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Thu 2/4	Fri 2/5	Sat 2/6	Sun 2/7
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# COVID-19

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<i>As of February 3</i>		
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>5,304</b>	<b>107</b>

Information provided by St. Mary's Health Department

# Nearly Half of Over-75 Age Group Vaccinated



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

About 46 percent of the county's population aged 75 and older have received their first COVID-19 vaccination, Dr. Meena Brewster, County Health Officer said Feb. 2.

Brewster said that a little more than one-tenth of the entire county population has received their first dosage of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Both require two doses either three or four weeks apart.

She also inoculated the present members of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County as well as Leonardtown Mayor Dan Burris.

This was done to promote continuity of government in the time of the pandemic.

"We have now vaccinated over 10 percent of our population... about 12,000 people," Brewster told commissioners. "About 2,275 of them have received their second dose as well."

Brewster said the community has pulled together in an extraordinary effort to make the vaccine clinics a success.

"It's the St. Mary's way and I'm just so grateful," Brewster said.

Commissioner President Randy Guy said he and his wife worked as volunteers at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department late last week and witnessed the level of local cooperation firsthand in managing the clinics.

"I was extremely impressed with how smoothly things went and how many vaccinations we got done that

afternoon," Guy said.

The second most critical population group in St. Mary's, those aged 65 to 75, have also seen significant progress in being vaccinated, Brewster said, to the tune of 30 percent receiving their first dosage.

"This is pretty tremendous, with the limited vaccine we have to be able to offer priority to our critical populations," Brewster said.

Recent snow has forced vaccine clinics to close this week but those appointments for residents have been largely rescheduled, said Brewster, and starting Wednesday through the end of the week the health department would be administering approximately 1,000 doses of vaccine through to the weekend.

"We're excited to have a busy week and raise those numbers even further," she said of vaccination totals.

The county still is dealing with a vaccine shortage and once clinic registrations open they typically close within an hour, said Brewster.

The vaccines are designed to prevent severe cases of infection, she said, but it is unknown how they will effect so-called "silent infection" or asymptomatic cases that can continue to spread the disease.

Having received two-doses of the vaccine also does not mean a person can travel without restriction in the United States, she said.

Deaths from COVID-19 continue to mount, however, Brewster said, with about 105 county residents having died from it so far.

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# Opioid Fatalities On The Rise In St. Mary's

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The latest statistics from the state show that opioid related deaths continue to rise locally and across the state and COVID-19 is a key reason why.

State health officials believe isolation and lack of access to treatment has exacerbated opioid addiction and consumption for some, leading to a continued surge in related deaths.

From January to September of 2020 there were 25 opioid related deaths in St. Mary's County, according to third quarter data released by the Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center, the coordinating body for combating the opioid epidemic.

There were three fewer deaths for the same time span in 2019, the report showed.

Local numbers through the end of 2020 are even higher, showing 30 opioid-related fatalities with 163 opioid overdoses known to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the local Maryland State Police barrack.

Neighboring Calvert County's fatalities remained the same during the first nine months of both

2020 and 2019 with 17 deaths.

The numbers for the final quarter of 2020 are not yet compiled by state authorities for release, the report stated.

The synthetic opioid fentanyl continues to be the greatest killer in overdoses, accounting for 21 deaths through September of last year and 19 for 2019.

The overall opioid deaths throughout the state spiked significantly through the first nine months with 1,829 deaths, 231 more than the same time span in 2019.

The same report showed that for St. Mary's the total number of drug and alcohol related deaths for 2019 was 33, with 31 of those by some kind of opioid intoxication.

The latest state and local numbers put St. Mary's on a course to at least equal the fatality count for 2020.

The report stated that multiple drugs or intoxicants were often ingested by opioid overdose victims.

Steve Schuh, director of the State Opioid Command Center, said Maryland must redouble its efforts to fight the opioid epidemic.



“We must not forget that we have been successful in flattening the opioid curve in our state before,” said Schuh. “That experience provided us with an entire inventory of programs that we are adapting to our new realities.”

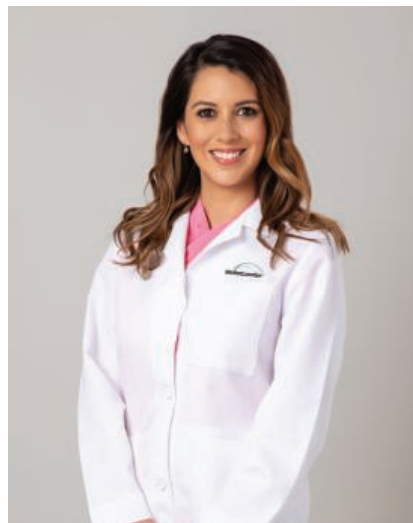
“We have a community of treat-

ment professionals and advocates who stand for the interests of those who are suffering. And we have the knowledge and will to bring these elements together as we continue to respond to the situation at hand.”

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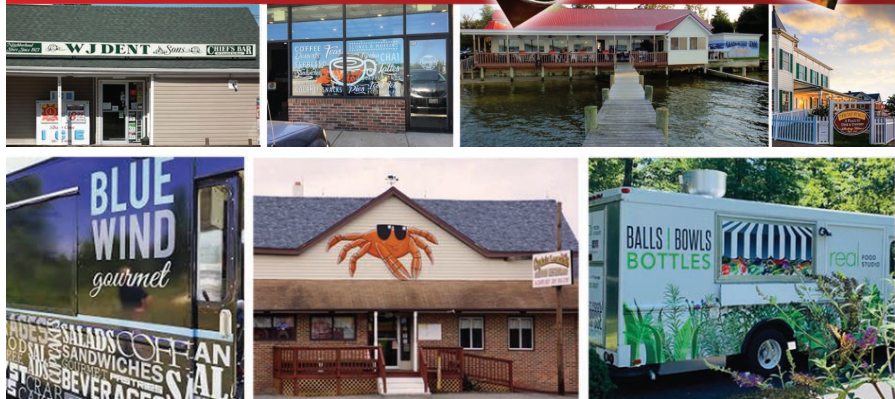
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# County Seeks EMS Billing Contractor



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The demand for contract EMS support personnel for local rescue squads has not abated and county leaders are seeking to quickly employ a service provider to coordinate and manage billing for EMS services.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have already put their unanimous support behind a bill to be decided in the Maryland General Assembly that would provide them the authority to engage in EMS billing, but are simultaneously pursuing a memorandum of understanding with all the volunteer rescue squads to conduct billing a faster way to deal with the problem of lagging daytime response.

The commissioners have authorized spending \$906,000 from reserves to fund contract medics and are now seeking a billing services provider without going through the standard competitive bid process, but one which has competitively bid elsewhere in Maryland before to expedite the process.

The item before commissioners at their Feb. 2 meeting raised the discussion of possibly raising rescue taxes in each fire and rescue district around the county to help raise money for more contract medical support.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he favored raising that tax to the maximum level allowable across the county.

"If you need the ambulance we need to do whatever we need to do," Hewitt said. "So I'm kind of in favor of... we raise everybody's rescue squad tax to the same amount, the maximum amount."

Late last year the commissioners used CARES Act funding to pay for contract medics to serve as day crews for rescue squads, which were bereft of volunteers to work during the day.

Moreover, many of their most ded-

icated members, who were elderly, stopped running calls for fear of infection from COVID-19.

Contract medical support became a necessity; EMS billing is seen as one option to help fund continued medical support.

The first of the rescue squads to hire contract help was the 7th District company and they did so with money from a rescue tax increase that went to the maximum rate.

But the 7th District hired crews soon found themselves in far away Lexington Park responding to calls during the daytime hours because the local volunteers were not available.

Hewitt said billing could allow certain locations in the county that collect enough revenue could see the rescue tax reduced.

Commissioner John O'Connor said some rescue squads did not want to see their tax rates raised and would rather try to gain more revenue through the billing service; O'Connor said the share of EMS billing between squads would never be completely equitable because of the population number they served, some being larger than others.

He believed moving from contract employees to hourly or part-time employees, the better off the county would be financially.

"It's [also] a matter of quality control..." O'Connor said. "There's other ways to fund this besides just raising the tax rates."

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy said the commissioners had until June 30, the date through which they agreed to pay the supplemental funding for contract medics, to figure out the medical billing issue.

Barring that, Guy said they might have to raise all the rescue squad taxes.

"If we have to raise the assessment, fine," Guy said. "Can we reduce it? Yes."

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# Commissioners Warn of Critical Area Map Changes

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Property owners of land in the critical area of St. Mary's, land within 1,000 feet of the shoreline or waterway, may find that what they own may not be easily developed as they planned.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to take to a public hearing changes in the critical area map that appears to encroach more on properties there; Commissioner Mike Hewitt said it could affect families who had purchased land in the critical area with plans to develop it.

Development in the critical area is highly restricted and takes several layers of approvals to execute in an effort to preserve the habitat.

"We're going to find out a way to notify you if you're impacted by this," Hewitt said during county commissioner time at their Feb. 2 meeting. "Nobody likes surprises, after so many years of thinking you had something and finding out you don't have it."

The public hearing would be to receive comments on a proposed amendment to the county's official zoning maps' existing 1,000-foot critical area boundary line and replace it with a new one mandated by state legislation passed in 2008.

The original boundary was hand drawn in 1972; modern maps are drawn electronically and are inherently more accurate, planning staff assert.

The state had work cooperatively with counties to come up with the new boundary line, but local leaders will not have an appeal to the changes made.

"Local authorities are required to adopt the state-produced map," said Bill Hunt, director of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management.



Hewitt said a meeting with property owners affected by the change was held in 2018 with the Critical Area Commission and many here were surprised to find that the boundary line "had crept into" the property some had held for 30 years.

"It happened to some people in the Valley Lee area," Hewitt said. "They had their ideal spot... now they find a portion of their [planned] house is in the critical area."

