for your health care?

Without insurance, you risk incurring thousands of dollars of expenses if you are injured or become seriously ill. And if you must pay for these costs out of pocket, you might have to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts earlier than you had planned – which could result in a less desirable retirement lifestyle than you had envisioned.

What, then, are your options? It depends on your situation, but here are four possibilities:

• Employer retiree health benefits

If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria – such as length of service and position within the company – to limit eligibility.

• Spouse's plan

If you're married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice – if not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.

• COBRA

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) allows you to maintain your existing coverage with the same benefits and provider network. However, COBRA is typically only available for a specific time – usually 18 months – af-

ter you leave your employer, and coverage can be expensive. Your previous employer subsidized a portion of the premium as a benefit, but once you've retired, you'll likely have to pay the entire premium, plus an additional charge.

• ACA Marketplace plan

Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employer-sponsored coverage; if not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you have options for health insurance, you'll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there's that cost to consider, but if you're in generally good health and you don't expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you're eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and co-pays, so you'll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see – so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

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Thursday, May 5

Noises Off

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.newtowneplayers.org/tickets.html

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

American Legion Post 221
21690 Colton Point Rd.
Avenue, MD 20609 [View Map](#)
8p.m. to 9p.m.

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

Mother's Day/First Friday Sales at SOF Market in Leonardtown

SOF Market
22725 Duke Street
Leonardtown
10a.m. to 7p.m.

Shepherd's Old Field Market (SOF Market) is a unique mini-shopping mall located in Leonardtown, MD,

with 90 small business shops and services including a coffee shop/eatery, indoor/outdoor beer garden, ice cream shop, yoga/fitness studio, music lesson studio, barber shop, reflexology/therapies studio, and over 80 more unique stores and shopettes!

First Friday Sales runs Friday, May 6th through Sunday, May 8th, in select shops throughout the Market.

Hours are:

Wednesdays—Saturdays:

10AM—7PM

Sundays: 11AM—5PM

"Mad About Leonardtown" First Friday

First Friday in Leonardtown
5:00-8:00 PM.

Come by for a special evening including shopping, dinner, dessert, one-evening-only specials at participating shops, restaurants, and art galleries, audience participation Drum Circle, and much more! Check the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page and www.visitleonardtown.com for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond.

The traditional time of events is 5 to 8 PM however many businesses are open both before and after this time frame, please check with individual shops for details. May 2022 kicks off the seasonal "First Weekend" of fun events all weekend long!

Contact info: email Jen Stotler at membership@thelba.org or call (301) 247-7611.

Saturday, May 7

Outside Yard And Plant Sale

7th District Volunteer
Fire Department
21660 Colton Point Rd, Bushwood
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Chaptico Market Food Truck will be selling breakfast sandwiches 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Table Rental \$10.00

Additional tables \$7.00

For more information, call 301-769-4042 or 301-769-2016 or 301-769-2654

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Mother's Day Bake Sale &

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9 am until sold out

7TH District Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary

Rescue Squad Building
21530 Colton Point Road
Avenue, MD 20609

Raffle Tickets: \$5.00 each

Drawing: At close of bake sale

Contact any Member of the Auxiliary

STEAM Day

Patuxent River Naval Air Museum
22156 Three Notch Rd
Lexington Park
10a.m. to 3p.m.

Join us on May 7th for our Fifth Annual STEAM day! We will have numerous vendors from the surrounding community who will have various STEAM-themed activities great for all ages! This year we are joined by The Jamaican Grill Food Truck during lunchtime. Flight simulator tickets will be available for purchase in the Flight Technology Hall. Normal museum admission rates apply.

Sunday, May 8

Farmers Market

AEROPARK
St. Mary's County Regional Airport
44200 Airport Rd
California
9a.m. to 1p.m.

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the Airport Terminal.

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Monday, May 9

Red-Cross Blood Drive

2nd District Firehouse
45245 Drayden Road
Valley Lee

1:30p.m. to 6p.m.

Red-Cross Blood Drive

For more information / schedule your life saving donation, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to download the blood donor app. ****

Social Distancing / Mask maybe required.

Tuesday, May 10

Legal Aid Seminar

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Rd
Charlotte Hall
1p.m. to 2p.m.

Don't miss the chance to get updated on what you need to know related to wills, advance directives, and powers of attorney. This will be a free presentation from Maryland Legal Aid, the largest provider of free, direct legal services in Maryland and the state's 3rd largest law firm. Advance registration is preferred for this presentation.

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Pet

OF THE WEEK

MEET SPARKY



Blessed be the person who takes in and loves an old dog... For their time with us is more important than our time with them. Adopt a senior pet.

