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COMMISSIONER TODD MORGAN ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.



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<b>SAT</b> 5/21	- <u>\</u>	94° <sub>/71°</sub>	Mostly sunny, hot and humid	WED 5/25		<b>77°</b> /65°	Remaining cloudy
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# Family of Slain Teen Sues State Trooper

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The family of Peyton Ham is suing the Maryland State Trooper who shot their 16-year-old son to death in April of last year after the law officer responded to the family's Leonardtown home for the report of a man with a gun.

According to the state police and state's attorney investigation into the incident, Azzari was confronted by Ham with what later turned out to be a toy handgun when Azzari fired nearly all of the rounds from his issue Glock 22 .40-caliber handgun.

Ham was hit and fell to the ground on his knees, the investigations reported, and the trooper fired four more times into Ham, killing him, after Ham is said to have produced a folding knife, gotten to his feet and approached the trooper again.

The family disputes this finding in their lawsuit and three other witnesses to the shooting came forward in October saying that the trooper fired on Ham while Ham was still on his knees.

The lawsuit, filed by Ham's mother, Kristee Boyle, in U.S. District Court on the anniversary of her son's death, alleges that Azzari's actions were an unreasonable and unnecessary use of force and violated Ham's Constitutional rights, to include the 5th and 14th Amendments.

She is seeking \$5 million in



Peyton Ham

compensation for the death of her son and \$5 million in punitive damages, according to the lawsuit.

The investigations into the incident by both the Maryland State Police and State's Attorney Richard Fritz's office found that Azzari acted properly and that Azzari should not be criminally charged in Ham's death.

Azzari has since been reassigned from the Leonardtown barrack, which is on the same street, Hollywood Road, and block as where the shooting took place.

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# Commissioners Ready to Sign \$324 Million Budget

County, Sheriff's Staffs Get Raises

By Dick Myers Editor

The Commissioners of St, Mary's County are expected to approve a \$324 million budget when they convene on May 24. The end of May is traditionally the deadline for the commissioners to ratify the budget for the next fiscal year which begins July 1.

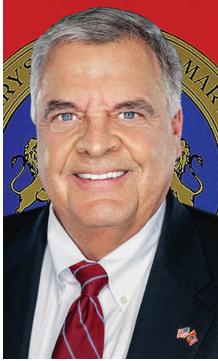
In balancing the budget, the commissioners used up virtually all of their undesignated fund balance.

At a perfunctory 15-ninute budget work session on May 17, the commissioners allocated the \$1,185,037 that was still available from previous work sessions.

The last-minute decisions included:

- •One percent cost of living adjustment for county employees
- •A merit increase for sheriff's office employees
- Four paramedics
- •Two emergency medical technicians
- •\$15,000 for the "Farmers Feeding St. Mary's" program
- •Monies for the St. Clement's Shores project of MetCom.
- •The budget includes 69 new employees.

According to County Finance Director Jeannett Cudmore, only \$397,895 remained in the undesignated fund balance at the end of the day. Commissioner Todd Morgan said if anyone complains on the campaign trail about the county's fund balance, "We just



Commissioner Todd Morgan

used the fund balance up." Almost all of the \$25 million in the undesignated balance was used, leaving 15 percent designated reserve required by bond rating agencies.

The budget includes the allocation of \$121.5 million to the Board of Education, what they had requested. That represents an increase of almost \$7 million over the current year.

Capital Improvement for FY2023 totals \$68.4 million and the plan from FY2024 – FY2028 is \$262,733,657.

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### Commissioners Support Study of Bay Passenger Ferry

By Dick Myers Editor

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County, on a split vote, have agreed to provide \$15,000 towards a regional feasibility study of a Chesapeake Bay passenger ferry.

The decision came after a presentation by Director, Department of Economic Development Chris Kaselemis and Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management Bill Hunt at the May 17 commissioners' meeting.

Hunt said staff learned of the proposal at Calvert - St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPO) meeting on April 5. It was also learned that organization could not seek a grant for such a study since it is a federal agency as would be the grant funder

A memo to the commissioners said the economic development department "is interested in St. Mary's County participating. At the present time the participants in the project are Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Queen Anne's County Economic and Tourism Development, Calvert County Economic Development, Somerset County Recreation, Parks, and Tourism, Dorchester County Department of Tourism, and Kent County. The primary applicant is Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County."

According to the memo, the goal of the project "is to establish a passenger and tourism ferry between multiple destinations to allow visitors to travel across the Chesapeake Bay by boat. The ferry boat will be a high-speed hydrofoil that could be electric."

"The project is not to provide an alternative to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge or an expansion to that bridge," the memo says.

The 50 percent match from the counties would go for a \$125,000 fed-



Artist's sketch of a proposed Bay ferry

eral grant to begin the study. "Phase 2 will be a destination assessment for each participant. Phase 2 will be funded through a grant of \$100,000 that does not require a match," the memo said.

Kaselemis said St, Mary's may or may not have a stop on the ferry route but even if it doesn't, the study results would be a benefit to the county and county residents could also benefit if there's a stop nearby, such as in Calvert County.

There were only three commissioners at the meeting. Commissioner Todd Morgan ran the meeting in the absence of President Randy Guy. Commissioner Mike Hewitt was also not at the meeting.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said he was opposed to spending the money for what would be a study to benefit other counties and not St. Mary's

But Commissioner John O'Connor said, "There are not a lot of ways to get on the water if you don't have a personal boat."

O'Connor and Morgan supported the idea. Morgan seconded O'Connor's motion. Acting County Administrator David Weiskopf said normally Robert's Rules of Order doesn't allow the presiding officer to second a motion, but since the commissioners don't follow Robert's Rules of Order, Morgan's second was proper.

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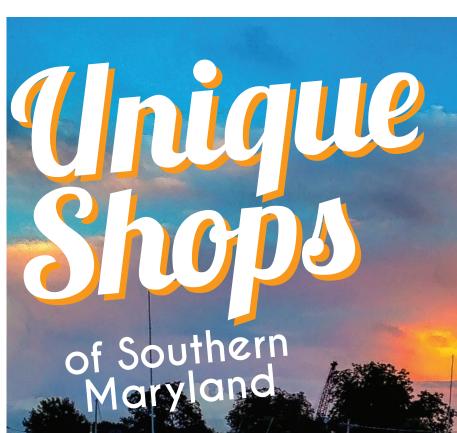
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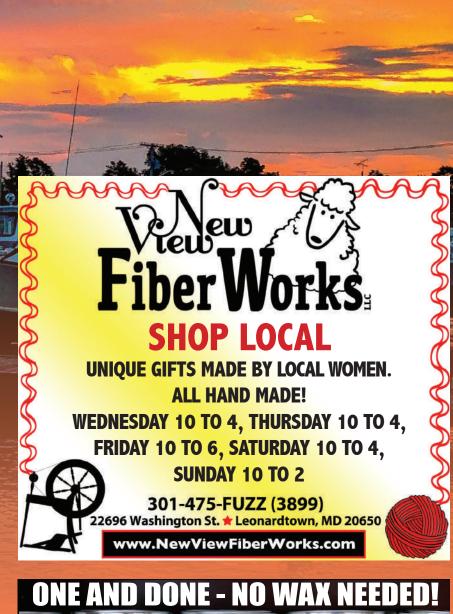
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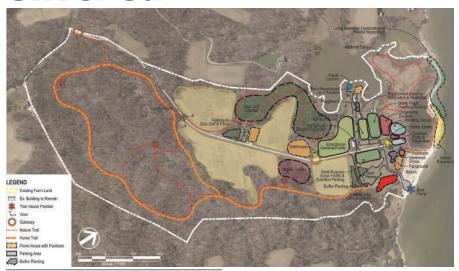
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# **Snow Hill Park Plan Unveiled**



By Dick Myers Editor

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County got a look at their May 17 meeting at a proposed master plan for Snow Hill Park on Sandgates Road in Mechanicsville.

According to a memo from Recreation and Parks Director Arthur Shepherd, "The cunty purchased the Fortier Farm Limited Partnership (Snow Hill Farm) property on March 30, 2017. The purchase was a partnership between the county and Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Stateside and Localside Program Open Space funds; and the Navy REPI program. The county park is envisioned to include items such as, but not limited to, hiking and nature trails; forested/conservation areas and nature interpretation; fishing; canoeing and kayaking; motorized boat ramp and pier; picnic areas; playground; parking and restrooms."

The commissioners liked much of what they saw but had problems with sone parts and also requested some additions.

The portion of the plan that drew the least interest was the creation of a: "Wedding Venue." Commissioner Eric Colvin said he was reluctant for the county to create something that was already being provided by private business. Instead, Commissioner John O'Connor noted anybody could come to the park and have a wedding ceremony there without creating a separate venue.

O'Connor pressed for adding an equestrian facility in an area that is now set aside to continue to be

operated as a farm.

Shepherd said he wasn't sure if the agreement with the Navy would allow that type of active recreation.

The parts of the plan oriented towards the water, such as an expanded boat launching ramp and parking area and a kayak launch on the lake drew the most support and are likely to be included in the park's first phase development.

That first phase will also include an expanded entrance on Sandgates Road and internal road infrastructure.

The county has allocated \$6 million over the next two years to get things rolling at the park.

Several of the commissioners were also excited about plans for a perfect form of passive recreation -- a hammock grove.

Some agriculture oriented educational opportunities included in the plan are:

- Farming Demonstrations
- Programs for Kids
- Programs for Teachers
- Programs for Local Adults
- Programs on Sustainable Farming Practices
- Community Garden
- Community Farm
- Farm Animals

The plan also includes demolition of the large farmhouse on the property to improve the water view of the Patuxent River.