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the critical area boundary change infringed on property rights.

"That's a property rights grab," Morgan said. "I've got a problem with that."

"I think it's wrong that this grab takes place."

Morgan and Hewitt said many of the changes made to the critical area were by legislators who did not have as much critical area land to deal with, leaving counties such as St. Mary's with greater impacts they had little say in.

The public hearing is set for March 2.

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# New Water Tower Taking Shape

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The new water tower under construction in Great Mills is set to quadruple the amount of water available at the site over the old tower, which had been built in 1992.

Construction on the tower began in April of 2020 and will replace the one currently standing behind the Hickory Hills Shopping Center next to the Three Notch Trail.

The new tank, according to the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) will hold two million gallons at a cost of \$6.3 million.

The project, funded through a low interest loan from the Department of Housing and Community Development, will help stabilize water system pressures throughout Lexington Park and improve water storage deficiencies to meet the current water demands of the community. A new well house, pump controls, disinfection/metering/telemetry equipment, a stand-by diesel generator and demolition of the existing tower are also included in the contract, according to information from MetCom.

MetCom Executive Director George Erichsen said the money was borrowed



in 2013 for the project but only started recently because the purchase of the land had to be negotiated; it was owned by the nearby Nissan dealership.

He said the project was on schedule after construction began last year and would be completed by the end of the year.

"It will be the largest water tower in our inventory," Erichsen said.

MetCom operates 17 elevated water storage towers, 37 ground storage towers, and 28 water supply and distribution systems throughout the county, including 67 wells supplying approximately 1.4 billion gallons of water each year to roughly 17,000 customers.

A time lapse video of the new tower's construction through June of last year can be seen at the utility's website at [www.metcom.org](http://www.metcom.org)

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# Sen. Cardin: An Opportunity for the TJ Bridge

## Will Press Priority in Biden Infrastructure Plan

By Dick Myers  
Editor

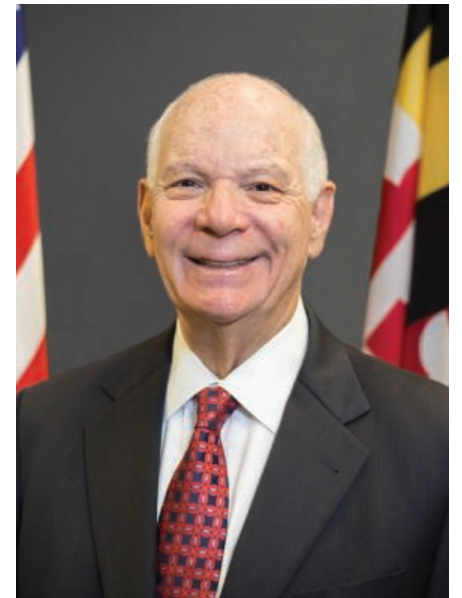
President Biden has made infrastructure improvements his second priority after dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. Maryland Senator Ben Cardin says that's an opportunity for Southern Maryland.

Cardin, at a Jan. 28 virtual meeting of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) said, "I serve as the ranking member and now chairman of the infrastructure subcommittee. So, we will be working on issues for Southern Maryland. We understand the Thomas Johnson Bridge and the congestion issues and the light rail proposals that have been made. We're hoping to advance that these are priorities for our delegation."

Cardin added, "One of my priorities as the senior Senator is the military installations that are located in Maryland. I've worked very closely with our colleagues in Southern Maryland in regard to PAX River, to make sure that they get the type of attention that they need, so that their critical work can continue. Indian Head's been a major priority for me, not just the, the work that's done behind the fence line, but also the impact that has on the local community."

Regarding COVID-19, Cardin said he wants an additional round of help for small business in whatever comes out of the next round. "This is particularly important in Southern Maryland that relies so much for your economy on small businesses. We provided relief in the CARES Act, the Paycheck Protection Program, and the grant/loan program, as well as loan forgiveness. That was a broad program to provide help to as many small businesses as we can. The numbers were pretty impressive. Nationwide over five-million small businesses participated. The numbers of Maryland were equally impressive. The second round is targeted towards those small businesses that have seen a significant decline in their revenues as a result of COVID-19. The entertainment and the restaurant industries will do very well we think under this program, as well as those that depend upon the larger attendances. Non-profits can qualify; they qualified for the first round."

Cardin talked about the siege of the Capitol. "It was a frightening moment. I was in the United States Senate, and as the rioters



U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

approached our doors, I really was in harm's way and my own personal safety was at risk. But I think we're all concerned about the safety of our democracy.

"And then just two weeks later in the exact same location in the United States Capitol, I must tell you, it was a very emotional moment because I joined both Democratic and Republican senators to celebrate the peaceful transition of power in our country."

Cardin took the occasion to praise his friend, the late Senator Mike Miller, a long-time member of TCCSMD.

"Mike Miller and I went to law school together over 50 years ago. So, we've been friends for over 50 years. I served with him in the House of Delegates when we were both young members."

He said when he moved on to Congress, they remained close friends. "And there's no one who is more dedicated to the traditions and to the history of our state than Mike Miller."

Cardin said, "It's a great loss and I enjoyed all my time with him, including recently once when we had a chance to be a little more philosophical in our conversation."

During the meeting, the council bestowed the Senator Thomas Mike Miller Regional Impact Award on the Arc of Southern Maryland.

At the meeting, Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems assumed the chairmanship of the council for the next year. That rotates every year among the three counties.

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All easement applications must be received by the St. Mary's County MALPF Administrator by May 1, 2021. Once applications are received, they will be ranked by the St. Mary's County Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board (ALPAB) using the state mandated Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system. The ranked applications will be submitted to the state for easement consideration.



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Due to COVID-19, all shoppers are requested to wear masks and keep a social distance from others while in the market area. The vendor booths will be spread out and there is plenty of parking next to

and adjacent to the airport terminal building.

This Airport Farmer's Market embraces and showcases the rural characteristics of Southern Maryland while highlighting the role that our region has played in developing our nation's air and space technologies. One of the most unique characteristics is that people can fly their plane into the airport from other parts of the region to buy goods and then fly home!

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# Leadership Group Adds New Board Member

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Clark is a principal account and delivery executive for Microsoft Corporation. As such, she serves as the primary customer interface with corporate clients for Microsoft Services, managing the overall client experience across the full-service lifecycle including strategy, solution concept, delivery, and support for digital transformation initiatives and cybersecurity/data protection. Clark manages initiatives across all corporate functional areas with a strong emphasis on team building and collaboration.

Clark was raised in Northern Virginia and attended Virginia Tech earning dual degrees in management science (decision support systems) and marketing. She moved to Maryland when she was recruited by BG&E to work at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Clark's professional experience also includes Oracle Corporation, Spalding Consulting in Lexington



Lisa Clark

Park, and Teradata Corporation.

Outside of work, Clark has been involved in and supported local dance with the Southern Maryland Modern Dance Collective. She completed yoga teacher training in 2010 and has been active with the local yoga community. Past board experience includes a position with the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance.

Clark and Ray Ballew reside in Hollywood on Cuckold Creek, enjoy boating, travel, cooking, and recently adopted a golden retriever puppy named Fenimore.

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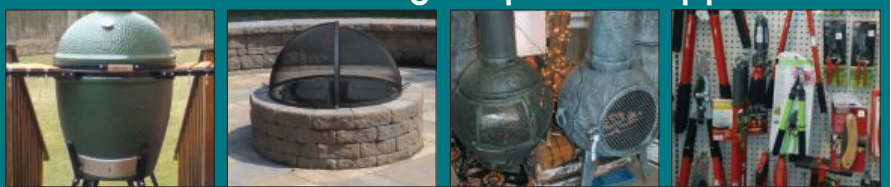


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# Local Knights Recognized For Outstanding Community Support

By Dave Spigler  
Contributing Writer

Much has been written about the significant impact the “pandemic” has had on our way of life over the past year. Our social norms, our lifestyles, our behaviors, our relationships with family and neighbors, and just about all of our freedoms to do as we please have changed in ways none of us could have imagined just 12 months ago. The overwhelming number of loved ones and friends we have lost to the corona virus is staggering. Daily reports of the growing number of new cases testing positive to this illness has created fear throughout our community, the likes of which most of us have never experienced. And life as we know it may be so altered it may never be the same for many here in Southern Maryland. There is much “doom and gloom” being reported today.

What is often overlooked during this crisis is the greater hardship it has placed on disadvantaged or disabled citizens who count on others to support and provide for their special needs. Even worse, it has had a truly detrimental effect on local charitable organizations’ abilities to provide this care and raise the financial resources necessary to carry out this work. These volunteer groups have had to comply with new regulations and procedures imposed by federal, state, and local regulatory agencies forcing them to learn new ways to seek public support. Their collections this year have been further reduced as a result of rising unemployment rates combined with the increase closing of local businesses. This combination of issues drastically hampered every charities’ normal ability to fund their programs supporting the needy.

One real noticeable effect today is the absence of the omnipresent gents in yellow and red aprons passing out Tootsie Rolls for the “Intellectually Disabled” in front of local businesses. These are the regular exploits of the Knights of Columbus as a means to support their many efforts to help the less fortunate members within our community. This fraternal group of Catholic men formed 138 years ago by a young Catholic priest, Blessed Father Michael McGivney at Saint Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut now numbers more than 2 million members throughout the world. There are nearly 1000 of these good-hearted individuals here in the Tri County area. They too have been challenged to find new ways of raising monies for their many endeavors during these hard times.

Fortunately, there is good news to report despite all the current drama and endless cancellations being promoted in the media. Here in Southern Maryland, there is a group of 15 very creative and energetic members of the Holy Face Council #3849 of the Knights of Columbus located in Great Mills that have succeeded in developing fresh, new ideas for obtaining fund-



The State Deputy Vince Grauso, the Past State Deputy Dale Trott, and the State Secretary Chris Powers surrounded by members of the Holy Face Knights of Council #3849.

ing of ongoing programs in support of a multitude of local charities. They have a proud reputation of service for going over and above expectations in achieving new highs with their many accomplishments.