Hello, my name is Sparky. I'm a GOLDEN OLDIE at 11 YEARS YOUNG! My DEAR WISH is to be outside spending time with YOU, following you around the yard while you tend to your flowers. Then I'll find a sunny spot to laze in while you finish. Afterwards, we can share a short walk around the block. Whatever it is that you like to do, I'd LOVE to be part of your ADVENTURES! I'm here patiently waiting to go to my NEW FOREVER HOME so please hurry and email animalshelter@charlescountymd.gov to schedule an appointment to meet me ASAP! BE MY MIRACLE AND PLEASE CHOOSE ME! When you choose to adopt from TCAS, you are literally saving a life.

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SUMMER READING

Summer is approaching and with it days on the beach, swinging in a hammock in the shade of a talk oak tree, or simply relaxing as the midday sun softens into long shadows across green lawn. In other words, a season perfectly suited to reading.

The Historical Society's bookstore at Tudor Hall, which is available to the general public, has a wide-range of great books about the County and its people. Here are just a couple which are sure to complement the sunniest and even the rainiest of summer days.

Maryland Voices of the Civil War by Charles Mitchel. Historian Charles W. Mitchell tells the compelling story of how Maryland African Americans escaped from slavery and fought for the Union and their freedom alongside white soldiers. He reinforces the notion that Maryland's Southern sympathies—while genuine—never seriously threatened to bring about a Confederate Maryland. He draws upon hundreds of letters, diaries, and period newspapers—many previously unpublished—to portray the passions of a wide variety of people—merchants, slaves, soldiers, politicians, freedmen, women, clergy, slave owners, civic leaders, and children—caught in the emotional vise of war.

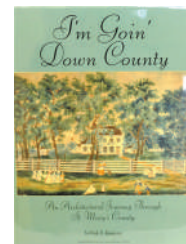
Treasured Recipes of Old St. Mary's compiled by the St. Mary's Academy Alumni Association. Perhaps the most sought-after book in stock. Interesting and unusual recipes of all types. **Treasured Recipes of Old St. Mary's** (St. Mary's Academy Alumni Association. This is a reprint of the book originally published in 1959.

On the subject of food, Kentucky Kindred Cookbook is a

CD compilation of recipes from folks in Kentucky with roots in St Mary's County.

Dawning of a New Community by Margaret Bange. The Mennonite community in St Mary's County is not well-understood. Margaret Bange presents a folksy account of the first Mennonite arrivals and subsequent growth of the community. It offers several unexpected insights on how the community was formed.

I'm Goin' Down County by Kirk Ranzetta. A richly-illustrated architectural journey through St Mary's County. Drawings and illustrations of some of the County's best loved manor houses and buildings.



The Attempted Abduction of Abraham Lincoln. Compiled from the pages of the Historical Society's quarterly journal, the *Chronicles of St Mary's*, this collection presents a glimpse into a relatively unknown effort to kidnap the 16th president.

Hell Comes to Southern Maryland by Brian and Linda Gottfried. A comprehensive history of the Point Lookout prison camp and Hammond General Hospital. Those were dark days in our nation's history and none were darker than what took place at Point Lookout. Illustrated.

All these books and many more are available by visiting the Historical Society's headquarters in Tudor Hall in Leonardtown or by going to www.stmaryshistory.org and clicking on Bookstore. Historical Society members receive a ten-percent discount.

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



Letters to the Editor

We Need a Sheriff for the Community

To the Editor

When you hear the word “sheriff,” what comes to your mind? Do you picture a positive and influential leader in the community, or a person wearing a badge who only shows up to escalate already stressful situations? Hopefully, the citizens of St. Mary’s County picture a courageous and influential leader.

St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office has been serving the community for over 300 years, so it’s important that we elect a sheriff who has the community at the forefront of his agenda.

As the primary election inches closer, we will be bidding our current sheriff, the Honorable Timothy Cameron, farewell and welcoming a newly elected sheriff. Sheriff Cameron did an excellent job serving the community, especially with the toy drive. It is essential that our next sheriff takes us to a higher level of bridging the gap between the deputies and the community.

Are the days gone where the sheriff would be present at the neighborhood basketball and baseball games, just to show support and set an example? There is at least one known St. Mary’s County Deputy who is very involved in the community and actually coaches the local high school basketball team; wow! Now that’s serving and protecting your community. Where are the other deputies, worried about getting investigated by internal affairs?

Community involvement seems to be the missing key in today’s relationship between law enforcement and the citizens. Gone are the days when the sheriff would see an adolescent skipping school and instead of taking the ‘at risk youth’ to jail, the sheriff would encourage him/her to take education seriously while walking them back to class.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, those below the Federal Poverty Level had more than double the rate of violent victimization as persons in high-income households. Therefore, it is easy for one to understand the very clear and strong correlation between poverty level and crime level. According to the Journal of Family and Economic Issues, single-parent families are 40% more likely to be below the FPL than those of married-parent families. The Journal of Marriage and Family reports, children raised in a single-parent family tend to commit acts of delinquency.