The commissioners are expected to see a revised plan based on their comments at their June 7 meeting at which time they will be asked to put their stamp of approval on the plan.

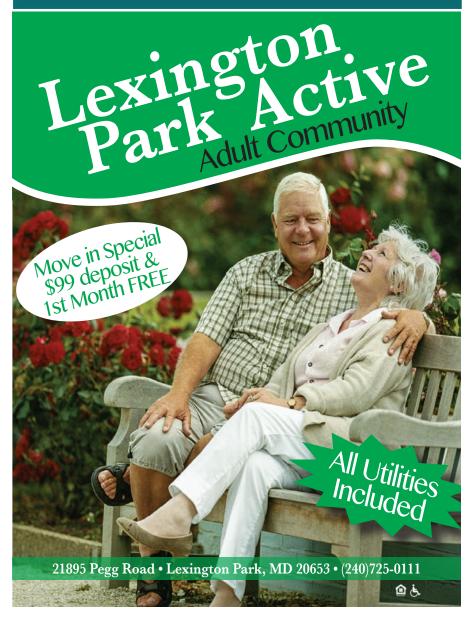
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# ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

#### Assault

On May 4, 2022, Dep. C. Hill responded to the 45800 Krystal Lane in Lexington Park, to serve court ordered paperwork. While attempting to served the paperwork, Jakiya Larie Hebb, age 18

of Lexington Park, became combative and kicked a deputy in the groin and face, and also bit another deputy scene.



Hebb was ar-

rested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree.

#### Assault

On May 7, 2022, Dep. Wilson responded to the 31400 block of Pt. Lookout Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. A witness advised they observed a man in a vehicle attempt to run over the victim. The witness also advised the individual threatened to kill the victim. A second witness advised the victim had to jump over a ditch and flee from the vehicle, and the individual driving the vehicle turned sharply and accelerated trying to strike the victim. Investigation determined Logan

Garrett Blado, age 22 Mechanof icsville, was the operator of the vehicle. Blado was arrested and charged with Assault 1st and 2nd Degree.



Logan Garrett Blado

#### Trespassing

On May 7, 2022, Dep. Morgan responded to the 22800 block of Three Notch Road in California, for the reported trespassing. Upon arrival contact was made with Charles William Clark, age 66 of no fixed address. Clark was told numerous times by staff and deputies to leave the property. Clark

did not leave propertv and was charged with Trespassing and Fail to Obey a Lawful Örder.

Assault On May 8, 2022, Dep.

Rycyzyn responded to the 45700 block of Elm Court in Lexington Park, for the reported assault.

The victim advised Jeremy John Weller, age 41 of Lexington Park, punched the victim in the head when the victim arrived home.



The victim had visible injury and Weller was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Deg

#### **Neglect of Minor**

On May 9, 2022, Dep. Fleenor responded to the 28200 block of Mechanicsville Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported juvenile not breathing. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for treatment after receiving NAR-CAN for a suspected unintentional overdose. The juvenile was in

the care and custody Samantha Marie Shadrick, 39 of Mechanicsville. Located on scene was a garbage bag containing a



Samantha Marie Shadrick

straw with suspected heroin residue, along with two suspected CDS smoking devices containing residue, a baggie of suspected fentanyl, cocaine, and folded pieces of paper containing a powder residue. Shadrick was arrested and charged with Neglect of Minor.

#### **Editor's Note**

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

# **Lexington Park Shooting Suspect Arrested**

On April 30, 2022, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division located and arrested Jarvis Joseph Carter, age 40 of Great Mills.

Carter is a suspect in the shooting that took place in the 46700 block of Marshall Boulevard in Lexington Park, for the reported shooting. Deputies arrived on scene within three minutes of the initial 911 call and began lifesaving measures to the victim until the arrival of Emergency Services Personnel (EMS).

Carter has been charged with the following:

Attempted First Degree Murder



Attempted Second Degree Murder

Assault First and Second Degree

Handgun on Person

Firearm Use/ Felony-Violent Crime

Carter remains incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, on a nobond status

# **Identity Sought for Burglary Suspects**





The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the identities of the suspects pictured in a burglary investigation. On Friday, March 12, 2022 at 12:45 am, the suspects broke into the St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen in Great Mills and carried off property.

Anyone with information about the identities of the suspects or this incident is asked to call Corporal Alvin Beishline at 301-475-4200, ext. 8019 or email alvin. beishline@stmarysmd.com. Case # 12425-22

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# **Options Abound for Local Summer Fun**







By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

Gas prices are spiking, as are the costs of most other goods and services, which makes the idea of taking a summer staycation in St. Mary's a much more palatable idea this sea-

St. Mary's County offers the most shoreline of any county in Maryland and there are plenty of ways available to enjoy it, like cruises and charter boat excursions.

Capt. Phil Langley of Fish the Bay Charters offers charter services from the Pier 450 Restaurant, formerly Schieble's restaurant, in Ridge.

Langley's cruises from Pier 450 take passengers exploring the Potomac River and the St. Mary's River allowing them to experience St. Mary's County from the water with memorable views of Historic St. Mary's City, the Dove, and the county's rural landscape aboard the Lisa S., a 48-foot vintage Chesapeake Bay charter boat. Snacks and drinks are allowed on board, according to Visit St. Mary's, the county tourism and hospitality coordinating executive.

Langley also offers a twohour cruise that departs from Leonardtown Wharf. This small group cruise will give guests a chance to relax and unwind along the waterways of St. Mary's County.

An extended tour that launches from the wharf gives

passengers a three-hour experience.

It begins with an hour boat trip down Breton Bay to St. Clements Island where passengers will disembark and spend an hour exploring this historic island where English settlers first landed in what was to become Maryland.

On the water passengers can get a new perspective on the landscapes and farmlands of St. Mary's. On St. Clement's island, enjoy a picnic lunch, learn more about the Jesuits and English colonists who settled Maryland, explore the wooded path around the island, or find a spot on the island to relax until it's time to depart for the mainland and return to the wharf.

Fish the Bay Charter's cruise of St. Jerome's Creek offers passengers a chance to get educated about the coastal waters that surround St. Mary's.

Passengers can learn about oyster farming and the history of watermen as you pass a local aquaculture site and then cruise out of the creek and into the Chesapeake Bay, where passengers are likely to see blue herons and other waterfowl as you make your way to St. Mary's iconic water attraction, the Point No Point Lighthouse.

Coasting through the local waters isn't the only way to take the scenic route in St. Mary's.

The county offers multiple cycling routes and loops for

residents and tourists alike to enjoy.

Riders can cycle through history on the 7th District loop which is an 18-mile route that is mostly flat, climbing only 311 feet, according to Visit St. Mary's, along the entire course.

Riders can cycle straight through and enjoy the passing scenery and water views or stop along the way to explore some of our rich historical sites.

Cyclists can also experience the rural charm on the Amish/ Mennonite loop which is a 15-mile route that takes you inland to cool forests and windswept fields with a total elevation gain of only 584 feet, according to Visit St. Mary's. Make sure you keep your eyes out for buggies entering the road, and occasionally look out for other signs of horses having been there.

If cyclists are looking for a similar route that is a bit longer, the 55-mile Hills and Buggies Route expands on the Amish/Mennonite Loop and adds in a few more local sights along the way.

Perhaps the longest route is Keep it 100 on The St. Mary's Century.

This will wind through both beauty and history on this comprehensive 100-mile route with a little over 3,000 feet of total climbing.

The sparsely traveled roads and buggy-wide five-foot shoulders make this both a great route for your first century as well as a refreshing and enjoyable ride for the seasoned centurion, according to Visit St. Mary's.

The Historic St Mary's City Loop is a 10-mile loop that winds through Maryland's first capital city, through St Mary's College and past The Commemorative for Enslaved Peoples of Southern Maryland.

After exploring St. Mary's by land and sea, you can still explore it by air.

The Piedmont Flight Center and Southern Maryland Seaplanes offer flying experiences and even the chance to assess whether a passenger wants to pursue their own pilot's license.

Both are located at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport on Airport Road in California.

Piedmont Flight Center describes their introductory offering for aviation novices as a "discovery flight."

"The flight will be with a certified flight instructor who will be able to answer almost any flying related questions you have," according to Piedmont's website. "We will wear headsets to communicate during the roughly 45-minute flight and the instructor will encourage you to participate as much as possible, depending upon your skill and level of comfort... the flight is intended to be a casual and fun introduction to flying."

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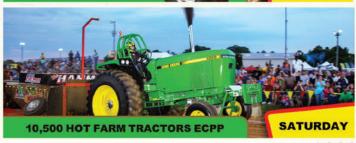






























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# Crab Festival Coming in June

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The Leonardtown Lions Club is planning its second Crab Festival in what miost perceive as post-pandemic St. Mary's County; the event is set to take place at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds June 11.

"This is our main fundraiser from which we return 100 percent of our net income to our many community charities and non-profit organizations," said George Kirby, Leonardtown Lions Club member who helps coordinate the effort.

The crab festival features the iconic Maryland Blue Crab for visitors to dine on al fresco by the dozen — it's the main attraction — but there are more food and drink vendors set to be on hand.

Last year the Lions were able to have their Crab Festival even as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to sicken residents.

Two crab picking contests are planned; one for candidates for elected office and for members of the audience.

"There will be a clown, face



painting, children's craft activities, a petting zoo, crab races, a classic car show and a wide variety of crafters coordinated by the St. Mary's Craft Guild," Kirby said. "Blue crabs will be cooked at the festival by Copsey's Seafood."

The festivities are also a chance for residents to get free screening for their vision and hearing health; screenings are available for residents as young as 3 years old.

"Hydra FX and Wesley Spangler bands will play throughout the day," Kirby said about the entertainment scheduled for the summer seafood festival.