For example, they recently developed a safe means to hold a Polar Plunge on a cold December morning despite water temperatures of 38 degree Fahrenheit to raise money for Special Olympics! Their Grand Knight Chuck Shilling, his Deputy Grand Knight Chris McGraw, along with a Special Olympian, Jeffrey Hagen plunged into the icy waters of St. George Creek, off of St George Island, to earn over \$1,100.00 in pledges from individuals anxious to support this surprising event! All other annual and scheduled Polar Plunges in Maryland, including the large popular event at Sandy Point State Park near Annapolis, were cancelled due to COVID-19 issues.

The local Knights plunge was witnessed by a small audience and videotaped to be shown and shared online with the other 140 Councils throughout the State. Once more, this group set the standard and found a way to be successful and would not simply accept the cancelling of a vital charity event to help those who needed help now more than ever before.

Further, these local “Men we call Knights”, via their council’s leadership got together in a concerted effort to come up with a new and safe means to publicly conduct their annual October Tootsie Roll campaign, and to safely distribute their iconic Tootsie Rolls for donations. This program was extremely successful despite the initial and natural reluctance of many business owners in the area not wanting to have these treats handed out to their customers in fear of COVID-19. These Men of the Knights and their extraordinary efforts were realized when checks totaling \$1,347.90 was given to The Arc of Southern Maryland, and \$1,347.90 was also given to the Special Olympics of St. Mary’s County just in time for Christmas!

For their many wonderful endeavors



The Council members throw the Grand Knight Chuck Shilling into frigid St. Georges Creek to raise funds for Maryland Special Olympics.

involving well over 4100 hours of volunteer service to others, this Council exceeded all the goals required to be considered for the title of “Star Council,” the highest award a Knights of Columbus Council can achieve. But, as a result of this group’s extraordinary performance, exemplary leadership, and superb commitment to their fellow man over the 12 months of Fraternal Year 2019-2020, they made history in being awarded the “Double Star Award” for the first time! They were presented this beautiful recognition at a special Ceremony on January 16, 2021 by the most recent Past State Deputy of Maryland Dale Trott and witnessed by the current State Deputy Vincent Grauso and State Secretary Chris Powers, the three ranking leaders of the Maryland Knights! This honor is seldom attained and rarely bestowed.

And, its significance at this point in time, is all the more noteworthy knowing this special achievement was attained during a year of much suffering caused by the outbreak of the corona virus! Seven additional prestigious service awards were presented to this super group of Knights

for their many fine achievements. These gentlemen were recognized for their lead in many fields of endeavors during the year including:

1. Membership Percentage of Goal Attained
2. Membership Recruitment
3. Total Amount of Donations Collected for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
4. Life Activities Participation
5. Average Amount of Tootsie Roll Donations Collected Per Member
6. 100% Participation in all Faith in Action Program and Events
7. Box of Joy Program For Poor Children in the Dominican Republic

Southern Maryland is so very fortunate to have many groups such as these fine Knights who are willing to step up and take care of our citizens’ problems at a moment’s notice despite the overwhelming conditions. They are always standing by to lend a hand should a need develop requiring their help! Their significant contributions are many and their very presence goes a long way to help make this the “Land of pleasant Living!”

# Portraits of St. Mary's County: Jessie Seymore

By Florence Ballengee  
Contributing Writer  
Third in a Series

Friendly Tavern, like many taverns in St. Mary's County, served as a social hub for the community. Three generations of the Davis family owned and ran the Great Mills tavern. It was built by James Davis who came to the county in 1942 to work as a carpenter when the base was being built. He bought the land and built the tavern because he always wanted to own a tavern called Friendly Tavern. James Davis ran the tavern for many years and when he retired his daughter, Jessie Seymore took it over. When she did, she made Friendly Tavern well known for its charitable acts and for good food. Seymore liked raising money to help people "who fell through the cracks." Friendly Tavern became more than the local watering hole.

Seymore met her husband Harold when he was stationed at Pax River. At that time, she said, the people were housed in the hangers. Then they built what they called "tarpaper barracks." They married and together they raised their three children, Lois, Roxanne and Harold, Jr.

While raising her family, Jessie, who was named after her mother, helped in the tavern and then when her father retired, she ran the tavern. She did so for



more than 30 years.

While she was in charge, she began having benefits for people in need who fell through the cracks of the available government assistance. She would get bands to play for free and at times she

had so many bands willing to play that she couldn't give them all adequate time. She said they raised over a million dollars over time. Eventually there was some excess funding from one benefit so they used it as seed money to start an organization called Friendly Fund. Six people got together and formed a Board of Directors. Their only function was to help others. It was, in essence, headquartered at Friendly Tavern.

The other activity that was headquartered at Friendly was the various sports teams the tavern sponsored. They sponsored two softball teams and one year their team won the championship. She says with a laugh, "it only happened once."

Back when Jessie was running the Friendly Tavern St. Mary's was very much more rural and there were not a lot of rules and regulations. It was much easier to obtain and keep a liquor license and as a result she said that she was told at one point there were more bars per capita in St. Mary's County than anywhere else in the country. We have not verified that information but there were numerous bars throughout the county which not only served alcoholic beverages and food but had entertainment and provided a place for people to meet up with friends. Many of the taverns provided sponsorship for various sports teams in the county and such other teams as darts, pool, etc.

In addition to the sports teams and the benefits, Friendly Tavern got to be known for its food. Its breakfasts were popular as was their chili. In fact, their chili reached the House and the Senate Office Buildings with locals who worked there. They would buy the chili by the half gallon and take it to work. "It had heat," Seymore says, "It was hot".

Stuffed ham was the star of the show at Friendly. So popular was it that at one point she made 40 hams. It was a lot of

work, but people came from all over to try it. Many right here in Maryland and the surrounding area have never even heard of stuffed ham. Jessie said that one gentleman was going across country and he ordered two hams to take with him. He was so impressed with this food item he's never heard of before that he shared it as he traveled across country. Trouble was when he got to California all he had left was a tiny bit of the second ham. Getting corned ham remains a problem in other areas. People from here who go elsewhere are unable to buy corned ham anywhere but here in St. Mary's.

By far the main attraction at the Friendly was their good clean conversation. Jessie Seymore ran a tight ship and did not permit foul language. She would tell them if they had to use that language, they would have to take it elsewhere. She said they were not known as a "rough" place but, like its name, Friendly.

For 32 years with just yearly visits to St. Mary's County, Jessie and Harold lived in Arcadia, Florida. After Harold died and as she approached her 90th birthday, she began to get serious about moving back home to be close to her family. There are now five generations of family living here.

When asked what she thought about the changes that have taken place to the county, she said that she was shocked when traveling on the back roads of the county to see so many houses having been built. When asked if she thought the changes were good or bad she said they seemed to be good.

Years ago, Jessie said, you could live in St. Mary's County for 50 years but still be called and thought of as a foreigner. That has changed for the better and newcomers have become adept at integrating into the community and the people who were born and raised here have become more accepting and have embraced newer people.

One of the things that has changed for the better is the opportunities for employment. Years ago, the young people had to leave if they didn't work on the water or in the soil. That is no longer the case. More and more young people find good, well-paying jobs on base and with contractors associated with the base.

When Jessie and Harold Seymore retired and set out in their motor home to travel the U.S. Canada and Mexico, her two daughters took over the tavern. They ran the tavern for more than 20 years and eventually they too retired and sold the property to Bubby Knott. The tavern has since been torn down. But it's legacy lives on for the people who frequented the tavern and for the many people who were helped by the benefits organized by Friendly Tavern.

Today Jessie Seymore lives independently at Cedar Lane where she has a circle of friends and can delight in beating everyone at the card game she brought to Cedar Lane.

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# Catholic Schools Persevere Through COVID Surge

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Catholic Schools Week got a rough start with parochial schools closing for two snow days in St. Mary's but the spirit of students, teachers and their parents cannot be easily blunted; staying open through most of the COVID-19 pandemic and the most recent post holiday surge has been a far greater challenge they have risen to meet.

At St. John's School in Hollywood, strict social distancing and cleanliness protocols kept them open during the spring and summer months with a small portion of their students choosing to learn in an all-virtual environment.

They had continued success through the fall and took only a short break from Jan. 4 through Jan. 8 in 100 percent virtual learning after Christmas break to help ensure COVID did not gain a foothold in their classrooms, said Principal Susan McDonough.

"Our families have been great," McDonough said of their level of cooperation throughout the grueling pandemic, which has forced classrooms to divide and separate throughout the building.

"Parents are taking it very seriously; if they sense the slightest symptom in their children they're keeping them home."

Gone are the days of sending children to school even if they have a slight illness.

Catholic school parents are quick to isolate themselves and their students, she said, after any out-of-town trips to ensure the schools they demanded to keep open, stayed open.

Frustration continues to mount among parents of public school students who, education specialists and even Gov. Larry Hogan claim, are falling behind in their learning despite the advances in on-line learning.

They continue to call schools like St. John's to try to find a place for their isolated pre-kindergarten student to 8th grader.

"Everyday, we get inquiries everyday," McDonough said of beleaguered parents. "These parents are very concerned about their kids."

St. John's is operating with 237 students, mostly in classrooms, and space has filled up quickly.

"We've been referring parents to other local Catholic schools," McDonough said.

One of them that still has a few spaces left is St. Michael's School in Ridge.

Years before the COVID pandemic they were nearing shutdown for want of funding but the parents and archdiocese worked together to keep the school running.

Principal Lila Hofmeister said the pandemic has made some public



St. John's School principal Susan McDonough



school parents desperate but she was not sure their moving their children to her parochial school would help solve their lingering financial shortfalls for long.