Picking the next sheriff is a pretty serious decision that should not be taken lightly. It can be the difference between picking a leader who stands on coddling the deputies who answer to him, or picking a leader who is going to hold his deputies at a high regard, so they will never have to be investigated by internal affairs.

Internal investigations sometimes take place when a citizen feels victimized by law enforcement, but if the head sheriff is leading his deputies properly then there should be nothing to fear when investigations arise.

Wouldn’t it be nice to see the next elected sheriff back in the community encouraging citizens? This could be the example that the youth needs. Let’s elect a sheriff who understands the community he serves and is driven on changing the dynamic of being a product of your environment throughout the entire St. Mary’s County.

*Janet C. Bello
St Mary’s County, Maryland*

Climate Change Law

To the Editor,

Having read the article “The good, bad and ugly of the 2022 general assembly session,” County Times Apr. 21, I can’t help but comment on the “work” of our leaders in Annapolis. There was no mention of the sweeping climate change law that will go into effect June 1, in Maryland. This law is a disaster and I hope none of our reps voted for it. First it demands that all cars owned by the state be electric, that is a whopping cost to taxpayers as all these overpriced vehicles also each need to have access to an electric receptacle, costs will be staggering and unnecessary. It also restricts school boards from contracting bus services involving vehicles using fossil fuels past the year 2025. Wake up you idiots, 2025 is three short years away and you think bus contractors can come up with the funds needed to pay for electric buses?

Climate change is a theory, it has never yet been proven, they started off calling it global warming but had to change the name after some unseasonably cool weather and so they chose climate change and notice how this broad naming allows them to blame every weather-related incident on this non existing condition. I also read of a scientist who performed an experiment for 20 years. He had access to satellites and performed the same experiment time and again, when asked by peers the reason for this he told them, “I’ve got to make sure the findings are correct.” When he had finished, his findings did not agree with the herd mentality of the day and his study could not get published because he found that greenhouse gasses do indeed escape the atmosphere which renders all the crap we are fed daily to be B.S. I’ve heard of many others who also could not get published for the same reason. I’m not saying that pollution does not exist, it certainly does, but the radical hand wringing of the chicken little alarmists on the left is worthy only of dismissal as junk science.

Matt Morgan did mention that Maryland has a \$7 billion surplus for 2022 and that clearly indicates the taxpayers of Md. are overtaxed; he didn’t say overtaxed, I did. This will give politicians a burning desire to throw that money at something because it is so easy to spend other peoples’ money. They already started by giving a \$1 million to Sotterley plantation, a total waste. As is the new Maryland Dove that is the 2nd in the series in which taxpayers spent millions on the 1st one and already have spent millions on 2nd one so elites can raise a toast and pat each other on the back at yet another of their endless boondoggles that cost a bunch but do nothing for the citizens of Md. Have any of them thought of returning the seven billion to taxpayers? How about a gas tax holiday until the seven billion is spent, or return to each county the percentage of the whole that they overpaid? That might be too fair, or Heaven forbid make too much sense.

As I type this, we are a few hours away from a public hearing in which the county commissioners will try to increase the real estate tax and/or raise fees throughout the county and I have to pause and think, I’m on a fixed income and I have to make do with what I’ve got, why can’t these geniuses do the same? If I find myself running short for my wish list, I can’t go to my neighbor and tell them they have to support my ideas financially. I thought they were Republicans, if so than why do they employ the Democrat party line of tax and spend? Can’t they request a chunk of that \$7 billion overage the state has unfairly stolen from us? Be happy you commoners, you live in the “FREE STATE!”

*Paul Lawrence
California, MD*

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News

Navy Engineers Make Helicopter Pilots' Most Dangerous Job Safer

Landing a helicopter in low visibility environments is one of the most difficult tasks in aviation for a rotary-wing pilot – add weather like fog wind, or worse and aircraft recovery can be dangerous.

The very team who brought naval tactical aviation Precision Landing Mode (PLM) has now set sights on advancing capability and operational readiness for pilots flying legacy rotorcraft across the DOD.

“Rotary-wing pilots flying newer rotorcraft like CH-53K have the benefit of augmented landing tech built in,” said NAWCAD engineer Matthew Rhinehart. “But there are thousands of legacy helos across the DOD that don’t – it’s a safety challenge for which we’ve engineered a proven-successful solution.”

Between 2000 and 2013, 26 Class A mishaps were attributed to degraded visuals in DOD aviation.

The engineering team is working on two prototype systems that will be integrated into aircraft to help pilots with landings. The first is the Adaptive Shipboard Guidance and Recovery Display (ASGaRD), a software system aimed at pilots landing on ships at sea. The system integrates into cockpit displays to provide visual cues that allow pilots to make safer landings on pitching decks. Different from PLM, ASGaRD provides visual assistance only and does not interfere with a pilot’s flight handling. Deploying the system is as simple as a software update making it an immediate solution for rotary pilots flying legacy aircraft.