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### St. Mary's Summer Events

#### MAY

#### THE SOLDIERS OF POINT LOOKOUT

May 21 - May 22 11175 Point Lookout Rd Scotland, Maryland 20687

Admission: MD residents-\$5/person; Out-of-state-\$6/person Location: Point Lookout State Park Gather your history buffs and head to the park to discover or confirm what you already know about the past. This event will cover the military occupation of Point Lookout from the 1600s until the Korean War. Costumed participants and, in certain circumstances, civilian support will display exhibits, costumes, weaponry, and equipment from each era. Scheduled flintlock and percussion small arms and artillery demonstrations will be conducted, including tours of the historic Civil War fort No. 3.

Upcoming day/date/times: Saturday, May 21st, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **COASTAL ARTS MARKET**

May 21 Admission: Free Location: Leonardtown Wharf Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Coastal Arts Partnership focuses on offering visitors a selection of producer-only items from artists and craftspeople over the season. While looking for your next handmade item, shop at the Leonardtown Wharf, a wonderful waterfront backdrop.

#### SATURDAY AT THE FARMERS MARKETS

May 21 Admission: Free

Location: Various Locations Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Prepare your shopping list and shop for your weekly meals on Saturdays at these farm-to-table markets. Every Saturday, go to the markets to see what's new.

Home Grown Farm Market is a producer-only market that offers a great way to buy items like freshly baked goods, homemade crafts, and locally grown fruit. Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 21078 Three Notch Rd, Lexington Park

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#### BATTLE BY THE BAY AT ST. MARY'S FAIRGROUNDS

May 27 - May 28 Admission: Gate only: Adults, \$20; Kids, \$10, under 5 free Location: 42455 Fairgrounds Rd Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

What's more thrilling than hearing engines scream as trucks and tractors duke it out? Join outdoor enthusiasts for a thrilling, elevated, dirt-flying, rolling, smoke-filled adventure. The pull starts at 7 p.m., with the gates opening at 5 p.m. May 29th is the rain date.

#### LEONARDTOWN SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 28 Admission: Free

Location: Leonardtown Wharf Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Spend your summer afternoons and nights relaxing at the water's edge, listening to live music and dining at one of the area's restaurants. Whether you spread out on the waterfront or camp out on the square, the Town of Leonardtown is the perfect place to spend hours relaxing with friends and family. Here's the upcoming line-up:

May 28: music by Funkzilla SOMD June 11: music by N2N Band's Motown Celebration and the Latrice Carr Band

July 23: music by Blazin Keys August 20: music by Flippin Eyelids September 3: music by Robbie Boothe Band

October 15: music by Reagan Years

#### JUNE

#### FIRST FRIDAY WEEKEND IN LEONARDTOWN

Jun 3 - Jun 5 Admission: Free Location: Leonardtown

On the first Friday weekends of each month, Leonardtown businesses celebrate Southern Maryland's only designated Arts and Entertainment District by hosting events, performances, exhibits, and specials. Start your weekend here exploring everything Leonardtown has to offer.

Art aficionados are encouraged to immerse themselves in local art at North End Gallery, The Craft Guild Shop, New View Fiber Works, and

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the St. Mary's Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop, and, if you're feeling extra artsy, stop by The Yellow Line or Board & Brush to create your own masterpiece. If you're in the mood to shop, get lost among the many treasures at Shepherd's Old Field, the stacks of books, music, and more at Fenwick Street Bookstore, or at any of the other unique local shops. When you get hungry, Leonardtown offers an array of distinct dining establishments where you can wine and dine your last weeks' worries away, from the upscale casual vibe at Sweetbay to the historic hometown hospitality of the Front Porch. And if wine is your jam, check out Antoinette's Garden or the Port of Leonardtown Winery, where they often host live music and local food trucks. Wonderfully walkable historic downtown Leonardtown is always teeming with activity, but on First Friday, they turn it up to eleven!

### RETROFEST ON THE POTOMAC AT PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE

June 4 Admission: \$10/Children 4 and

under are free

Location: Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park Time: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

You'll feel like you're in the 1940s or 1970s as you admire old autos, browse vintage treasures, and listen to nostalgic music from the past. While enjoying the kids activities and the picture contest for retro pin ups, enjoy local food and beer from the beer wagon. The Southern Maryland Boat Club Piney Point Regatta is running concurrently, and there is a shuttle service that runs between the two events.

#### CRAB FESTIVAL AT ST. MARY'S FAIRGROUNDS

June 11

Location: St. Mary's County Fair-

grounds

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Bring a crab-obsessed friend or family member to get a taste of everything crab. There will be steamed hard crabs, crab soups, crab cakes, and other seafood items to choose from. Take a look at the local craftspeople before or after your lunch! This is the place to come if you're looking for a one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gift or something with a 'crabby' motif! The Leonardtown Lions Club hosts the Crab Festival, which celebrates St. Mary's crab culture and cuisine. Local entertainment, live music, arts and crafts, souvenirs, and a classic automobile show will all be available!

A Fun Crab-Picking Contest

This is your chance to show off your crab-picking skills while also winning a trophy. The contest judges will weigh each person's "pickings," which will be stripped of any nonmeat elements.

#### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT LEXINGTON MANOR PARK

June 18

Admission: Free

Location: Lexington Manor Passive

Park

Time: 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

This free, family-friendly event celebrates African American History with tours of African American historical sites located in St. Mary's County and live jazz music in the evening for everyone to enjoy. Those in attendance are invited to bring lawn chairs, small tents, or umbrellas.

#### **RIVER CONCERT SERIES**

June 24 Admission: Free

Location: St. Mary's College of

Maryland

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Get ready to spend the season on Friday nights from June 24 to July 22, 2022, with your friends and family who appreciate outdoor music with a great waterfront view. The orchestra's typical blend of renowned Classical symphonic works, as well as choices from the "Pops, Jazz, and Broadway repertoire, will be performed by acclaimed artists and rising talents for the series' 24th season. Foods and drinks will be available for purchase on site, provided by local vendors. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own refreshments, blankets, and chairs. This family-friendly music event, which has won two Governor's Awards for Arts, Tourism, and Community Economic Development, will take place on the St. Mary's College Townhouse Green (grounds open at 5 p.m.)

#### HERITAGE DAY AT ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND

June 25

Admission: Free, fee for purchases Location: St. Clement's Island

Museum

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Celebrate the history and heritage of St. Clement's Island with fun and free activities and programs for the whole family on beautiful St. Clement's Island. Begin your day with free water taxi rides out to the island for all the festivities. Here you will experience a day of history, wildlife and art, take part in these activities: games, lighthouse tours, and traditional music. Discover St. Clement's Island State



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Park and its history as the site of Maryland's first colonial landing in 1634. Enjoy the scenic and natural beauty of the island, Potomac River and waterfowl with a walk along the beach. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the pavilion or any of the tables dotting the island shore. The reconstructed Blackistone Lighthouse will be open and available for tours.

#### **JULY**

#### POTOMAC JAZZ AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

July 8 - July 10 Location: St. Clement's Island Museum

Enjoy jazz, seafood, stunning waterside vistas, music and events for jazz aficionados in Leonardtown and St. Clement's Museum in gorgeous St. Mary's County across three days and venues. The weekend includes Friday night fun and music in various sites throughout town, Saturday's main event at St. Clement's Museum, and Sunday jazz brunches and events in downtown Historic Leonardtown. Find more details here.

### AEROPARK FLY-IN FARMERS MARKET

July 10

Admission: FREE

Location: St. Mary's County Regional Airport Terminal Building Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Originally created as a reason for area aviators to fly by and purchase, this market is open to everyone, regardless of how they arrive. Although the sellers change from time to time, this one-of-a-kind market with regional items, cuisines, and craft beverages always has something local and lively going on. Best of all, the revenues from the vendor rentals benefit our excellent friends at Historic Sotterley and their wonderful work. You are not required to fly to attend, but if you do, we have lots of parking!

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July 23

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Time:

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#### **DINNER & A CRUISE SERIES AT** ST. CLEMENTS MUSEUM

Aug 7

Location: St. Clement's Island

Museum

Time: 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner & a Cruise: Inside Blackis-

tone Lighthouse

This journey begins and ends at the St. Clement's Island Museum. Step on the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi and enjoy the breezes and water views while the water tour captain guides the boat to the Blackistone Lighthouse. Enjoy a guided tour of the inside of the Blackistone Lighthouse while the guide points out the history of this famous lighthouse. Cruise to Morris Point Restaurant for dinner to enjoy fresh local seafood, homemade sides, and the beautiful waterfront views. Coast back to the St. Clement's Island Museum and wind down with a dessert reception. Reservations are required. Call 301-769-2222, only 20 tickets will be sold.

#### SHAKESPEARE IN THE CITY AT HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Aug 11 - Aug 13 Admission: \$13 - \$18 Location: Historic St. Mary's City

Come to Historic St. Mary's City and enjoy an evening of theater under the stars, with a performance of A Midsummer's Night Dream by the The Newtowne Players. The performance will take place on the State House Lawn, so bring your family and friends; chairs and blankets; and snacks and drinks and enjoy the live performance.

Park at The State House parking lot, and check in for tickets inside The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary. Lawn opens at 6:30 p.m. and performances start at 7 p.m.

#### INDIGENOUS HERITAGE DAY AT HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Admission: \$10 adult; \$9 senior; \$6 student; free to ages 5 and younger. Free to museum members. Location: Historic St. Mary's City Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Visit Historic St. Mary's City to celebrate and honor Indian lifeways. Learn skills, try crafts, and watch demonstrations to gain a new appreciation for the people that called this land home before Maryland was founded, and the culture that still exists today.