"I've accepted students who I know won't stay if the public schools reopen," Hofmeister told The County Times. "I have a few spots open but I have certain grades that are closed."

Social distancing requirements mean that the school cannot accept as many students for in-classroom learning as the administration would like.

But COVID-19 has brought clarity to operating St. Michael's in a more efficient manor, Hofmeister said.

"It's as safe as we can make it," Hofmeister said of sterilization and social distancing practices. "Some of the operational things we've put into place, they've helped streamline instruction."

Using outside doors to move students is one practice, she said, as well as "the utilization of technology" to improve learning.

"I hired four new teachers and they're all young and technologically savvy," Hofmeister said. "Every year we have bingo in school, this year we did it in classrooms over Zoom."

New students who have to move through corridors to claim their prizes meet adults they've never known before, though they work at the school, Hofmeister said.

"They don't see the whole staff

now," the St. Michael's principal said of the unintended effects of social distancing while inside the building. "The community element is difficult when you're supposed to be isolated."

The pandemic has taken its toll on parochial schools and staff despite their ability to maintain more of the in-class, social element public schools are striving to return to, McDonough said.

Catholic schools, which were their own communities that held close connections to each other have grown closer during this trial.

They meet and discuss their operational plans between schools, McDonough said, seeking out answers to problems that another may have already solved in delivering instruction during the pandemic.

They share fundraising ideas (many of their community fundraising activities were cancelled) to compensate for lost revenues and even provide solace for each other.

"It's not just to talk business, but just to talk," McDonough said. "It's a beautiful thing."

"This year we've come together to see how we can lift each other up."

Parochial and non-public school teachers here in St. Mary's have had access to the latest vaccines to combat COVID-19, said McDonough, whereas their counterparts in other counties have until recently been denied access; Hogan recently stated publicly that non-public school teach-



St. Michael's School Principal Lila Hofmeister

ers could not be overlooked for inoculation in favor of educators in public schools.

"We're really pleased with our local officials," McDonough said of county government and health department efforts, led by Dr. Meena Brewster. "I'm very grateful for that; we're really blessed."

The county has helped them to stay open, McDonough said, providing safety protocols and guidance through the pandemic.

Some of the St. Michael's students are in families where their spoken language is something other than English; it's difficult for them to learn a new language when they can't even see the teacher's face but they come back each day.

"It's an absolute blessing to be multicultural and have diversity in our school," Hofmeister said.

Hofmeister praised her teachers for not only continuing to return to teach each day but for even refusing to take breaks during the day where they can get a respite from dealing with children.

She offered them breaks during school lunch times, Hofmeister said, but they didn't take it.

"They're working longer hours, harder hours," said Hofmeister. "But they won't take the break during lunch because that's the only time they can see the children's faces."

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

### Narcotics Arrest-Travis Nathaniel Nelson

On January 29, 2021, detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division, along with assistance from the Emergency Services Team (EST), the Special Operations Division (SOD), and personnel from the Vice Narcotics Support Team, executed a search and seizure warrant in Lexington Park. As a result, **Travis Nathaniel Nelson**, age 36 of Lexington Park, was arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, and charged with the following:



Travis Nelson

CDS Possession-Not Marijuana (two counts)

Possession with Intent to Distribute-Fentanyl/Heroin

CDS Manufacturing-Large Amount

Nelson remains incarcerated at the detention center on a no bond status.

### Vehicle Stop Leads to Handgun Arrests

On January 26, 2021, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Corporal Glen Knott conducted a vehicle stop in the 21700 block of Pegg Road in Lexington Park. During the vehicle stop, an occupant of the vehicle, later identified as **Deatre Marquise Perkins**, age 25 of Lexington Park, was observed reaching towards a front seat passenger, later identified as **David Allen Huffman**, age 21 of Leonardtown. Huffman then exited the vehicle and fled the area on foot. Huffman was pursued on foot by Deputy First Class Matthew Beyer and apprehended.



Deatre Perkins



David Huffman

Located on Huffman during apprehension was a loaded handgun. Both Perkins and Huffman were arrested and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and charged with the following:

Loaded Handgun on Person  
Handgun on Person  
Loaded Handgun in Vehicle  
Handgun in Vehicle

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact DFC

Matthew Beyer at (301) 475-4200 extension 78005 or by email at [Matthew.Beyer@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Matthew.Beyer@stmarysmd.com).

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

### Juveniles Arrested in Armed Robbery

On January 16, 2021, at approximately 3:08 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 46000 block of Columbus Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported robbery. The victim advised deputies he was assaulted and robbed by several individuals. Detectives from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Investigation determined the victim was hired to record a video for the suspects and after recording the video, the victim was assaulted. During the assault the victim fell to the ground and was punched and kicked numerous times. One suspect brandished a firearm and other individuals removed several items of property from the victim and fled. During the investigation four male juveniles ages 17, 15 and two 14-year-olds, all of Lexington Park, were identified as participants in the robbery. All four juveniles were arrested and charged with the following:

Armed Robbery  
Robbery

Two of the juveniles involved were charged as adults and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown. Due to a change in Maryland law, the juveniles will not be identified by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and no booking photographs will be released until a waiver hearing is conducted to determine the jurisdiction of this case. The remaining two suspects were charged as juveniles.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Daniel Sidorowicz at (301) 475-4200 extension 78043 or by email at [Daniel.Sidorowicz@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Daniel.Sidorowicz@stmarysmd.com).

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**Philip H. Dorsey III**  
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# Wanderings

of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



## GROUNDHOG DAY AGAIN?



My husband came into the living room this morning and loudly asked, "Is it Groundhog Day?!" I told him, "No that was yesterday." He bel-lowed even louder, "Is it Groundhog Day again?!" I gestured to the win-dow and the sky outside, and said slowly, "Noooo, there are some blue spots and sun in the sky today." And just as quickly they vanished back to the gray, dull sky of yesterday. Oh no, it was going to be one of those days. If you haven't read my col-umn before then you don't know the struggle my husband goes through during the winter months, especially days that are gray and cloudy. And you probably don't know what it is like for anyone that is around him either. I must say that over the years, his winter moods have improved im-mensely, and he now finds things to work on in his man garage or around the house, sometimes however, skirt-ing dangerously into my private spaces or hoards of what I deem meaningful.

Just this morning I noticed that he has surreptitiously been adding Bourbon bottles to the top of my antique bookcase. Me thinks war may be on the horizon. Now, with not being able to have friends over for bourbon tastings, the bottles have not emptied very quickly, so gifts of bourbon are starting to spread. He even had the nerve of eyeing the top of the dining room buffet and men-tioning that his Bourbon collection would fit nicely there. This would constitute a household world war in my book. The top of that buffet is home to an ever-changing seasonal display from my Bavarian China to holiday items. Things are getting dicey here.

Some days are worse than oth-ers. There are days he will start opening drawers or doors that I feel are fine and should stay closed and begin pulling out item after item, "What's this for?" "Whose is this?" or the "And why do we need this?" I won't say that all women have gone through this, because there are most likely men that have been through

this as well. But, as for me and my kitchen drawers, there are probably many women who are put on the de-fensive by these accusations. There are lots of kitchen gadgets I have from going to many years of kitchen gadget parties, and similar house-hold parties, that I know if given the right recipe or opportunity I will use again...if only I could find the instructions, the missing part, or the cord. Right? And how many men (or women since I love tools too) have said the same things when confront-ed with questions about broken tools or parts that have laid around forever with protests of "But, I may need that tool someday." Or "It just needs a \$5 part to fix it - I'll pick it up next time I'm at the hardware store."

Yes, too much time together at home is not good some days. Yester-day, we tried to get out of our feisty rut, by taking Mindy out on a snowy day drive around Mechanicsville and Charlotte Hall ending at Chaptico Park. Mindy enjoyed our trek around the edge of the back ballfield track-ing fascinating smells and sights. Robert and I enjoyed it too, except for being saddened to see what 4 wheelers had done to the ballfield, with gouged out circles covering it. I felt bad for all the extra work the park employees would have ahead in the spring. We were both amazed at how many improvements had been and were being made at the park in the way of a professional field and new field lighting. Chaptico Park was already nice but is now going to be a sports showcase for the county. It was a beautiful and soothing mid-point break to our day, putting us in much better moods for the evening.

Well, I was just interrupted by my husband walking by and shouting, "Groundhog Day!" I better start fig-uring out where our outing will be today...and quickly, I think I heard a drawer open.

To each new day's adventure,  
Shelby

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

# A View From The BLEACHERS



## Unsolved Mysteries

By Ronald N. Guy  
Contributing Writer

Technology scrambles the brain. Without a single word spoken be-tween humans, dinner can arrive to your doorstep in under an hour. A sail down Jeff Bezos's mighty Amazon delivers the mundane to the bizarre in two days flat. Cars can be bought from virtual vend-ing machines and land, touch free, in your driveway - the nirvana of Carvana. And all of it happens via a handheld device that is a consolida-tion of phone, television, video re-corder, laptop, camera, GPS system and teenager-tracker, among other things.

But comics and movies tease something greater - technology that exists only in the human imagina-tion. Star Trek's transporter would end all excuses of the habitu-ally late. Routine space travel and warp speed would be cool too. Iron Man's or Black Panther's suit would be a fantastic wardrobe upgrade. If you're old enough to remember The Six Million Dollar Man, you could probably use some bionic replace-ment parts (me included).

Then there's the time machine - the most captivating sci-fi idea. Sure, it would be abused to the point of obliterating every trace of human history along the time continuum. Consider poor Marty McFly. If not for a timely bolt of lightning, he would have evaporated from his-tory. Although it might have been worth it, given his creative nudge to Chuck Berry that started a rock and roll revolution.

Kidding. Mostly.