The second prototype is the Low Speed Precision Control (LSPC), a software and hardware system that helps pilots make land-based landings in low-visibility environments with dust, sand or snow. The modular system also integrates into cockpits bolted to existing controls providing pilots with landing assistance through flight control and stability modification, similar to PLM. As LSPC includes a hardware component – essentially a metal box with a lever – the system requires additional logistics for installation.

Recently, the team demoed the systems in NAWCAD’s Manned Flight Simulator, where naval and Marine Corps test pilots successfully approached and landed rotary aircraft like an MH-60S and CH-53E in zero-visibility conditions, an extremely dan-



A rotary pilot performs a shipboard-landing maneuver through fog in a simulated scenario at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division's Manned Flight Simulator in Patuxent River, Md. The pilot successfully landed his MH-60S on a virtual carrier in zero-visibility conditions using new landing aid software developed at the warfare center. A zero-visibility landing is an impossible feat in today's Seahawk helicopters where rotary pilots have no visual landing aids to assist with one of aviation's most difficult tasks. (U.S. Navy photo by Theresa Thomas)

gerous task for rotary pilots today.

During the demonstrations, more than 10 developmental test pilots flew mission representative tasks in simulators – in this case with degraded visuals – both with and without the augmentation tech. The results were starkly different: the test team found the systems significantly reduced pilot workload and increased safety when landing in zero-visibility environments on virtual pitching decks at sea in fog, and amidst a dust cloud in a virtual desert.

“In the lab we monitored how hard the pilots worked and how much drift they experienced, which generally precedes a mishap or crash,” said Rhinehart. “Pilots using the tech landed safely every single time – we’re confidently reducing the workload and most impor-

tantly, improving their safety.”

Both technologies target legacy aircraft including the H-60, CH-53, H-1 and V-22 aircraft. Pilots operating these aircraft would fly with both systems installed, with ASGaRD serving as an immediate solution as a simple software update.

“If NAWCAD’s visual landing aids were fielded in aircraft like MH-60R/S or legacy aircraft like CH-53E today, fleet aviators would see a safe and successful recovery every single time,” said NAWCAD engineer Jacques Hoffer.

ASGaRD is under development by Systems Technology Inc. in sponsorship by the Office of Naval Research and with support from NAVAIR. LSPC is a developmental initiative in part-

nership with AMERICAN SYSTEMS. Its initial design was funded by the H-53 Heavy Lift Helicopters program (PMA-261). Both technologies require funding and adoption by a rotary-wing program to mature the capabilities to fleet deployment.

The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division is the Navy’s largest warfare center, employing more than 17,000 military, civilian and contract personnel. It operates test ranges, laboratories and aircraft in support of test, evaluation, research, development and sustainment of everything flown by the Navy and Marine Corps. Based in Patuxent River, Maryland, the command also has major sites in St. Inigoes, Maryland, Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Orlando, Florida.

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

In Remembrance

Raymond Stublarec



On March 6, 2022, Raymond Stublarec, 84, of Benedict, Maryland was called home to our Lord.

Beloved husband of Rose Stublarec, father of Karen Carroll (David), Kimberly Budash (Tim), Melanie Hooper (Gary) and Pappy to David Carroll (Darryl), Ben Carroll (Justina), Sarah Westover (Seth), Zachary Hooper, Elizabeth Hooper and great-grandfather to Brett, Allison, William and Sawyer and beloved brother-in-law Francis Tippet. He was also a uncle to his many nieces and nephews.

Born on March 24, 1937 to the late Joseph and Helen Stublarec (nee Lugar) in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, brother of the late Bernadette and Rich.

Ray was a veteran of the Naval Reserves, retired Ironworker, and past president of Rodman Local 201 and retired member of Ironworkers Local 5. Ray enjoyed fishing, eating hard crabs, watching NASCAR races and was an avid football fan. He also enjoyed many hours putting together jigsaw puzzles and often enjoyed his water views of the Patuxent River. He enjoyed playing cards and the new family "tradition" of playing birthday bingo in which he was a fierce competitor! And as you know, he was a "pistol"! But most of all Ray loved his family. He will be truly missed and will be forever in our hearts.

May he rest in peace.

Ray was of the Roman Catholic faith and a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Benedict, Maryland. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Benedict, Maryland.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Deborah Jean Langley, Hinthorne of Port Orchard, WA, Susan Trossbach of Great Mills, MD, Charlene Knott of Lexington Park, MD, Linda Langley of Lexington Park, MD, Charles Langley, Jr., of Great Mills,

MD, and Robin Butterfield of Lexington Park, MD.

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.

Martha Louise (Hill) Wheeler



Martha Louise (Hill) Wheeler, 77, of Bushwood, MD passed away at MedStar St. Mary's, she was the daughter of the late Woodrow Wilson Hill and the late Mary Agnes Alvey Hill.

Martha met her husband, Harry James Wheeler in Washington, DC and went on to marry him in Chaptico, MD.