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# **Lions Collect Food for Pantry**



Ellie Jo Slater of Helping Hands Food Pantry in Mechanicsville is shown with Leonardtown Lion Billy Fitzgerald, who was delivering a donation of food collected by the members of the Leonardtown Lions Club at a recent meeting. The food collection was coordinated by Fitzgerald as a community Service Lions Club Project. The Helping Hands Food Pantry is located the old Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Pandemic hours are Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 pm. Last week they served over 70 families.



# Market Decline Offers Buying Opportunities

The financial markets have gotten off to a rocky start this year. What's caused this volatility? And does it present opportunities for patient investors?

First of all, several factors are behind the market volatility, including the war in Ukraine, higher inflation, rising interest rates and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, while these factors may be specific to the recent market decline, volatility itself is a common feature of the investment environment. In fact, history shows that corrections of 10% or more happen about every year, and declines of 15% or more have happened every other year, on ave- rage. Furthermore, while 2022 has thus far been challenging for investors, it was pre- ceded by a long period of strong markets, with the S&P 500 averaging more than a 20% return over the past three years.

Knowing the typical frequency of mar- ket volatility and reviewing the results of the past few years may make the current situation seem less shocking. But you don't have to simply "ride out" the down-turn - because a down market may give you the opportunity to buy more invest- ment shares at good prices. Specifically, you can expand your holdings in com- panies that have good growth prospects due to strong management and products or services that provide sustainable com- petitive advantages. And this type of opportunity is important, because one of the keys to building wealth is to increase the number of shares you own in your various investments and hold them for the long term. While the market will always fluctuate, the long-term trend has been positive, particularly for well-diversified portfolios built with quality investments.

Of course, while it is a good idea

to boost your share ownership at favorable prices, you still want to be strategic about it, rather than just buying whatever seems to be the biggest bargain. In re-viewing your existing portfolio, can you identify any gaps that could be filled with new investments? Are there opportunities to further diversify your holdings?

By owning different types of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments, you can help reduce the im- pact of volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or prevent losses in declining markets.) Or, if your portfolio has become "unbalanced" in some way, you could also use this time to rebalance it back to its original long-term targets. You might also consider setting up a systematic investing program in which you invest the same amounts in the same investments on a regular basis, such as monthly. When prices go down, you'll automatically buy more shares, and when prices rise, you'll buy fewer shares. (However, systematic investing does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss and you'll need to be willing to keep investing when share prices are declining.)

Before this year, average annual re- turns have been solid for about a decade, which makes it somewhat easy to forget about normal market volatility and may have led to overly optimistic performance expectations. So, it would not be surpri- sing if your initial reaction to the current downturn is one of concern. But by view- ing the current investment environment as a chance to add quality investments at attractive prices, you can help yourself develop a behavior that can serve you well throughout your life as an investor.

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# The Way We Were... History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday

### **Plantations as Mission:**

### **American Indians, Enslaved Africans, and Jesuit Missionaries** in Maryland

The above title is that of a paper by Laura E. Masur, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the Catholic University of America in Washington. It will be the subject of a forthcoming lecture by Professor Masur.



Newtowne Manor House

The history of the relationships and interactions between Jesuit Missionaries to Maryland and enslaved people is well-known and well documented. In his February 2019 lecture at St Francis Xavier Church, Prof Adam Rothman, of Georgetown University offered a compelling account of the history of the connection between the Newtowne Manor House on Newtowne Neck Road (Rt 243) and Georgetown University, particularly the role and history enslaved people in the 17th and 18th centuries and their legacies to both institutions. In that lecture, Professor Rothman recounts not only the missionary zeal of early Jesuits but their commercial interests, particularly in regard to tobacco, as well.

The labor of African slaves had a significant role in those commercial interests. When the role and status of the missions changed within the Jesuit order, slaves were sold - frequently without regard for family structure or relationships. Newtowne Manor was one of those missions at which these disruptions happened.

Less well-known and documented is the relationship between the early missionaries and Indigenous people (American Indians). Before the importation of Africans into slavery in Maryland, the missionary focus was directed toward indigenous people. These were places of sustained contact between European missionaries and American Indians in the Colonial period. But what understanding there is of these interactions is uneven. As Prof Masur notes in her paper, "archaeological evidence of Indian missions in Maryland—however frag-



mented—contributes to a narrative of the Maryland mission that is at odds with prevailing nineteenth- and twentiethcentury histories."

Jesuits in Maryland focused missionary efforts on seeking to evangelize American Indians, enslaved Africans, and European Protestants. In so stating, Prof Masur also makes an important qualification about the scope and purpose of evangelization: "A Christian mission [can be seen] as a suite of social, economic, and religious practices that occurs within a circuit of places, administered by a larger church or religious order based on belief in the universality of Christian faith."

Missions share certain characteristics and practices of other places (e.g., trading companies), but, she adds, are distinct from other institutions because of their central administration and evangelical ideals.

Those interested in learning more about this important and complex part of County history can do so at a lecture By Professor Masur. Sponsored by the St. Mary's County Historical Society and the Center for the Study of Democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland, it will take place at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 2nd at the Dougherty-Palmer Commons at the College.

There is no charge for the lecture or a pre-lecture reception on the terrace at 6:15pm, but reservations are required. Go to https://www.tickettailor.com/ events/historicallyspeaking/682472 or simply scan the accompanying QR code.

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the people, places, and events that shaped St Mary's County, please visit our website - www. stmaryshistory.

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# Wanderings Aimless Mind



#### THE DREADED STRAWBE



Last night, I was sitting on the couch happily watching Jeopardy to stimulate my brain cell and hoping that the young man named Ryan would win again, when my husband came out of the bedroom in a flash. I asked what was the matter, and he said the word I hate so much...ants! And then, "Where is the ant spray?!! He also mumbled something about he hasn't brought any food in the bedroom. Well, you all know that is not quite true from a previous column, but I didn't say anything. You know, pick your battles and all that. So, I went rushing for the ant spray, which I have along with other quick grab things like Lysol Wipes and Lysol Spray on a stool by the kitchen island and rushed into the bedroom with finger on the nozzle ready to attack. I sprayed the heck out of the table by the bed (actually it's an old wooden file cabinet). I hit all four sides of it, sprayed the floor by the door, sprayed part of the deck, and went looking for more ants. That's when the creepy feeling hit that ants were suddenly scurrying all over me.

This morning, I checked the bedroom floor and table, they were good. Then I went out to the kitchen and saw one lone escapee ant that, much to his misfortune, was wandering in a circle on the floor, much like me most days. I had a second or two where I felt very in tune and sympathetic with that ant, compassion maybe?.. and then I whipped around, went to grab the ant spray off the stool and saw...lemon Lysol Spray where I usually keep the ant spray. Oops, I knew I should have made that eye doctor appointment. But, on the bright side, the bedroom did have a clean, citrusy smell last night, and it did complete my ant-destroying mission. I went into ant defense mode anyway and have sprayed and Terro'd (that sticky ant gel stuff) anywhere I thought ants could get in the house this morning. I may be a little high on fumes.

I really think the problem is Strawberry Pool Brain, which is a condition which affects Strawberry Queens who are trying to plan their church's annual Strawberry Festival, while also acting as their husband's pool secretary during the crazy busy pool opening season before Memorial Day. If things aren't written down in my notebook (the lifeline to my brain) then they are forgotten. There are days I have to write down "shower" - pretty sad isn't it? Strawberry Pool Brain is as good an excuse as any, other than just stating the fact to myself that I am getting older.

Most of the Strawberry Festival planning goes pretty well, since I have a several page timeline divided by month, starting in January, that I go by each year. This is my "If I die, anyone can take this festival over' timeline. But, as you know, things can pop up that change everything, and they usually do. It looks like this Sunday will be a great, fairly warm day, for the Strawberry Festival. And as always I hope you will come by on Sunday to eat some of Mike's Barbecue's delicious food (I always say I was never a big barbecue fan until I had Louise and Dave's barbecue at the festival many years ago - they kept the name of Louise's first, late husband for the business). And then stay to have cool desserts, strawberry pies, strawberry shortcakes while listening to the music of Folk Salad and the Bushmill Band and visiting the crafters and vendors. We will have representatives from the three local charities we donate to as well: Hospice, ACTS, and Clements Cuties.

Please come over and say hi to me if you come on out to the beautiful little village of Chaptico on Sunday. The Christ Church festival is located at our parish hall at 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico from 1:30 to 5. You can always call me if you have any questions: 301-904-2532. I should be easy to find with a strawberry-topped tiara wobbling on top of an oversized strawberry pool brain head.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby

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

# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

#### Thursday, May 19

LVRSA Queen of Hearts Fundraiser

Action Lounge and Billiards 25470 Point Lookout Road Leonardtown 4p.m. to 8p.m.

Please join us for some food and friends and to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she's found. There is also a nightly 50/50 raffle. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA. Thank you for your support and good luck!

#### Friday, May 20

Pre-Order Drive-Thru Chicken

Cordon Bleu Dinner 28165 Hills Club Road,

Mechanicsville; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Pre-Order Drive-Thru Chicken
Cordon Bleu Dinner. \$18 per dinner.
Dinner includes 2 pieces of Chicken
Cordon Bleu, Parsley Potatoes,
Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Roll and
Brownie. Call Karen @ 240-2985919 to per order by May 15th, 2022.

#### UNCOOKED Drive Thru CARNIVAL Pizza

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

4p.m. to 7p.m.

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

\$12 Uncooked Pepperoni \$10 Uncooked Cheese

Cash, Checks and ATM on site: Credit Cards Accepted

Pre-Order is Highly Recommended and will be accepted until May 18, 2022.

Call Elaine Quade to pre-order at 301-373-2695

#### **Saturday May 21**

#### **Indoor Yard Sale**

Mt. Zion UMC of Laurel Grove, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville

7a.m. to 1p.m.