Risks and certain catastrophe aside, let's assume, for the sake of a meandering column, that a time machine is available for rent. Put me on the list. Not for anything sinister. No do-overs or personal scores to settle. I need answers, though, to those mystifying cross-generational sports questions. The 1985 Chicago Bears defense need to battle today's Kansas City Chiefs offense. Michael Jordan needs to play in today's offense-friendly NBA. Likewise, Steph Curry and LeBron James need to square off with the brutal Bad Boy Detroit Pistons and Pat Riley's rugged New York Knicks. And think of the pitcher and hitter showdowns.

Then there's the age-old question of success or failure's correlation to talent or circumstance. Would an unassuming quarterback named

Joe Montana have succeeded any-where, or was Bill Walsh's West Coast offense the catalyst? Would Jordan still be basketball's GOAT had Portland passed on Sam Bowie and selected Jordan instead? And had that happened, what would be Zen Master Phil Jackson's legacy? Contemplate the fate of the Green Bay Packers and Washington foot-ball had the former passed on Aaron Rodgers leaving the star quarter-back to Washington, who was next up in the draft order (and picked Jason Campbell)? Then there's poor Sam Darnold. Exiting USC, I would have bet a Reddit warrior's Game-Stop stock that he was set for NFL stardom. But the Jets drafted him. Ugh. Wouldn't it be fascinating for Darnold and Patrick Mahomes to switch places?

These are, short of time travel technology, the forever unsolved mysteries of sports. And maybe that is best. There is romance in al-lusion. The unknown, that which can only be pondered, stirs the imagination and ladles a sense of wonder over all human events. Is this all random or is there some great orchestrator? Both? Perhaps it is best to leave some questions un-answered and our curiosity intact.

As for debating athletes, teams, eras and circumstances, it might be this simple: Individual journeys, no matter the place or time, are des-tined to include unique moments of triumph and tragedy, victory and defeat, to answer some ques-tions and leave others appropriately blank. The one thread that does run continuous through all athletic and human experiences, a time-traveler of sorts in its own right, is best in-troduced by Blanche DuBois, in Tennessee Williams's "A Streetcar Named Desire": "I have always de-pended on the kindness of stran-gers." Sports consistently affirms this truth of game and life: Success is not achieved in isolation and re-covery from failures is not accom-plished alone. Our lives - those of friends, acquaintances and stran-gers - are inextricably linked and our collective happiness is intertwined, in whatever moment and reality we occupy.

That is good enough for now; some riddles are best left alone. As for the time machine...cancel my reservation.

Send comments to Ronald-GuyJr@gmail.com

# 10 FINANCIAL PLANNING TIPS FOR 2021

Contributing Writer:  
Lynda J. Striegel

This is for all you procrastinators out there. You know who you are. It's never too early or too late to start a financial plan. Every year I prepare a list of financial planning tips. In hopes of inspiring you to start a financial plan, here are 10 tips for your 2021 financial plan:

## 1. Stash the cash.

The first step is to stash enough cash to give you breathing room if something terrible happens like an illness or job loss. At least 6 months and probably a year's worth of income will do it.

## 2. Pay Yourself First.

If you own a small business, get yourself on the books too. It's tempting to pay everyone else before you, but by doing that you cheat yourself. Be kinder to you.

## 3. No Credit Cards Allowed.

Think about it—twenty percent interest on your purchases? This is a terrible drag on your finances. Pay off those credit cards with a plan. Then, keep one for emergencies but otherwise buy with cash.

## 4. Max Out the 401(k).

If your employer has a 401(k) and you do not participate, shame on you. Especially if the employer will match your contributions—that's free money to you.

## 5. Get It All in One Place.

If you can't see it, you can't manage it. Get all your investment accounts under one roof with one statement a month.

## 6. Allocate, allocate, allocate.

This goes without saying, but unless you allocate your assets across cash, stocks and bonds, you will not succeed as an investor. I always recommend investors consult a professional

to allocate their assets—interview the professionals until you find one that responds most to your concerns.

## 7. Let It Ride.

Compound interest is your friend. The more you can reinvest your interest or dividends, the better.

## 8. NO News is Good News.

Following the business news to figure out how to make a plan is just foolish. The news cycle is not your investment guide. Turn off the 24-hour business "news" and focus on making a plan to last over time.

## 9. Savings Alone is Not Enough.

You've got to make investments to earn money on your money. Just keeping it in the mattress will not help defeat inflation. With interest rates rising, you now have a better chance of earning money on your investments.

## 10. Required Docs.

You know I'm going to advise you to get your estate plan in order as a major part of your financial plan. You need a Will or a Living Trust, a Power of Attorney and a Living Will. Without these documents, you have no power to help your loved ones in a medical emergency and the courts will decide the distribution of your assets.

I hope you try these tips and have fun doing so. Let me know how you are doing on your 2021 plan and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

As always, every month on the third Wednesday, we offer a free seminar on estate planning at 11am in our office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North beach. Call Pam at 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658  
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050  
Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

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### Videos from Aging & Human Services

The Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to announce our brand new Virtual Senior Activity Center and YouTube page! Go to <https://www.stmarysmd.com/aging/virtual-senior-center/> or [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), keyword SMC Aging & Human Services, to see what we have for you! There are more videos coming soon!

### Curbside Event Coming Up

Did you make an apron to show us for the first Curbside Reveal Event, which is part of our newest series of remote programs- Independent Project Clubs? You still have time to put one together in any design or pattern you desire. Bring it to the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, February 10 so we can take a picture of you and your creation that we will post on our Facebook Page. We will also slip a new assignment into your car for you to work on that you can bring to us on Wednesday, March 10 when we have our next Curbside Reveal Event. To participate and make a reservation to show your project or for more information, e-mail [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com) or leave a voice mail message at 301-475-4200, ext. 1655.

### How to Give Yourself a Reflexology Session

Holistic Wellness Practitioner and Licensed Reflexologist Sarah Strain will guide you through the basic steps of a self-reflexology session on Friday, February 12 at 10 a.m. Learn how to improve your circulation, reduce stress and pain by applying pressure to various reflex points on your feet and hands. Educational as well as fun, this session is available for up to 20 people via Zoom. Free. Register by e-mail: [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com).

### Sign Up for Live Stream Craft

Set aside some time on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. for a fun bottle upcycling class. You can look around the house for some fabric, twine, string or yarn, then reach into your recycle bin and pull out a glass bottle. If you have a foam paint brush and some Mod Podge or white glue that dries clear you have just about everything you need. Once we wrap the bottle up in your material of choice and let it dry, maybe you'll want to add some embellishments to make it really unique. Let's do this together on Zoom! E-mail [Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com](mailto:Sheila.Graziano@stmarysmd.com) to register.



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# St. Mary's Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, February 4

### CSM Transfer Thursday

*Virtual; 11 a.m.*

CSM hosts Transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. Free. [csmd.edu/transferthursdays](http://csmd.edu/transferthursdays)

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Learn more or register at: [www.smchd.org/tobacco](http://www.smchd.org/tobacco)

## Friday, February 5

### Beth Israel Synagogue Shabbat Services Online

*7 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

Shabbat evening services are being held online due to COVID19. Beth Israel Synagogue will hold online services EVERY FRIDAY at 7 PM. Check our website calendar ([bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html](http://bethisraelmd.weebly.com/calendar.html)) for event details.

### First Friday

*Leonardtown; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

Come by for shopping, dinner, dessert, and one-evening-only specials at participating shops, restaurants, and art galleries! Check the "Leonardtown First Fridays" Facebook page for details about specific events in Downtown and beyond, we look forward to seeing you there!

## Saturday, February 6

### Virtual Bake Auction

Pre-Valentine's Virtual Bake Auction, including a Super Bowl Party Cooler (Must be 21 to bid on cooler) viewing starting Saturday, February 6th after 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m. Go to SDVFDRS Auxiliary Facebook Page to View and Bid, Winners will be posted online, Sunday, February 7th after 4:00 p.m. All WINNERS will

pick-up their items on Sunday, February 7th, between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., At the 2nd District VFD & RS. Cash or check accepted (Make checks payable to 2nd Dist. VFD & RS Aux.); For more info contact: Robin at 240-577-0270.

## Sunday, February 7

### Superbowl Drive-Thru Carni-val Pizza

*Hollywood VFD; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.*

Uncooked pizza: Cheese for \$10, Pepperoni for \$12.00. Preorders recommended by Feb. 4th. Call Elaine Quade at 301-373-2695. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

### Drive-Thru Breakfast

*St. John's Church; 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

Carryout @ \$5.00 per person, \$20.00 max per family (up to 6). Donations encouraged. The meal will consist of: scrambled eggs, hash browns, two sausages, two bacon strips, three pancakes. Customers should drive up to the school door where you order & pay. Profits will be split evenly among CCD, St John's School and the Charitable Society, please consider adding a donation.

## Tuesday, February 9

### Grief Support Group

*Calvary Chapel; 7 p.m.*

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The support group meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. For more information call the church office and leave a message at 301-645-0660 or email us at [admin@ccsomd.com](mailto:admin@ccsomd.com).

## Wednesday, February 10

### Wayback Wednesdays

We hope you're loving our weekly video series showing some of the stories that make St. Mary's County's history so unique and interesting. We thought this would be a fun way to bring our closed museums to you while we all keep

our social distance. Join us every week for short videos featuring everything from the quirky to the fascinating - tune in! We have several episodes in the playlist! [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum)

### Virtual Lecture

Major General Charles Bolden (ret.), former NASA administrator will discuss "My Journey to Nasa and Becoming a Soft Power Advocate." Bolden, a former NASA administrator, retired USMC Major General, and former astronaut who flew on four space shuttle missions, will discuss his personal experiences, the leadership challenges he faced, and how he addressed diversity and inclusion goals along his path to success. With a focus on the future, Bolden will challenge the audience to consider what can be accomplished when people dream big together. The St. Mary's College Office of Inclusive Diversity, Equity, Access, and Accountability is also a sponsor of this event, which can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/mgbolden>.