She enjoyed a career as a successful Realtor for Mowery Real Estate helping many families in the Southern MD area find their dream homes before retiring in 2010.

Martha is survived by her brothers, Allen Henry Hill, Sr. (Mary) of Chaptico, MD, Patrick Eugene Hill (Judy) of Chaptico, MD, William Michael Hill (Sue) of Leonardtown, MD; her nephew, Allen Henry Hill Jr and niece, Cindy Hill and many extended family members and friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, her husband Harry James Wheeler and her brother Woodrow Wilson Hill, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Martha

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.

Karen Elinor Brobst

Karen Elinor Brobst, 86 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on April 26, 2022 at MedStar St. Mary's.

She was born on June 6, 1935 in Muskegon, MI to the late George Gilbert and Julia (Wilson) Gilbert.

Karen loved God, her family, her community, and her country. She



was known for her volunteer work throughout Southern Maryland community. She often took leadership roles in several organizations including the American Association of University Women, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Fleet Reserve Auxiliary. Karen was a lifelong reader and she was an active patron of the public library. She cared about the rights of women and girls and she supported causes that helped to improve women's active duty military and their families. Karen was generous with her time and resources. She volunteered at the library book sales, coached youth bowling leagues, volunteered

at the Charlotte Hall Veteran

Karen is survived by her daughter, Jill Elizabeth Killby and son-in-law, Mike Killby of White Plains, MD; son-in-law Jack Yates of Lexington Park, MD; her sister, Delores (Dee) Pike of Traverse City, MI; her granddaughter, Elizabeth M. Froehlich (Justin); and three great grandchildren Kaylee Timers, Briar Froehlich and Isaac Froehlich and many dear friends in the community. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her children, Thomas Hagen Brobst, Jr. and Patricia Esther Brobst Yates.

Interment will be held on May 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

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Susan Theresa McGregor

She was born on June 7, 1959 in Leonardtown, MD to the late James Latham Mattingly, Sr. and Hazel Beatrice Toute.

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In Remembrance

Susie married her beloved husband, William Chaptico, Maryland but later moved to Hollywood to be close to her sisters. She enjoyed playing Bingo and card games, especially Pokeno, and Rummy 500. She loved watching TV shows, her favorites being Perry Mason, the Golden Girls, Two and a Half Men, and the Big Bang Theory.

She is survived by her children, Wesley William McGregor (Cammyelle) of Hollywood, MD and Michael McGregor (Stephanie) of Glen Burnie, MD; her siblings, Rosie Mattingly, Priscilla Mattingly, Debbie Hamilton (Douglas), Gloria Bolt (Willie, Sr.), Mary Mattingly, Linda Miller, Carla Mattingly, Judy Worrell, Michele Messineo, Cindy Mattingly, Alice Mattingly, Joseph Mattingly (Melody), and William Mattingly (Elsie); her grandchildren, William McGregor and Abigail McGregor; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her siblings, Barbara Mattingly, Brenda Mattingly, James Mattingly, Jr., George Mattingly, and John Mattingly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial con-

tributions may be made to the Susan G. Coleman Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

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Michelle Ann Jordan



Michelle Ann Jordan, 68 of California, MD passed away on April 19, 2022 in Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on August 19, 1953 in Fairfield, CT to the late Thomas Joseph Carroll and Gertrude Marie

Morgan.

Michelle married her loving husband, Fred Raymond Jordan on October 23, 1997 in Lusby, MD. Her strong work ethic began at the young age of 18 and she worked for various government contractors, most recently as a Security Specialist for ASEC Corp until she retired in 2015. Michelle loved to travel, work in her flower gardens and bake for her friends and family. A dedicated outdoor enthusiast she was always up for a road trip. She loved to camp, backpack, mountain bike, road bike and she fished all over the country but she enjoyed cooking with her grandchildren the most.

She is survived by her husband, Ray; her children, Noreen Procacini (Andrew) of Eagleville, PA and Elizabeth Quade of California, MD; her step-children, Tina Blakely (Brian) of Coatesville, PA, Sandra Jordan of West Chester, PA, and Wayne Jordan (Rhonda) of Chandler, AZ; her siblings, Thomas Carroll (Nina), William Carroll, Raymond Carroll (Joan), Brian Carroll (Kathy), Dennis Carroll, Kathleen Goldcamp (Frank), and Noreen Dow (Randy); her sisters-in-law, Carole Carroll and Linda Carroll, and her brother-in-law, Mark Tanner; her grandchildren, Greyson, Brady, Tony, Thomas, Liam, Abigail, Jordan, Austin, Indiana, and Syllas. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Olivia Martin and her siblings, Richard Carroll, Diane Tanner, and Christopher Carroll.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy

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David Joe Gaulke



David Joe Gaulke, 90 of California, MD passed away on April 19, 2022 at the Hospice House of St. Mary

He was born on July 30, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN to the late Harry Johann Gaulke and Elaine Virginia Wessinger.