Indoor Yard Sale with many tables. Food available for purchase.

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Vickie Frederick at vickiefrederick1154@gmail.com or 301-904-009 7.

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#### Michael P. O'Brien Athletics & Recreation Center

St. Mary's City 8:30a.m. 4p.m.

STEM-ING 2022 will again offer Southern Maryland girls in Middle School a wide variety of hands-on and in-person workshops focused on STEM, and an opportunity to interact with women in STEM careers on May 21, 2022 at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Tickets and more information about the 2022 event can be found here: www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-stem-ing-event-tickets-278407503337?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

The Patuxent Partnership and NAWCAD are working to increase STEM career awareness through practical and interactive efforts, and to build the local community's STEM pipeline. STEM-ING is a catalyst for young girls to explore STEM education and see themselves in STEM careers, from Research Scientists to Aviator.

For more about the 2022 STEM-ING Event: www.stem-ing.org/

### Timeline Reenactor Event (Colonial times to World War II)

Point Lookout State Park 11175 Point Lookout Rd Scotland, 9a.m. to 5p.m.

Did you ever want to see how military life changes over the years? Well here is your chance. A group of volunteers will be putting on a 2-day display showing how typical soldiers lived to include uniforms, weaponry, accouterments, and rations over a 200 year period starting with Colonial times and ending with World War II. In addition, there will be displays concerning the roles of women starting with information concerning Civil War's Ladies Aids Societies and ending with World War II nurses. Come join us and take a trip though time.

#### **Annual Classic Car Show**

St John Francis Regis Church 43927 Saint John's Rd., Hollywood 8 am to 3 pm

The St John's Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Summer Classic Car Show. Members of our community will be displaying their classic cars. Registration for showing will be from 8 a.m. until noon at the event. Trophies will be awarded to the top 20 Cars with two in the category of "Best in Show" and "Grand Knights Choice". There will be Music, Food, and Fun all day. This event helps the Knights of Columbus, Council 7914 support charitable endeavors within the local community. For more information, please contact Bill Cameron at (240) 434-1647. Rain Date is May

#### Sun, May 22, 2022

Strawberry Festival

Christ Church Parish Hall Chaptico,

37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico

1:30p.m. to 5p.m.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The menu includes Strawberry Shortcake with "The Works"—Ice Cream, Strawberry pies, Strawberry Desserts and Mike's Barbecue with all the trimmings. Visit with quality Artists and Crafters. There will be Live Music all day by The Bushmill Band and Folk Salad. All funds raised will help support 3 local charities in St. Mary's County. The Parish Hall is located at 37497 Zach Fowler Rd. off of Rt. 234 in the Village of Chaptico. For more information, please call Shelby at 301-904-2532 or the parish office at 301-884-3451 or visit our website at: www.cckqp.net and on Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, MD. Please join us for a day of oldfashioned fun in the country!

#### Tue, May 24, 2022

Open House at St. Mary's County

**Regional Airport Terminal** 

St. Mary's County Regional Airport Terminal Airport Road California

1:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will host an Open House Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport to showcase the newly renovated terminal. The Open House will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a Commissioner presentation beginning at 2 p.m.

As part of the Commissioners' Mission to provide effective and efficient services, including robust capital improvements and infrastructure investments, the Commissioners allocated over \$46 million in the FY2022 budget to improve and upgrade the Airport, runways, hangars and other on-site facilities.

Residents are invited to attend the Open House event to learn more about St. Mary's County Regional Airport facilities and capabilities, including upcoming charter flight services, the Civil Air Patrol, Southern Maryland Sea Planes, and more.

For more information regarding the Open House, please contact the Public Information Office at 301-475-4200, ext. 1342. More info on the airport: www.stmarysmd.com/dpw/Airportinfo/

# St. Mary's Youth Memorial Annual Outdoor Mass

On Saturday, May 21, 2022 the St. Mary's Youth Memorial will conduct their Annual Outdoor May Mass to pray for our beloved and deceased Loved Ones. The Youth Memorial is loacted at:

20016 Point Lookout Rd. (Route 5), in Lexington Park, MD 20653 (formerly a Great Mills zip code area).

This special place of Faith and Peace is for all of St. Mary's County parish members, and for all citizens of St. Mary's County to visit. There you will find a beautiful statue of Mother Mary enshrined in a Grotto and faithfully looking out the over the 222 names engraved in Granite.

These engraved names represent beloved Youth, Young Military Soldiers, and Special Needs persons who have all died early in their life;

A Living Rosary will start at 10: 15 am. and the Communion Mass will start 11:00 am. to be held under the protection of the pavilion with seating provided. All are welcome including the General Public. Parking on-site is available and we recommend arriving early for preferred parking. Parking for any



religious and Handicap persons will be available on the Blacktop parking area. We ask all others to park in the adjacent grass lot. We look forward to having you experience this beautiful Grotto and spiritual place on May 21st.

\*Note: Any questions please call Knights of Columbus SK, Chuck Shilling @301-535-8339 for more details.

#### Harry Robert Burns, Sr.



Harry Robert Burns, Sr. 74, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, passed away on May 11, 2022. He was born on March 28, 1948, to Robert and Shirley Burns in the Sibley Memorial

Hospital in Washington D.C. He was one (1) of seven (7) children.

After graduating from high school, he went on to join the United States Army and served his country proud before being honorably discharged in 1969. During his service, he received the Nation Defense Service Medal (NDSH), Expert Marksmanship Badge (EXP M-14), an M-14 Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge (MKM M-16), an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM), a Vietnam Service Medal, (VSM), a Vietnam Campaign Medal (VCM), and two (2) Overseas Service Bars (2 O/S Bars), as well as Scout Training wherein he was assigned his beloved service dog, Spike.

Family meant more to Harry than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of his children and always tried his best to support them. Anyone who knew him knew that he was the most loving father a family could ask for.

Harry was also a passionate car enthusiast. So much so that he made it his career. He had no problem getting his hands dirty

with a constant oil stain on his palms and dirt under his fingernails. Early in life, he learned the importance of hard work and he instilled that same work ethic in his children.

Harry is survived by his daughter Shelia Marie Burns of Tabor City, NC; his son Harry Robert Burns, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD; his bonus daughter, Angela Marie Raser of Tennessee, his brother Wesley Eugene Burns of Gerrardstown, WV; his sisters Patricia Jean McDermott of Forest Heights, MD, Kathleen Marie Kobel of Helena, MT, Deborah Lynn Tarbox of Waldorf, MD; his grandchildren Dustin Nico Burns, Selena Marie Quiros, Cody Shaw, Kelsey Rae Miller, Camryn Raser, and his great-grandchildren Dakoda, Carmen and Lexy, as well as his soon to be born grandchild. He is preceded in death by both of his parents Robert and Shirley Burns and his sisters Karen Sue Bennett and Sharon Lee Tavman.

The family will be accepting friends for Harry's Life Celebration on Friday, June 10, 2022, at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. at 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with interment immediately following to Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham at 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623 with Army Military Honors.

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

All arrangements made by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. in Charlotte Hall, MD.

#### Gladys "Marie" Murphy



Gladys "Marie" Murphy, 88, of Mechanicsville, MD peacefully passed away at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD on May 14, 2022

"Marie" was born on August 29, 1933, to the late Joseph Edward Wathen and Martha Gertrude (Pilkerton) Wathen in Newport, MD

She met Thomas Alvin Murphy and they went on to marry in 1952 and celebrated 60 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2013. They began their family going on to have ten (10) children; Tommy Murphy (Julie) of Pomfret, MD; Joan Holben (Ed) of Texas; Bobby Murphy (Christine) of Leonardtown, MD; Lois Murphy of Mechanicsville, MD; Lewis Murphy (Betty) of Mechanicsville, MD; Donald "Freddie" Murphy (Sherry) of Mechanicsville, MD; Debra Murphy; Evelyn Muenzel (Frank) of California, MD; Billy Murphy of Texas and Roger Murphy (Carol) of Hollywood, MD.

Marie was a homemaker and assisted Thomas with their tobacco farming. She enjoyed playing cards and visiting with family and friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband; her parents Joseph Wathen and Martha Wathen; as well as her infant daughter, Debra Murphy; her grandson Johnny Vallandingham; her brothers Junior Wathen and Jerry Wathen and her sister Gertrude Jameson.

Marie is survived by her children, 17 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are her siblings: Robert Vernon Wathen and numerous other extended family and friends.

Interment will be at a later date at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Mary's Hospice House in Callaway or the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in her name.

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.

#### Mary Odessa Curtis "Totsie"



Mary Odessa Curtis "Totsie", 92, of Chaptico, MD, passed away May 12, 2022, at home, with her loving family by her side.

She was born June 28, 1929 in

Budds Creek, MD to the late John Francis Middleton and Eleanor Bush.

Mary Odessa, lovingly known by her family and friends as "Totsie", was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She received her education in the St. Mary's County School System after which she began working on Patuxent Naval Base. On July 4, 1948 she married her beloved husband, James Roscoe Curtis Sr., in Bush-

wood, MD, with whom she celebrated over 59 wonderful years of marriage before his passing May 7, 2008. Throughout her career, she performed various duties as a housekeeper and home care-giver. In her spare-time she enjoyed spending time with her family. As the matriarch of the family, she showered her family with love and hosted countless family and holiday gatherings. She was most famous for her stuffed ham, potato salad, Christmas cookies and fruit-cake. Accompanied by Missy Holt and the late Carol Lee Thomas, she was a regular at Bingo, one of her favorite past-times. She also loved playing cards.