### DAV Assistance Program

*St. Mary's Square ReStore; 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

Veterans - do you have a service-connected disability? Did you receive an injury while on active duty and are now filing for disability through the Veterans Administration (VA)? The Disabled American Veterans organization is here to assist you with those VA forms at no cost to you. These men and women (who are disabled veterans) are volunteers who ensure you are placing the proper information in the proper blocks and advise you on common mistakes that are made on these VA forms. Their spaces are toward the rear of the building on the left side. Stop by and see if we can be of assistance to you. No appointment necessary.

## Thursday, February 11

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### Diabetes Prevention Program

The Diabetes Prevention Program helps participants establish and stick with positive lifestyle changes, such as healthy eating habits, physical activity and positive stress management, which can prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This free program includes 16 weekly sessions, followed by monthly sessions for ongoing support from a lifestyle coach. Register at [www.smchd.org/dpp](http://www.smchd.org/dpp).

## Ongoing

### COVID-19 Appointment-Free Testing

*Lexington Park Office:*

Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park (co-located with U-Haul Moving & Storage)

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 862-1680

*Leonardtown Office:*

Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown

For assistance or accommodations, call ahead to (301) 475-4330

SMCHD COVID-19 Testing:

Walk up for testing, parking is available

Appointment-free

No doctor's order needed

Free of Charge (no out-of-pocket cost, co-payment, co-insurance, etc.)

Bring health insurance information and identification, if possible – Uninsured community members are welcome.



# PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

# News

## Navy Completes First Flight of Next-Gen Air Combat Training System on F/A-18 Super Hornet

The Naval Aviation Training System and Ranges program office (PMA-205) recently completed the first flight test of its next-generation air combat training system, the Tactical Combat Training System Increment II (TCTS II), on an F/A-18F at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. The second flight test, the first for this system involving two aircraft, followed in quick succession using two F/A-18E aircraft.

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 conducted the test flights and the PMA-205 test team collected and analyzed the data in real time with its industry partner, Collins Aerospace Systems, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Collins).

“Our team faced software, COVID, and platform challenges but worked with urgency to stay on track for low rate initial production decision in April. The fact that the date has not changed since contract

award in 2017 speaks volumes of not only our team but also the level of support from the Navy to field this capability,” said Capt. Lisa Sullivan, PMA-205 program manager.

The TCTS II system, developed by Collins, is an open architecture system enabling highly secure air combat training between aircraft, replacing and advancing the existing range training infrastructure. The TCTS II system is the first certified encrypted, multi-level security training pod that communicates with both airborne and ground equipment.

“This is the first time the team has been able to see the system in use in a real-world environment using an operational platform. These tests provide valuable insight into system performance, including pod-to-pod and pod-to-ground datalink performance, positional accuracy, and weapon simulations,” said Jake

Kiehlmeier, PMA-205 TCTS II lead test engineer.

The U.S. Air Force joined the Navy’s TCTS II program, leveraging investments made by the Navy and delivering training capabilities sooner and at a lower cost. The services are working together to develop and use this system to train against real-world threats.

“This is just the beginning of how this system and integration of additional Live, Virtual, Constructive capabilities in the portfolio will revolutionize training for the U.S. Air Force and the Navy alike,” said Sullivan.

PMA-205 provides full life cycle acquisition of naval aviation platform and general training systems, training range instrumentation systems, and distributed mission training centers to provide U.S. Navy and Marine Corps pilots, naval flight officers, aircrew, and main-

tainers with the training equipment required to provide lethal capability and operational readiness.

Training devices include flight simulators, part-task trainers, maintenance trainers, airborne and underwater training range instrumentation, threat systems, and associated curricula to ensure optimum performance for naval aviation. Responsibilities include execution of naval aviation’s Live, Virtual, and Constructive training strategy, execution of the Navy Aviation Simulator Master Plan, commonality and interoperability across training systems, procurement and sustainment of training products and services to include equipment overhaul and/or replacement, engineering changes, modernization and technology refreshes, and future technology advancements for training systems and training ranges.



The Tactical Combat Training System Increment II (TCTS II) pod successfully completed its first single aircraft flight test at Patuxent River Dec. 11, followed by its first two aircraft flight test on Dec. 15.

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

# In Remembrance

## Dorothy Marie Hester Skok



Dorothy Marie Hester Skok, "Dottie", 76, of Great Mills, MD, formerly from Leonardtown, MD, passed away surrounded by

her loving family on January 8th, 2021.

Dottie was born on October 18th, 1944 in Leonardtown, MD, to the late Mary Evelyn Owens and John Shelton Howe Sr. In addition to her parents she is predeceased by her husband William Earl Hester Sr, whom she married at the St. Nicholas Church in Patuxent River, her two children; Ricky Allen Hester, and William Earl Hester, Jr., Her Brothers; James Howe, Paul Howe, and her sister Mary Ann Shaw.

She is survived by her daughters; Donna Walker of Georgia, Lisa Hester of Mississippi, her sons; Rodger Hester of Lexington Park, MD, Christopher Jay Hester of Leonardtown, MD, her two sisters Betty Greenberg of Hollywood, MD, Susie Russell, of California, MD, her brother John Howe Jr., 9 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

After graduating from Leonardtown High School Dottie moved down to South Carolina. In 1985 She moved back to Maryland and worked as a Seachest Manager at the Paul Hall Center for 25 years where she then retired from in 1996.

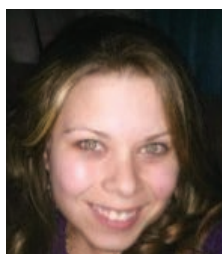
Dottie's favorite things in life were spending time with her family, her grandchildren, and collecting dolls.

Family will receive friends on Friday January 15th, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM in the funeral Home chapel with Father Ball Officiating.

In leu of flowers the family is requesting memorial contributions to go to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.A. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650.

## Crystal Lea Meridith

Crystal Lea Meridith, 33, of Waldorf, MD formerly from Mechanicsville, MD passed away on January 25, 2021 in Waldorf, MD. She was born on November 11, 1987 in Leonardtown, MD, and was the loving daughter of



of Waldorf, MD. She is survived by her daughter Sarah Meridith Hicks, of Waldorf, MD, and her sister Rachele Marie Meridith of Mechanicsville, MD. She was preceded in death by her brother James Edward Meridith, Jr.

Crystal graduated from Chopticon High School in 2005, and was a waitress at Lefty's Bar-B-Que.

Crystal had a love of music inherited from a daddy who played bass guitar and a big brother who played drums. From an early age, she was a girly girl and most of our fondest early memories involve her as a young girl dressed in one of her ruffly dresses with her matching socks twirling around with a big smile on her face. Crystal had a deep love of family and family traditions. She absolutely loved Christmas and all the Christmas celebrations from decorating the house to making her famously decorated gingerbread men cookies. The family took many trips to Disney World and Daytona Beach which she loved. She also had a love for animals, especially puppies which she inherited from her mom. She spoiled many litters of puppies that her mom raised. Her greatest accomplishment came on November 21, 2015 when together with her boyfriend, Lamont Hicks, they welcomed a baby girl, Sarah Meridith Hicks. She enjoyed taking Sarah to the beach, the playground and celebrating annual family traditions like the Easter Egg Hunt. She shared a special relationship with Lamont's mother, Sandy; a bond which grew even stronger following the loss of her own mother. Sandy was always there to lend a helping hand and to offer her love and support to both Crystal and Sarah. Crystal was small as a mouse but could be fierce as a lion; she was sassy, hardworking and most of all cared about others. She was always there to listen for anyone who needed a listening ear. We will miss her personality, her winning smile and her infectious, distinctive laugh. She will forever remain in our hearts.

Contributions at Gofundme.com to assist with funeral expenses and for Crystal's daughter, Sarah, would be greatly appreciated.

the late Anita Marie Battenfield Meridith Nelson and James Edward Meridith. She is survived by her boyfriend Lamont Washington Hicks

## Marvin Stauffer Showalter

Marvin Stauffer Showalter, 44, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on January 23, 2021 in Washington, DC. Marvin was born on September 17, 1976 in Mifflintown, PA, and was the loving son of Kathryn Showalter and Anthony Showalter of Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA.

Marvin was the loving husband of Julie Ann Showalter whom he married in Mechanicsville, MD on June 12, 1997. He is survived by his children Shawn Showalter (Julie) of MD, Justine Stauffer (Steven) of MD, Lynette Showalter, Kendra Showalter, Nolan Showalter, Daniel Showalter, Rodney Showalter, Randal Showalter, and Karla Showalter all of Mechanicsville, MD, and 2 grandchildren. As well as his siblings Matthew Showalter of PA, Lewis Showalter (Stacy) of PA, Anthony Showalter (Julie) of OH, Clyde Showalter (Andrey) of PA, Stephan Showalter (Marylou) of PA, Curvin Showalter (Edna) of PA, Marie Stauffer (Jacob) of PA, Kathy Ann Stauffer (Ammon) of PA, Celia Martin (Elvin) of MO, Bethany

Martin (Benjamin) of NY, Sarah Stauffer (Menno) of MO, Rosalie Martin (Clinton) of MO.

Marvin was a carpenter for Mill Creek Structures for three and half years.

## Allan Joseph Hayden



Allan Joseph Hayden, "Al", 84, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away on Friday, January 22, 2021 in Glen Bernie, MD. Born on October 2,

1936 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Kathleen & James Hayden. He was the loving husband of Jane Hayden. Al is survived by his children; James (Mary Ann) Hayden of California, MD, Jones (Nancy) Hayden of Brussels, Belgium, Kitten (Lenny) Wood of Leonardtown, MD, and Michael (Heather) Hayden of Chantilly, VA, Siblings; Fran-nie Long of Leonardtown, MD, James Hayden of Whitsett, NC, and Cheryl Laskowski of Little River, SC, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.