Dave joined the Marine Corps Reserve several months before high school graduation and his unit was called into active duty during the Korean War. He served proudly stateside for four years; once a Marine, always a Marine!

He completed a plasterer's apprenticeship and thoroughly enjoyed this profession with his Dad and Uncle until sheetrock emerged as a viable replacement, and college seemed the better choice. He earned his Bachelor

Dave was a pioneer in the computer industry starting with NCR in 1961. He traveled the country from New York to St. Petersburg to develop computerized banking programs made difficult by the limitations of the computer and its machine language. At Pax River NATC, he managed the Computer Systems and Operations Branch and as Program Manager for the Director of Computer Sciences Directorate (CSD), his last extreme effort was as liaison for CSD with the architect, contractors, and public works personnel. CSD received approval for a new 42,000 sq ft build-

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ing to centralize many of the base Two of Dave.

After retirement in 1986, Dave and Lorraine moved to Emily and then Crosslake, MN. Dave was elected to the Emily city council (proposed and got passed a 350% city budget increase), served as president of his Lions organization, served on the Lutheran church board, helped to save the Emily elementary school by helping to establish the first Charter School in Minnesota which was sponsored by the state board of education, and thoroughly enjoyed boating, fishing, and having children and grands visit!

Throughout his life, Dave developed lifelong friends, really his band of brothers which he never had. He had this ability to connect with people through his love of homesteading, cooking, grilling, his unique sense of humor and skill of sitting and sipping for long and interesting conversations.

His beloved family was his wife of 40 years, Lorraine; his children, Lisa Loreen Tennyson (Francis) of Mechanicsville, MD, Matthew David Gaulke (Grace) of Sumter, SC, Martin David Gaulke (Laura) of Cloquet, MN, Kathryn Jolene Rudqvist (Stefan) of Annapolis, MD, Duane David Gaulke of Drayden, MD, their mother, Lois, deceased; his stepchildren, Kenneth Scott Hardman (Beth) deceased, Jon Christopher Hardman (Gretchen) of Callaway, MD, and Michelle Marie Schellberg (Steven) of Port Matilda, PA; 14 grandchildren, Lindsey, JD, Emma, Jackson, Emmie, Ben, Ken, Isaac, Jolene, Brandon, Matt, Rachel, Benjamin, Kristen; 9 great grandchildren, Emilie, Gage, Serenity, Landen, Freya, Reid, AJ, Christian, and Emma.

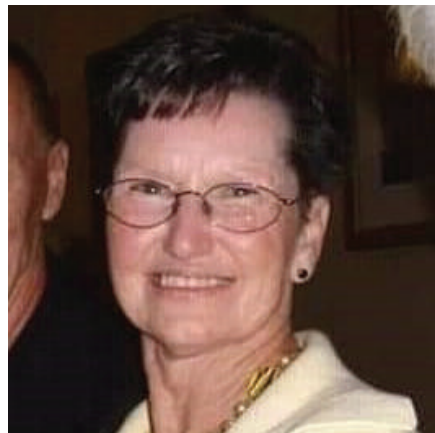
Services will be private.

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Bonnie Fay Page



Bonnie Fay Page, 78, of Tappahannock, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. She was a retired Civil Service Accounting Technician and worked at Wester Field in St. Mary's County, Maryland. She grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland and moved to Virginia in 2000, and loved living here in Tappahannock. Bonnie was an avid quilter, and she was a member of the Warsaw Guild, the Heathsville Guild, and the Kilmarnock Bee. She also loved to cook.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Gordon R. Page; her sons, Tracy Page and Marvin Arthur; one daughter, Rachel Page; two brothers, Raymond (Buddy) Pfeil and David Pfeil Sr.; one sister, June Jackson; and one great-grandson, William Page.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 12-2 p.m. at Faulkner Funeral Homes, Marks-Bristow Chapel, Tappahannock. A private burial will be held at Essex Cemetery, Tappahannock.

Deborah Jean Langley



Deborah Jean Langley, "Debbie", 69, passed away on April 27, 2022 at George Washington University Hospital. Born on June 13, 1952 to Charles and Betty Langley, she was a lifelong resident of Great Mills, MD. Debbie is survived by her father Charles Langley, Sr., her siblings Julie Hinthorne (Scott) of Port Orchard, WA, Susan Trossbach (Francis) of Great Mills, Charlene Knott (Eddie) of Lexington Park, Linda Langley of Lexington Park, Charles Langley, Jr. (Anita) of Great Mills and Robin Butterfield (Robert) of Lexington Park, MD. Debbie was preceded in death by her mother Betty Langley.