She is survived by her children: James Robert Talbert of Capitol Heights, MD; Mary Teresa Canada of Oxon Hill, MD; Francis Xavier Curtis Sr. (Victoria) of Brandywine, MD; Sherry Rosette Miles (Mark) of Lexington Park, MD; and Joseph William Curtis; two grandsons she raised as her own, Kenneth Curtis and Anthony Curtis; her sister, Mary Lorraine Gray of Chaptico, MD; 26 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, and 35 great-great grandchildren. She was proceeded in death by her parents, John Francis Middleton and Eleanor Bush; husband, James Roscoe Curtis Sr.; son, James Roscoe Curtis Jr.; grandchildren, James Bush and James Roscoe Curtis III; great-grandson, Tavon Thompson; sister, Mary Christine Curtis; and brother, Theodore Roosevelt Bush.

Family will receive friends for Mary Odessa's Life Celebration, Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Reverend Stephen Wyble at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood, MD 20618. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be: John Barnes, Mason Curtis, Elton Ashford, Kenny Curtis, Malachi Curtis and Ricardo Garrett

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

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

#### Priscilla Duke Wentworth Hall

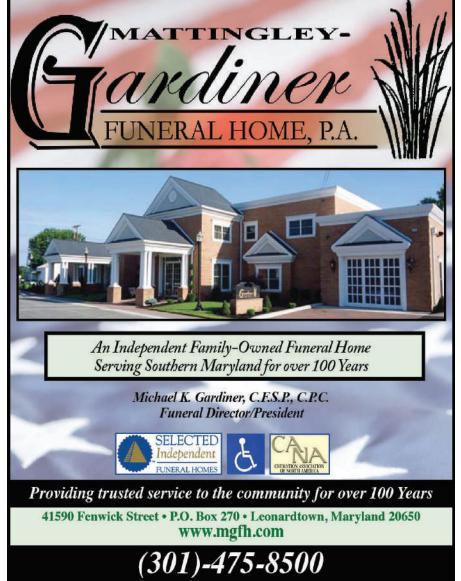


Priscilla Duke Wentworth Hall, 92, of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home, Eldon, on May 16, 2022 surrounded by her

loving family.

She was born at Eldon, the family home, on December 1, 1929 to her parents Kenneth B Duke and Lorraine Hodges Duke. She was the youngest of four children; Kenneth B Duke Jr, Virginia C Duke, and Eleanor Duke Storck. She is preceded in death by her parents and two of her siblings, Kenneth and Virginia.

Priscilla celebrated 35 years of marriage to Robert E. L. Wentworth and they had seven beautiful children; Lorraine Lennox (John), Robert E. L. Wentworth Jr. (Karen), Howard C Wentworth (Susan), Priscilla Ann Varner (Jim), Richard M Wentworth (Cindy), Kenneth D Wentworth (Sam), and Katherine Winchester (George). She is preceded in death by her husband Robert, daughter Ann, and son-in-law George. She



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later married Raymond Hall and enjoyed over 10 years together before his passing.

Priscilla spent her entire life in the "North End" of Leonardtown growing up alongside countless lifelong friends. One of her earliest jobs was at the family's town movie theater, where she worked at the candy counter that fueled her love of all things sweet. She graduated from St Mary's Academy and later spent the majority of her career keeping first the Academy, and then St Mary's Ryken, running smoothly.

Priscilla was a lifelong member of St Aloysius Church, spending many years volunteering and singing in the choir. She also enjoyed traveling abroad with her church group, organized by her good friend Reverend Rory Conley.

As an avid card player she enjoyed many years of weekly bridge games, pitch parties, and family game nights. She always read the daily paper and laughed along with The Big Bang Theory in the evenings. Her home was the hub of the family where she delighted in hosting family pool days, holiday celebrations, parties with friends, and many other social events. Priscilla truly dedicated her whole life to her family and especially cherished her 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Friday, May 20 at 5 p.m. for visitation with prayers at 7 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. by Reverend Rory Conley at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Pallbearers will be her sons-in-law John Lennox, Jim Varner, her grandchildren Howard Wentworth, Jr., Kenny Varner, Matthew Wentworth, Ryan Wentworth, and her great-grandchildren Justin Wentworth, and Brandon Wentworth.

Memorial contributions may be made in Priscilla'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.

#### James Marty Armiger Jr.



James Marty Armiger Jr., 82 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on May 07, 2022 at Hospice House of St. Mary's.

He was born on January 18, 1940 in

Calvert County, MD to the late James M. Armiger Sr. and Lovey Mister Armiger.

James worked as a Landscaper for Wentworth Nursery until he retired. He was married to Ellen Elizabeth Armiger for a strong 52 years until her passing in (2014) and together they were blessed with four children Timothy, Joseph, Annette and Larry. James was a work-a-holic he enjoyed his job as a landscaper and enjoyed his own bountiful garden. He was also a member or the Moose Lodge. James enjoyed fishing with his friend Alvin Tippett on his days off and if it wasn't fishing season he loved deer hunting. He cherished spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children Joseph Edward Armiger, (Rosemary), Lucy Annette Armiger Haycraft, Larry Armiger (Tammy) and Timothy English (Janet). He is also leaving behind his Grandchildren Jenn, Stacy , Timmy, Nicole, Heather, Ronnie J.R, Caitlin, and Brady. The Great Grandchildren Brandon, Frankie, Remy, Elle , Lina, Liam, Isaiah, Arianna, Ameila , Jayden and Glacier. He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

#### Charles "Chuck" Morgan Burch



C h a r l e s "Chuck" Morgan Burch, 59 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on May 11, 2022 at his home.

He was born on August 13, 1962 in

Leonardtown, MD to Norman A. Burch Sr. and Mary Rose Payne Burch.

Chuck was self-employed as a waterman and he also enjoyed farming on the family farm raising tobacco. He was married to RuthMarie Burch until her passing in 2002 and together they were blessed with 2 children Jessica and stepson James. Chuck found love again with his second wife Mary Margaret Burch and they were married for 16 years until her passing in June of 2020. Chuck enjoyed drag racing as a hobby. When he wasn't racing he would hang out tinkering in the garage with his brother's Johnny and Normie and nephews Keith and Chad. There wasn't a story that involved him that he wasn't racing a dodge. He was a wonderful father and grandfather who cherished spending time with his daughter and grandchildren Paislee and Paige and many friends. Chuck had nightly calls with Paislee and Paige. "Pop Pop" always made sure he called his girls to tell them good-night and that he loved them. For many years he was an avid waterman oystering and crabbing. He had his daughter Jessica helping for many months creating many memories.

He is survived by his daughter Jessica Varesko-Dean (Michael) of Leonardtown, MD, his stepson James Gardner of Virginia; his siblings Norman A. Burch Jr., Johnson L. Burch(Debbie), Rose M. Thompson(Jay) and Richard L. Burch(Yvonne) all of Mechanicsville, MD and his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife Ruth Marie Burch and his second wife Mary Margaret Burch. Grandparents Lewis F Burch and Mary L Morgan Burch and Joseph J Payne and Genevieve B Raley Payne.

Family will receive friends on Friday May 20, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a Memorial Service at 12 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home P.A. Leonardtown, MD. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

#### Elizabeth Ann Clarke

Elizabeth Ann Clarke, 62, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at MedStar Georgetown University



Hospital with her loving husband at her side.

Elizabeth (Betty) was born on January 29, 1960 in Baltimore, MD to Mary Catherine Cross Wathen of

Hollywood, MD and the late Melvin Aloysius Wathen, Sr.

On July 17, 1987 she married the love of her life, James Romanus Clarke in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 34 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed as an Analyst at Patuxent River Naval Air Station for many dedicated years.

In addition to her Mother and beloved Husband, she is also survived by her siblings: Bonnie Weiland (Ben) of Lexington Park, Linda Abell of Hinesville, GA, Jeannie Sherrill (Charles) of Hickory, NC, Veronica Butler (David) of California, MD, and Debbie Abell (Steve) of Leonardtown, MD and Dale Wathen Sr (Lorie) of Hollywood, MD; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her father, she is also preceded in death by her brother, Melvin Aloysius "Al" Wathen, Jr.

All services will be private.

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

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

#### Robert Dayton "Smitty" Smith



Robert Dayton "Smitty" Smith, 90, of Leonardtown, MD passed away peacefully on May 8, 2022 at his home.

He was born on April 24, 1932 in

Erwin, TN to the late Lum Smith and Dorothy Mae Peterson Smith.

Smitty proudly served in the U.S. Navy

during the Korean War until his Honorable Discharge in 1955. On September 4, 1953 he married the love of his life, RoseMary Smith. They celebrated 66 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in December 2019. He was employed for many dedicated years by the Department of Defense at Patuxent River Naval Air Station as a Mechanical Engineer until his retirement on July 18, 1991 from there. He loved spending time on the water, boating and fishing. He also enjoyed deep sea fishing trips and watching the ospreys. He enjoyed gardening, raising honey bees, purple martins and cultivating fruit trees. He grew apple, pear, cherry and orange trees.

Smitty and RoseMary bowled on a league for Piney Point for many fun years. Once retired, they spent their winter months in Florida where they enjoyed the warm weather. Smitty enjoyed family gatherings, Sunday dinners with his family and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

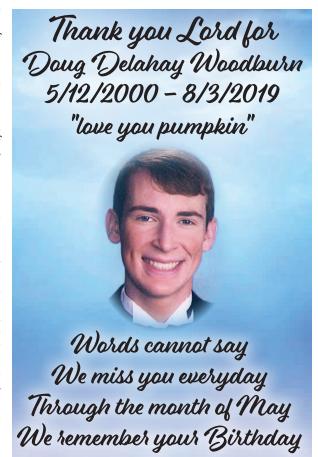
He was a member of St. George's Episcopal church and the Thomas J. Shryock Masonic Lodge 223 in Hollywood, MD.