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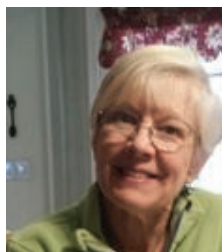
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## In Remembrance

Al graduated from Margret Brent High School in 1954. He was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. He enlisted in the Air Force on July 20, 1954 and served four years, departing on July 19, 1958. Al was an Electronics Technician for the U.S. Government.

### Judith Hammond Guffey



Judith Hammond Guffey, of Annapolis, Maryland, and long-time resident of Mechanicsville, Maryland, at the age of 74, died on January 30, 2021.

She was born on September 29th 1946 in Memphis, Tennessee, the daughter of Broadus Jeter and Lorraine Krause Hammond.

From two months on, she was a resident of St. Mary's County due to her father's Navy transfer from Millington, Tennessee. She lived briefly in Piney Point and Tall Timbers, and then moved to the Patuxent River Naval base in 1948. After her father retired in 1955, she and her family moved to Town Creek Manor, California, Maryland. She graduated from Great Mills High School in 1964, from St. Mary's College of Maryland (AA) in 1966, from Towson State University (BS) in 1968, and from Bowie State University (MEd) in 1974. For 32 years, she was employed with the St. Mary's County Board of Education as an elementary classroom teacher and as an instructional resource teacher in several schools in the county.

Ms. Guffey married Alvin Joseph Guffey on June 23rd 1968 in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary's College of Maryland in the first Baha'i wedding performed in the county. He died on August 5th 2005.

She was active in several professional organizations and in retirement with the SMC Public Schools Retirees Association. From 1965 on, she was very active in the Baha'i Faith as a children's teacher, a summer school instructor, a study circle tutor, and a member of the Local Spiritual Assembly as treasurer. Traveling, camping, and cruising were her big pastimes. She and her family visited all the states of the United States, all provinces of Canada, parts of Mexico, Europe, Israel, Egypt, Panama, Australia, and the Caribbean.

She was an accomplished seamstress, calligrapher, and gardener. As a genealogist, she and her

husband published in 1976 a family book, Robert Sylvanus Floyd, Ancestors and Descendants. They traveled many places to complete research on his side of the family, too.

At the age of 52, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, MS. Even though she gradually became disabled, she continued to stay active with her family, friends and community. She helped organize three Great Mills High School class reunions; the largest being in 2004.

Ms. Guffey lived with her progressive-chronic MS for over twenty years, breast cancer, and ultimately died of congestive heart failure.

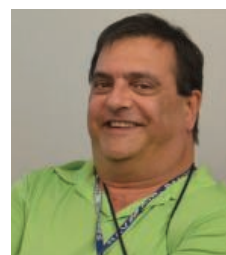
Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her father, mother, and sister, Betty Jane Dacheux of York, Pennsylvania. Surviving are her two children, Nabil Isaac Wayne Guffey (April) of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, and Rouhi Guffey Hairston (Christopher) of Annapolis, Maryland; a twin brother, Harry Broadus Hammond (Betty) of Salisbury, North Carolina; a sister, Allison Hammond Cox (Christopher) of Castle Rock, Colorado; four grandsons - John, Daniel, Wyatt, and Chase; one granddaughter - Violet; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National MS Society, 1800 M St., Suite 750 S., Washington, DC 20036 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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

### Alec Forsman



It is with deepest sorrow and heartbreak that we announce the passing of our son and brother Alec "Ed" Forsman. Ed passed peacefully at the Bridge Point Harbor Hospital in Washington, D.C. on January 23, 2021 at the age of 58. Ed loved life and lived it to the fullest.

He was born on October 9, 1962 in Oak Harbor, WA, to Arvid Edwin Forsman and Ann (Manley) Forsman of Solomons, MD.

The son of a Naval Officer, Ed and his family were stationed in several locations across the coun-

try, finally ending up in Southern Maryland where he attended and graduated from Ryken High School in 1980. After high school Ed had to decide to either go to a school for the arts (for piano) or pursue a degree in sciences. He chose a degree in sciences and attended the University of Chicago. In 1987 he received his degree in Mathematics.

While paralyzed at 18, he did not let circumstance control his life. He was the first quadriplegic to graduate from the University of Chicago. His can do attitude was an inspiration to so many.

After graduation he began a Government career as a computer specialist with the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), specifically the Atlantic Test Range (ATR). He continued his studies and received a Master's degree in computer information systems from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2004. Ed was considered throughout the Navy as a photogrammetric subject-matter expert and was inducted as a NAVAIR Associate Fellow in 2013 and a full Fellow in 2018.

In 2016 Ed was awarded the Outstanding DoD Service Members and Civilians with a Disability Award by the Secretary of Defense Ash Carter. The award is the highest honor DoD grants to recognize the contributions of disabled employees.

Ed was a lover of mankind and always strived to be supportive and encouraging to those around him. He was a devoted son, brother and friend to many. Ed was known for his dry sense of humor and his ability to remain calm, cool and collected when needed. He loved spending time with people just chatting, or as he would like to say "solving the world's problems".

Ed will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his parents Arvid "Ed" Forsman and Ann (Manley) Forsman; his siblings Daniel (Rhonda) of Lawrenceville, GA and Laurie Ann Hogan of Fort Frances, Ontario; his nieces and nephews Jennifer Hanford (Nate) and her two children Wyatt and Daphne, Daniel S. Forsman, Stephanie Forsman and David Forsman, as well as extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family is respectfully requesting memorials be sent to the Spinal Cord Society, 19051 County Hwy. 1, Fergus Falls, MN or online at [scsus.org](http://scsus.org)

A memorial service will be held at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., 22955 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown, MD on February 13, 2021 at 3:00pm. The service will also be live streamed on [\[www.brinsfieldfuneral.com\]\(http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com\).](http://www.brinsfield-</a></p>
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Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

Arrangements are entrusted to Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### George Patrick Winchester



George Patrick Winchester, 71, of Hollywood, MD passed away peacefully on January 26, 2021 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his

loving family and pets.

He was born on February 13, 1949 in the Manayunk neighborhood of Philadelphia, PA to the late George John Winchester and Helen Dougherty Winchester. He was the second of four children; growing up with his three sisters.

After graduating from Roman Catholic High School, George attended Drexel University for a short time before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force and proudly serving his country as an aircraft mechanic in Vietnam from 1968 to his honorable discharge in 1972. He then dedicated over 30 years to the Department of Navy, skillfully managing Navy Logistics and Acquisition programs. He received the Department's Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for his significant contributions and quality of service.

On October 8, 1988, he married his beloved wife and best friend whom he called his "rock," Katherine "Kathy" Wentworth Winchester, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 32 wonderful years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, George is also survived by his cherished daughters, Patricia Lorraine Winchester of Hollywood, MD and Kaitlin Ann Winchester of Hollywood, MD; his siblings, Rosemary Jefferys (Joe) of Oreland, PA and Catherine Tims of Bluebell, PA; his many nieces & nephews including: Nicole Mancini-Albert, Doreen Schmidt, Patrick Jefferys, Marybeth DePhillips, Rebecca "Becka" Harvell; his godson, Matthew Wentworth; and numerous extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and youngest sister, Patricia Jane Winchester. His family rests easier knowing that he and his sister Patricia are throwing a great party together again.





George loved nothing more than spending time with his wife and daughters, who were brought back together under the same roof at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. He was caring and thoughtful, always putting his love for his family at the forefront of his mind while fighting his illness.

He enjoyed sitting with his wife Kathy on their porch overlooking Hickory Landing Creek, often completing a crossword puzzle (in pen) or reading a new book. George enjoyed some mostly friendly competition with his eldest daughter, Patricia, over whom could answer Jeopardy questions the fastest and making eye-rolling jokes with his youngest daughter, Kaitlin. He was always his family's biggest cheerleader through thick and thin, even when a house full of strong-willed women tested his patience. George also loved to cook for his family, two of his specialties being his hometown Philly cheesesteaks or steak grilled to the perfect medium rare. He had a sweet tooth and enjoyed his family's homemade baked goods, including the Winchester family's Irish Currant bread.

Memorial contributions may be made in George'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](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com)

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Charlotte Ann Droddy



Charlotte Ann Droddy, 79, of Leonardtown, MD (formerly of Upper Marlboro, MD) passed away on January 25, 2021, at her home with her

loving family by her side.

She was born on May 11, 1941 in Clarksburg, WV to the late Howard J. Wolfe and Anna Rock Wolfe.

Charlotte is a 1959 graduate of Victory High School in West Virginia. On May 21, 1962, she married the love of her life, Jerry Lee Droddy in Winchester, VA. Together they celebrated almost 59 wonderful years of marriage. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother. She was her family's biggest cheerleader, believing in them and supporting them in all of their endeavors. She became a wonderful cook after she was married, with her father teaching her by phone.

She especially enjoyed making holiday meals for her family. Some of her specialties and family favorites included oyster dressing, stuffed peppers, cabbage rolls and lasagna. She enjoyed having parties and cookouts at her home on the Potomac River and having all of her children and grandchildren at the house and enjoying the water. She especially loved Maryland blue crabs and could pick them all night long. She loved beach vacations to Ocean City and later Myrtle Beach. Trips home to visit her family in West Virginia were very important to her. Charlotte was an avid Washington Redskin fan and proudly drove a customized Redskin van back in the day.