Her love for animals, particularly horses, started at a young age and continued to grow throughout her life. Debbie taught family and friends how to ride and care for horses. She loved trail riding with her family and friends as well. Later, Debbie became an advocate for rescue horses, and through the years, began taking in rescue horses at her stables in Great Mills. Debbie became the proud owner of a mule named Candy which, in time, became her favorite ride. Debbie also became involved with harness racing at the Rosecroft Racing Track

in Fort Washington, MD where she was a trainer as well as a driver. She loved the sport and cared deeply for the horses.

She had a second passion in life also, playing softball for the St. Mary's County Slow Pitch Women's League. She started playing ball in the seventies. In 1975 she played for Kirby and Winters, and from 1977 through 1980 she played for Take It Easy Ranch. She soon became well known for her high batting averages, along with home runs and her speed at running the bases. She played short stop and third base. In 1980-1981 she played Class AA softball for Natural Light. In 1989 Debbie won the Budweiser Sportsmanship Award for the American Legion in Ridge, MD. Debbie was nominated by her friend and team player Kathy Cecil for the St. Mary's County Hall of Fame and inducted in 2004 for the Women's Slow Pitch Softball League.

Debbie touched the hearts of many and will be truly missed by her family and friends. She will always be remembered for her generosity, her kindness, and her passion for animals.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00AM with Father Jerry Gamrot officiating. Interment will follow in Holy Face Catholic Cemetery, Great Mills, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Lauren Blizek, Francis Trossbach, Matthew Knott, Jason Knott, Tyler Knott, and Charles Langley, Jr.

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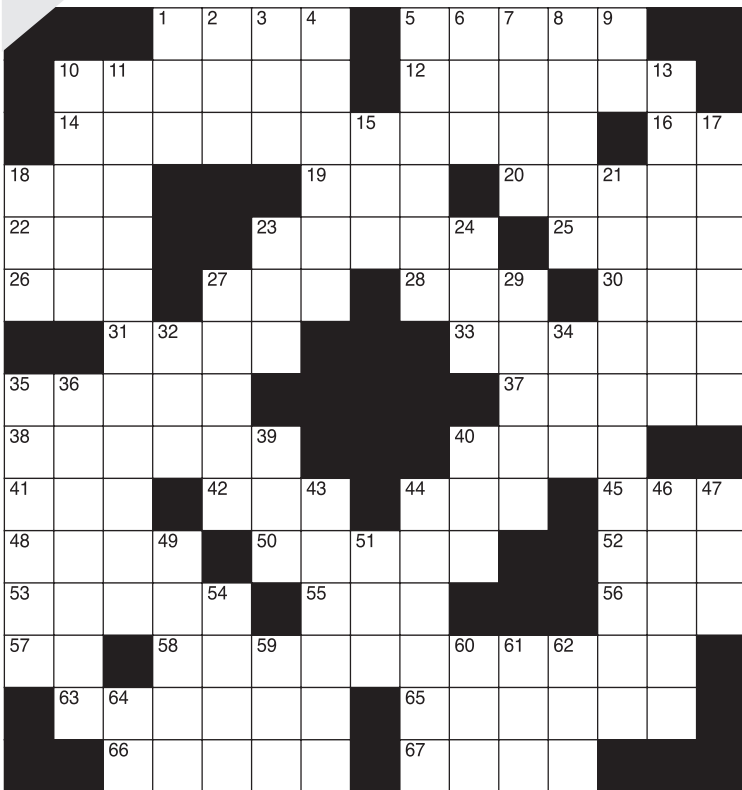
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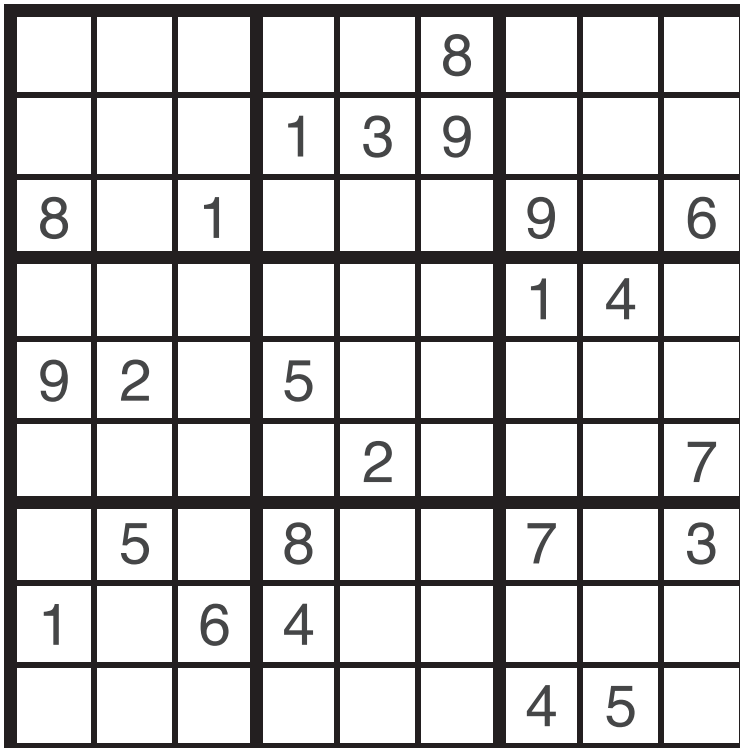
- 1. Amounts of time
- 5. A ship's place at a wharf
- 10. Point a finger at
- 12. Large, burrowing rodent
- 14. Raises the stakes
- 16. Measure of illumination
- 18. Cast out
- 19. One who is staid
- 20. A word used for emphasis
- 22. Military missions
- 23. Wet with rain
- 25. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 26. Word element meaning ear
- 27. ___ student,
- 28. Blood relation
- 30. Make into leather
- 31. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 33. Containing salt
- 35. A seat
- 37. A type of fine pottery
- 38. You're caught red-__!
- 40. "Heat" director Michael
- 41. Expression of creative skill
- 42. Title of respect