He is survived by his children: Yvonne Smith Gamble of West Palm Beach, FL, Robert "Scott" Smith (Earlene) of Valley Lee, MD, and Douglas W. Smith (Candi) of Valley Lee, MD; his siblings: Opal Chaney of Erwin, TN, Billie Anderson of Jonesboro, TN, Betty Reed of Johnson City, TN, Shirley Buchanan of Erwin, TN, Glenis Phillips of Erwin, TN; his grandchildren: Charles "Rob" Clements, Derrick Gamble, Robyn Gamble, Robert "Bobby" Petrzala (Kathleen), Adam Smith (Jenny), Dayton Smith (Watsana) and Arlin Smith; his great-grandchildren: Kylie Roden, Peyton Roden, Colin Smith, Tina Smith, Lilly Jacobson, Lincoln Petrzala; and Maggie Smith. In addition to his parents and wife, he is also preceded in death by his infant son, Robert Steven Smith, and his brothers A.D. Tittle and Darrell Smith and his sister Vivian Smith.

The family will receive friends for Smitty's Life Celebration on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a 7p.m. prayer service, at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Funeral Service will be celebrated on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 49167 Poplar Hill Lane, Valley Lee, MD 20692. Interment immediately following in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charles "Rob" Clements, Derrick Gamble, Robert Petrzala, Adam Smith, Arlin Smith, and Joel Steenrod. Honorary pallbearers will be Dayton Smith and members of the Thomas J. Shryock Masonic Lodge 223 in Hollywood, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Lee Volunteer Fire Department, Post Office Box 1



Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

#### Rebecca Lynn Warring



Rebecca Lynn Warring (Becky), age 60, of Golden Beach, MD peacefully passed into Heaven on Friday, May 13, 2022, with family by her side.

Becky was born December 29, 1961, in Cheverly, MD to Franklin H. Weaver & Patricia A. Weaver. Becky grew up in Clinton, MD, and graduated from Surrattsville High School in 1979, where she studied accounting. She turned her passion for numbers into a lifelong career in bookkeeping and banking.

Becky found the most joy in getting married to her husband of 30 years, David W. Warring, and starting her family, blessed with two children, Benjamin Daniel & Shannon Nicole. Her favorite pastime with her husband and children was spent crabbing on the boat. In November 2018, Becky was overjoyed when she became a grandmother (GeeGee) to Ella Anne. She also enjoyed spending time with her family at various gatherings and loved decorating for all the holidays, but Christmas was her favorite! She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and spending time at the beach.

In May 2020, Becky was diagnosed with Sarcoma Cancer. Through her own strength and perseverance, she fought a courageous battle. She taught courage, strength, and above all else, LOVE, touching the lives of many along the way. Becky was preceded in death by her parents, Franklin H. Weaver & Patricia A. Weaver, her son, Benjamin D. Warring, and her nephew, Franklin E. Kissinger. She is survived by her husband, David W. Warring, her daughter Shannon N. Warring-Ridgell (Patrick), granddaughter, Ella A. Ridgell, siblings, Patricia K. Weaver, Harry B. Weaver (Annice), Cheri A. Weaver & Stephan F. Weaver (Janet), a host of nieces and nephews and close

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 10:30 am-11:30 am, with prayers starting at 11:30 am. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, Becky has requested a donation be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or Hospice of St. Mary's County MD.

Pallbearers: Harry Weaver, Stephan Weaver, Mikie Alderson, Shane Alderson, Austin Weaver, Kyle Weaver

Honorary Pallbearers: David Warring, Patrick Ridgell, Clyde Ridgell

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.

#### Jan Brandstetter

Jan Brandstetter, 74, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away at St. Mary's Hospice House in Callaway, MD on May 16, 2022. Born on June 26, 1947, Jan was the daugh-



ter of John M. and Doris A. Sopousek of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Jan had a love of reading and spent 40 years working at the various branches of the

Charles County Public Library. During these working years, is where she met her closest friends. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to offer to friends and family.

Jan was blessed with two children, Sheila Greer of Hughesville, MD, and Lisa Brandstetter, who predeceased her. She loved spending time with them, shopping, and traveling to antique shows.

After retiring, in 2014, Jan spent her time reading, playing bridge, and enjoying time with her family and close friends. She loved volunteering at the St. Mary's Animal Welfare League, where she would care for and play with the kittens and cats.

Jan was predeceased by her parents John and Doris Sopousek and her daughter Lisa Brandstetter. She is survived by her daughter Sheila Greer (Ricky) of Hughesville, MD, and her granddaughter Tabitha Greer. Her granddaughter was the light of her life and she loved playing games and Jeopardy with her every evening.

A small graveside service will be held at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer's Association, St. Mary's Hospice, or the American Lung Association.

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.

#### Glenn Robert Hughes



Glenn Robert Hughes, 66, passed away after complications from surgery at the George Washington University Hospital on May 5, 2022.

Glenn was born

in Washington, D.C on June 3, 1956, to Arthur and Betty Hughes. Glenn was the oldest sibling of four children.

Glenn graduated from Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, MD. He worked as a medical supply purchasing agent for many years.

As a teenager, Glenn fell in love with music. Over many years he grew a large collection of albums which he used to support his work as a part-time DJ. Glenn was one of the most well-known DJs in Southern Maryland during the 80's and 90's. Glenn had a great sense of humor and loved to talk and be around other people. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and would often crack jokes to get you smiling and laughing.

Glenn's love of the outdoors grew from his youth where he went with his parents and siblings on many family camping vacations around the North East, specifically in the beautiful mountains of West VA. As an adult, his favorite place to camp was Seneca Rocks, WV where he loved to hike up the trail to the top of the mountain. Glenn also loved to fish and relax around a campfire. In his free time during the summer, he would also go tubing down the Shenandoah River or Antietam Creek.

In his later years, Glenn liked to collect sharks' teeth and comb the Southern Maryland beaches to find interesting rocks which he would turn into necklaces. He would generously hand them out to family and friends.

Glenn is survived by his mother Betty Lee Hughes; his daughter Kirstyn Leigh Grimes and his Son-in-Law Toby Grimes of Mabank, TX; his son Kyle Robert Hughes of Frederick, MD; his brother Kevin Wayne Hughes and his Sister-in-Law Michele Jean Hughes of Mechanicsville, MD; his sister Julie Lynn Hughes of Ijamsville, MD; his ex-wife and mother of his children Teri Hanson of Waldorf; his grandchildren Teagan Grimes and Jack Grimes; his nieces and nephews Steven Craig Hughes, Jr., Joshua Arthur Hughes, Hannah Drew Hughes; his grand-nieces Kennedy Hughes and Kelsey Graburn; his Uncle and Aunt, Larry and Susan Hughes and his two cousins Melissa and Christine.

Glenn was preceded in death by his father Arthur Francis Hughes and his brother Steven Craig Hughes

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Glenn's name to the American Liver Foundation https://liverfoundation. org/.

The family of Glenn Robert Hughes will welcome friends for his Memorial Gathering on May 19, 2022, at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. at 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m.

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.

#### Paul Albert Mackert



On the morning of May 12, 2022, Paul Albert Mackert of Waldorf, MD passed away suddenly at age 63.

Paul was born in Phoenix, Arizona to Paul G Mackert

and Mary Roberts on March 12, 1959.

He was employed by Scaffolding Resources for over 20 years. This company was like family to him.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, restoring an 1885 General Store, and spending time with family.

In 1989, he met Patricia Mackert, they wed December 2010. Together they raised two children, Samantha and Jason.

Paul was preceded in death by his daughter Amanda Mackert.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Mackert, children, Samantha Eddy of Mechanicsville, MD, Jason Chiarizia of King George, VA, grandchildren, Tyler Eddy, Rylee Eddy, and Kynsley Eddy, his father, Paul G Mackert and stepmother, Jacqueline, and his mother, Mary Rob-

erts. He is also survived by his brothers, Jeffery Scott Mackert of Manassas, VA, Nancy Nolton of Shrewsbury, PA, Eric Mackert of Houston, TX and Mike Lewis of Indian Head. MD.

The family of Paul Mackert will receive friends on Friday May 20, 2022 at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. located at 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm with the Funeral Service beginning at 2:00 pm. Interment will be held at Trinity Memorial Gardens at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Hospital in his name.

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.

#### Beverly Jean Windsor



Beverly Jean Windsor, 61, of Upper Marlboro, MD, peacefully passed away at her home on May 12, 2022

Beverly was born on September

20, 1960, to James and Mary Spalding in Clinton, MD. She was known for her gentle and compassionate heart. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to offer to friends and family.

After Beverly graduated from Gwynn Park High School in 1978, she started as a secretary at Designers and Planners in Crystal City, VA. She worked in Crystal City for over 10 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Beverly loved nothing more than being able to stay at home to raise her children. She started providing daycare for several other children in the area, mainly relatives.

Beginning as friends in high school, it was in the year 1985 that Joseph Windsor, Sr. asked Beverly to be his date for his sister's wedding. Beverly and Joe wedded in 1986 and started a family of their own. Their union produced two children that were the center of Beverly's world, Joseph Windsor, Jr. of Upperville, VA, and Jennifer DeVaughn of Upper Marlboro, MD.

Beverly retired in May 2022 after 20 years with Prince George's County Public Schools where she was a bus attendant for special needs children. In her spare time, Beverly enjoyed knitting, cooking, baking, and dancing. She always put her family first and was a people pleaser.

Beverly was predeceased by her parents James Sr. and Mary Spalding, as well as her two brothers, Stephen Sr. and James Spalding Jr. Brother-in-law Robert Ward, and sister-in-law Sally Spalding. Nephew Stephen Spalding Jr. and niece Jennifer Joiner.