- 44. Crony
- 45. Payroll experts
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Famed consumer advocate
- 52. Indigenous Thai person
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Cooking tool
- 56. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 57. The seventh note of a major scale
- 58. Transfer from private to state ownership
- 63. A set of five
- 65. Removes
- 66. Foolish persons
- 67. Lower parts of a wall

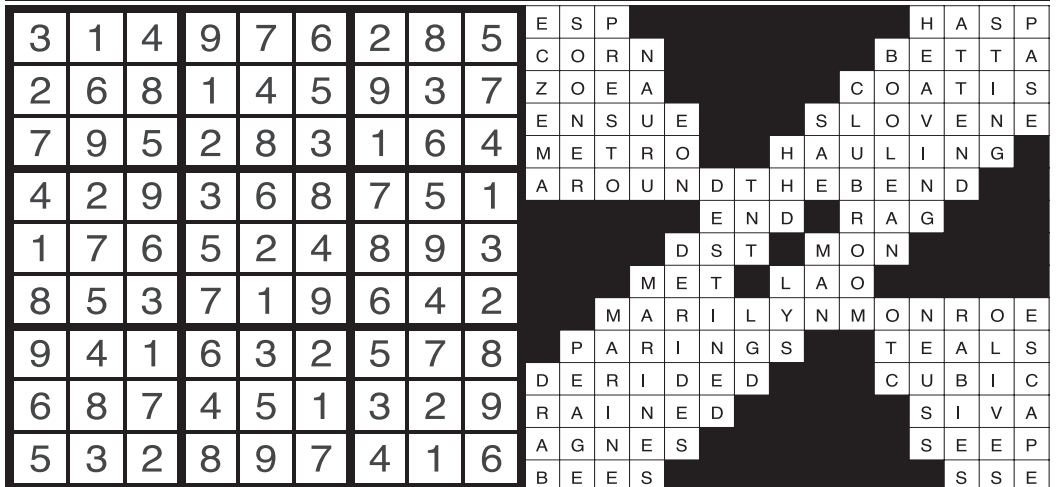
- 15. Carpenter's tool
- 17. Small football player
- 18. Ghosts say it
- 21. Explain through logic
- 23. Having ten
- 24. Criticize
- 27. Arms of the sea
- 29. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 32. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
- 35. Swiss cottage
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 40. Disfigure
- 43. Kayakers traverse them
- 44. Authored
- 46. Small freshwater fishes
- 47. Macabre poet
- 49. Carthaginian statesman
- 51. Principle underlying the universe
- 54. Common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Small constellation
- 61. Chap
- 62. Equal
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Old EU money
- 2. Some put it on steak
- 3. Sign language
- 4. Sowed on the ground
- 5. Tags
- 6. Everyone has one
- 7. Arguments
- 8. N. African capital
- 9. Midgame (abbr.)
- 10. Change as needed
- 11. Functioning as a consonant
- 13. An island in the north Atlantic



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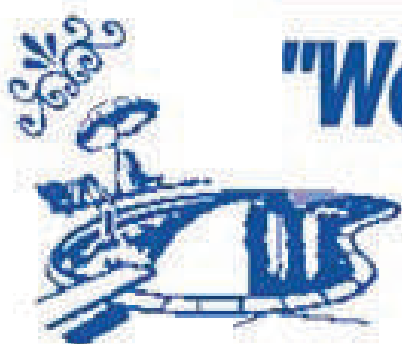


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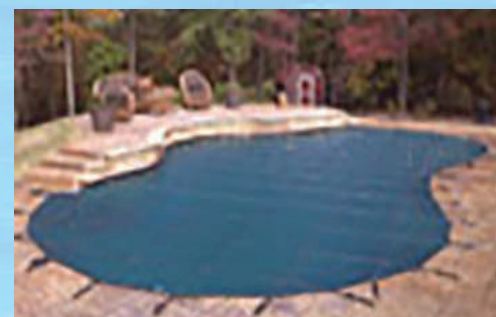
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