She is survived by her husband Joseph Windsor, Sr. of Upper Marlboro, MD, and her children, Joseph Windsor, Jr. (Susan) and Jennifer DeVaughn (Randy).

Beverly is also survived by her sisters: Patricia Ward of Hughesville, MD, Susan Hood (Gil) of Charlotte Hall, MD, Phyllis Hood (Glenn) of Brandywine, MD, and Carolyn Gilbert (Danny) of La Plata, MD as well as a host of relatives. Beverly also had four grandchildren who she loved im-

mensely; Vienna Windsor, Levi DeVaughn, Alice Windsor, and Michaela Windsor.

Pallbearers: Charles Hood IV(Chuck), Christopher Hood, Jason Hood, Justin Bond, Timothy Hazel Jr., and Thomas Wagner III.

Honorary Pallbearers: Glen Myers, Daniel Gilbert, Charles Hood (Gil), Glenn Hood, Daniel Garner, and Jeffery T Joiner.

Thursday, May 19th Mass will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church at 10 am with Interment following at Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society - Brain Cancer Donation.

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

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#### Michael Howard Bruner, Sr.



Michael Howard Bruner, Sr., 63, of Callaway, MD passed away suddenly on May 8, 2022 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital with his loving wife at his side.

He was born on September 23, 1958 in Queens, NY to the late Howard Thomas Bruner, Sr. and Marilyn Louise Svoboda Bruner.

On November 30, 1976 Mike enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country as a Staff Sergeant for 11 years until his Honorable Discharge on November 27, 1987. During his service he earned the Air Force Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle), and Training Ribbon. On July 15, 2006, he married the love of his life, Vivian Lee Bruner. Together they celebrated over 15 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed as a Neon Engineer for the Department of Homeland Security.

Dad had a deep love for his home state of NY to include the Giants and the Yankees and Long Island as a whole. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races at Dover and Richmond and drowning a few worms on the weekends. Besides his love for his past times came his love for his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved all of them fiercely and was their biggest supporter when it came to their team sports. He may not have spoken much on it, but I know he was excited to add two more grandchildren to that list come October (Issac and Connor). It was almost like clockwork that we would run into him and his "partner in crime" Trey at the local Walmart Issac and Conner had hawkeyed him from across the parking lot, telling Kennedy "there's your

PopPop". The look on their face, and the way their eyes lit up when they were told he's your PopPop too was amazing.

Mike was an amazing husband. His main goal in life was taking care of me and also my mom until she passed. He would give the shirt off his back to help someone else. He loved family gatherings and cooking on the grill. One of my favorite things is now that the grandsons are older, he loved when they were together and him telling jokes and corrupting them. They all would laugh so hard. I could go on and on about him. I will end it at this.

Mike I will love and miss you forever. You were my rock. The love of my life.

In addition to his beloved wife, Vivian, he is also survived by his sons, Michael Howard Bruner, Jr. (Megan) of Lusby, MD and Shawn Downs (Christie) of Leonardtown, MD; his custodial son and partner in crime, Trey Reed of Callaway, MD; his siblings: Cathy Hafner (Daniel) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Mary Blaum (Jack) of Patch Hogg, NY, Howard Bruner, Jr. (Regina) of Center Moriches, NY, and Susan Bruner of Sound Beach, NY; his grandchildren: John Moore, Dallas Downs, Jackson Downs, Cole Downs, Carly Moore, Kennedy Bruner, Connor Tawes and Issac Tawes; his sibling-in-laws: JoAnne Phillips (Marvin) of Chester, VA, Stanley Williams, Jr. (Joanie) of Hollywood, MD, Phyllis Spalding of Leonardtown, MD, Wayne Williams (Brenda) of Trappe, MD, John Williams (Caren) of Waldorf, MD, and Ray Myers (Amy) of Lexington Park, MD; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Anne Myers, Stanley Williams Sr. and brother-in-law Michael Wojcik.

Serving as pallbearers at the May 16 service were Mike Brunner, Jr., Dallas Downs, Jackson Downs, Cole Downs, Marvin Phillips, and Richard Starr. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Bruner, Raymond Myers, John Williams, Stanley Williams, Jr., Alan Phillips, David Williams and Wayne Williams.

The family request memorial contributions be made to https://gofund.me/cd13e50d.

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

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD.

#### David Ernest Adams Sr.



David Ernest Adams Sr., born on November 16, 1955 in Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the age of 66. He is preceded

in death by his father Ernest Thomas Adams Jr., mother Louise Goddard Adams,

and two sons; Thomas Edward and Steven Wayne. He is survived by his loving wife Frances (Frankie), son David Jr. (Little David), granddaughter Haley Nicole (Haley Bug), adopted grandson Aiden (Little Man), and two sisters.

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David attended Little Flower School throughout his primary years and graduated from Great Mills High School in 1973. He met his wife-to-be, Frankie, at the Valley Lee Carnival. They were married on May 13, 1975, and spent 47 years building a life and family together. His career spanned many years, working as a Foreman at NAS Pax River Transportation Department, followed by a Foreman Position at Great Mills Trading Post, ending his career as an owner and operator of D.E. Adams Excavating before retiring.

David was a jokester, a fiercely loyal friend, and an amazing storyteller. He enjoyed hunting trips with the boys, farming at Adams Retreat, woodworking, and driving around in his historic car. He was blessed with a large family, both related and chosen. Anyone welcomed into his family circle knew he had a huge heart and never hesitated to help someone out. David really enjoyed spending time with his extended family from Coeburn, VA creating memories that he shared with all who would listen. He was a jack of all trades, there wasn't anything he couldn't do. There was always a project or job to do at Adams Retreat Farm that he worked with his right-hand man, Shawn Thompson. He loved his little family members as much as the big ones and could always be counted on to make sure that Haley, Aiden, Jessica, and Erica learned valuable life lessons, like how to operate farm equipment as soon as they could walk, crucial negotiation skills, and how important it is to work hard, be strong, and show respect. He loved deeply and we will all be permanently touched by his presence in our lives.

The family will receive friends for David's Celebration of Life on Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, where a funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Billy Sanners officiating. Interment will follow at Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Terry Bagwell, Stanley Boothe, TJ Boothe, Michael Bowles, Donald Goddard Jr., and Ricky Graves. Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Dean, Denny

Ray Hobbs, Billy Ketron, Bubby Knott, Roy Norris, and Robbie Tippett.

In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome memorial contributions to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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.

#### Eleanor Elizabeth Mistretta



Eleanor Elizabeth Mistretta passed away on May 12, 2022 in her home surrounded by her loving family. Born on August 27,1942 in Wood-

haven, NY to the late Paul and Leocadia Johnson, she was the oldest of five children. Eleanor is survived by her husband of 61 years, Sonny, as well as her loving children Deanna, Stevie/Karen, Eleanor, Denise/Nick, stepchildren Johnny, Bonnie/Michael, and Corinne/Bumper, and 20 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, plus one the way. She was preceded in death by her son Arthur and son-in-law Hank Evitts (Eleanor).

Eleanor graduated from Franklin D. Lane High School in 1959. She married the love of her life, Sonny, in 1961. Eleanor enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, as well as crabbing, boating, and the beach life. She spent many days in the garden with her husband, as they walked through life holding hands together. They enjoyed their retired life on the Patuxent River.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Campton's Funeral Home, Palmerton PA. A funeral service will be held at noon. Interment will follow at Skyview Memorial Gardens, Tamaqua, PA. A celebration of life will immediately follow at the Nesquehoning Recreation Center.

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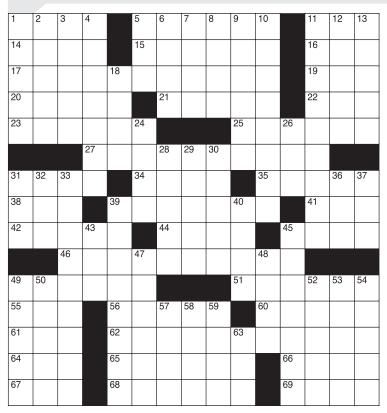
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

1. English river

5. Particular part of something 11. Cool!

14. Welsh for John

15. Given name meaning "great spirit"

16. Wrath

17. Social occasion 19. Mechanical belt

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21. Commands

22. Body part

23. Caught sight of

25. Funeral car

27. Skin infection

31. Sometimes they "burn"

34. Russian river

35. Famed soap opera character

Kane

38. Pie mode

39. Endangered 41. Socially inept

person

42 Romanian river 44. Swerve

45. Monetary unit of Samoa

46. A type of approach to please 49. Form of Hebrew

name for God

51. "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers

55. A team's best pitcher

56. A woody climbing

plant

60. Long, edible marine fish

61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)

62. Data

64. Corporate bigwig

65. Climbs

66. Relating to the ear

67. Commercials

68. You need it to eat

69. Political extremists

#### **CLUES DOWN**

1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)

2. Asserts to be the case

3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers

4. Foes

5. Rheumatoid arthritis score

6. Ruler of Iran

The top of the head

8. Lilly and Manning are two

9. Purchase attire for

10. Glittering with gold or silver

11. The bank of a body of water

12. Regions

13. Makes tractors

18. Adult beverage

24. Force unit

26. Swiss river

28. Cater to

29. Woody climbing

plants

30. Seems less impressive

31. Consume

32. Boxing's GOAT

33 Southwestern farmers

36. Beverage holder 37. A way to deteriorate

39. Judge

40. Norse explorer \_\_

the Red

43. Farm resident

45. One who helps to

govern 47. Plant-eating ground

bug 48. History Finnish

county

49. Conifer native to Jamaica

50. Longed

52. Small Japanese city

53. Arum family plant

54. Puts together in time

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