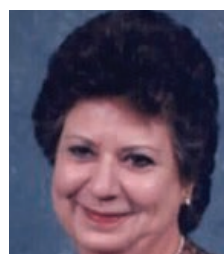
In addition to her beloved husband, Jerry, Charlotte is also survived by her children: Monica Droddy of Hollywood, MD, Jerry L. Droddy, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, SC, Jacqueline Droddy (Keith Devoto) of Shady Side, MD, and Terry Droddy (Christopher Volta) of Upper Marlboro, MD; her siblings: Shirley Riggs (William Wesson) of Vienna, WV, Martha Shaffer of Clarksburg, WV, Carolyn "Sue" Welch (Richard) of Bridgeport, WV, John Wolfe of Clarksburg, WV, and Lawrence Wolfe of Lost Creek, WV; her grandchildren: Amanda Baker (Eric), James Droddy, Jera Droddy, Jacob Campbell, Taylor Fowler, Anna Devoto, Brooke Volta; her great grandchildren: Eva Baker, Charlotte Baker, Theo Baker, Emmy Baker, and Ryland Droddy; and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, Howard and Anna Wolfe, she is also preceded in death by her brother, James "Bud" Wolfe; brothers-in-law: Joseph Shaffer and Howard Riggs; and sister-in-law, Eva "June" Wolfe.

In light of COVID-19, all services will be private.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

### Betty Anne Deckard



Betty Anne Deckard, 77, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on January 17, 2021 at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. She was born February 21, 1943 in Montgomery, WV to the late Levy and Edith Cole. Betty was one (1)

of three (3) children.

She married the love of her life, Paul Deckard and they spent twenty-one (21) years of marriage together until his passing in 2015. Betty loved her husband and missed him every day they were separated. Their family finds comfort in knowing they have been reunited in heaven.

Betty worked at Prince George County Board of Education, as a secretary, till 2007 when she retired and found true happiness spending as much time as she could with her family.

Betty will always be remembered though the precious memories she made with her many nieces and nephews. She was a strong and passionate woman that loved deeply. She will be missed by her many friends and family.

She is survived by her nephews; Clifford M. Myers, Jr., Bruce L. Burke, John E. Nicholas, her nieces; Maselle A Meyers, Linda Baxter, her nine (9) great nephews, four (4) great nieces, six (6) great nephews and five (5) great nieces. Betty is preceded in death by both of her parents Levy Earl Cole and Edith Dorsey, her sisters; Jane Myers and Mary Budd, and her niece; Diana L. (Burke) Veluz.

All services at this time are private.

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

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### George Samuel "Shorty" Krouse, Jr



George Samuel "Shorty" Krouse, Jr., 69, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life on Monday, January 25, 2021 at MedStar St.

Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD. Shorty was born on November 2, 1951 in Washington, DC to the late George S. Krouse, Sr. and Catherine V. (Holt) Krouse.

He was a 1970 graduate of Central High School in Capital Heights, MD. After graduation, Shorty married his longtime love, Rosemary Sepelak, in April 1971.

Their love produced two children, Daniel and Dawn. Shorty supported his family as a Training Director of Operating Engineers for Local 77. He enjoyed his job and made many wonderful friends he considered extended family.

He was a caring husband, father and grandfather who loved his family above all else. Spending time together brought him great joy. He enjoyed fishing and never turned down the opportunity to drop a line in the water. He found peace on the banks of a pond, or cruising the waters on a boat.

A man with a heart of gold, great sense of humor and laugh that was contagious. If you had the honor to meet him, you would never forget him. Whether you knew him as George, Shorty, Dad or Grandpa you knew you were special to him. He left his family with many wonderful memories. He will be missed by many, but none as much as his family.

Along with his wife Rosemary Krouse of Mechanicsville, MD, he is survived by his children, Daniel L. Krouse (Christine Knott) of White Plains, MD and Dawn M. Fink (Christopher) of Solomons, MD and four (4) grandchildren, Philip Fink, Jared Fink, Skylar Fink and Lauren Krouse. He is also survived by his siblings Thomas Krouse, Gregory Krouse, Steven Krouse, Leah Massie and Anna Krouse. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Albert Krouse.

The family will receive friends for Shorty's Life Celebration Memorial Gathering on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Pastor Jim Wickham (from Living Word Community Church) at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made to Living Word Community Church, 39371 Harpers Corner Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 or at <https://app.securegive.com/LWCCMech/main/donate/category>.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

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# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000282

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 YORK ROAD, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND  
21030

and lying in Saint Mary's County and  
known as:)

45530 HICKORY HILLS CIR  
CALIFORNIA MD 20619

vs.

AND

JAMES B MORGAN

Unknown Owner of the property  
21605 COLUMBIA ST described as  
follows: Property Tax ID 08-048878 on  
the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County,  
the unknown owner's heirs, devisees,  
and personal representatives and their or  
any of their heirs, devisees, executors,  
administrators, grantees, assigns, or  
successors in right, title and interest in  
the propety.

SERVE: 45530 HICKORY HILLS  
CIR, CALIFORNIA MD  
20619

SERVE: 45885 SOUTH  
POTEAAT COURT  
CALIFORNIA MD 20619

AND

AND

THE ESTATE OF PEGGY J  
MORGAN

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

SERVE: JAMES B MORGAN,  
PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF,  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE ST  
LEONARDTOWN, MD  
20650

45530 HICKORY HILLS  
CIR, CALIFORNIA MD  
20619

AND

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

PNC MORTGAGE, LLC  
N/K/A PNC REVERSE  
MORTGAGE, LLC

The object of this proceeding is to  
secure the foreclosure of all rights of  
redemption in the following property,  
cold by the Collector of taxes for  
St. Mary's County and the State of  
Maryland to the Plaintiff in these  
proceedings:

SERVE: PO BOX 11701  
NEWARK, NJ 07101

LOT 6; SECTION I; P/O HICKORY  
HILLS and assessed to JAMES  
B MORGAN, JR and PEGGY J  
MORGAN, also known as 45530  
HICKORY HILLS CIR, Tax Account  
No. 08-060495 on the Tax Roll of the  
Director of Treasury.

SERVE: 2711 CENTERVILLE RD,  
SUITE 44  
WILMINGTON, DE  
19808

The Complaint Foreclose Right  
of Redemption states, among other  
things, that the amounts necessary for  
redemption have not been paid, although  
more than six (6) months from the date  
of sale has transpired.

SERVE: CSC-LAWYERS  
INCORPORATING  
SERVICE COMPANY  
RESIDENT AGENT  
7 SAINT PAUL ST.  
SUITE 1660  
BALTIMORE, MD  
20878

It is thereupon, this 30th day of  
December, 2020, by the Circuit Court for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland.

AND

ORDERED, That notice be given  
by the insertion of a copy of this Order  
in some newspaper having a general  
circulation in Saint Mary's County once  
a week for three (3) successive weeks on  
or before the 30th day of February 2021,  
warning all persons interested in the  
property to appear in this Court by the  
30th day of February 2021 and redeem  
the property described above and answer  
the Complaint or thereafter a Final  
Judgment will be entered foreclosing all  
rights of redemption in the property, and  
vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and  
clear of all encumbrances.

B GEORGE BALLMAN, TRUSTEE

SERVE: 461 LYNETTE ST  
GAIATHERSBURG, MD  
20878

AND

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SERVE: 451 SEVENTH ST, SW  
WASHINGTON, DC  
20410

(All persons having or claiming to  
have an interest in the propety situate

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000284

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 YORK ROAD, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

BRENDA SUE DAVIS

SERVE: 42209 RIDGE RD,  
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

SERVE: 45890 NOLTE COURT  
CALIFORNIA, MD 20619

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the propety situate and  
lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

42209 RIDGE RD,  
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 42209 RIDGE RD described as follows:  
Property Tax ID 08-048878 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown  
owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs,  
devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title  
and interest in the propety.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET,  
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of  
redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's  
County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

LOTS 500-21 BLK E; SEC 2 PLAT 62/28; SAINT MARY'S BEACH and assessed  
to BRENDA SUE DAVIS and also known 42209 RIDGE RD Tax Account No.  
06-019897 on taz Roll of the Director of Treasury

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the  
amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6)  
months from the date of sale has transpired.  
It is thereupon, this 30th day of December, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St.  
Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some  
newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for  
three (3) successive weeks on or before the 30th day of February 2021, warning  
all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of  
February 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the  
Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of  
redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all  
encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000281

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 YORK ROAD, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

ARTHUR WILLIAM DARR

SERVE: 29856 JEFFERSON RD,  
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the propelyt situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

29856 JEFFERSON RD,  
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 23455 RIVER RD described as follows: Property Tax ID 08-048878 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the propelyt.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET  
LEONARDTOWN, MD

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

LOT 557; SECTION 2; GOLDEN BEACH and assessed to ARTHUR WILLIAM DARR and, also known as 29856 JEFFERSON RD, Tax Account No. 05-008557 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury.

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired. It is thereupon, this 30th day of December, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 30th day of February 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of February 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000280

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 YORK ROAD, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

MICHAEL DAVID COHEN

SERVE: 23455 RIVER RD,  
LEXINGTON PARK, MD 20653

AND

JASON BRANT COHEN

SERVE: 23455 RIVER RD,  
LEXINGTON PARK, MD 20653

SERVE: 4545 NORTH WOODS TRAIL,  
HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074

AND

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the propelyt situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

23455 RIVER RD, LEXINGTON PARK, MD 20653

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 23455 RIVER RD described as follows: Property Tax ID 08-048878 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the propelyt.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET, LEONARDTOWN, MD

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

Lot 2, Block B, Section Jc Plat 11/27; Town Creek Manor and assessed to MICHAEL DAVID COHEN, also known as 23455 RIVER RD, Tax Account No. 08-048878 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury.

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired. It is thereupon, this 30th day of December, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 30th day of February 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of February 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

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# Legal Notices

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is currently soliciting bids for a JW Fisher Side Scan Sonar model SSS-600K. This package shall include the following:

1. Side Scan Sonar shall include 150 foot of cable with an additional 100 foot cable with connectors and capable of adapting to the existing cable and tow fish. (250 foot total)
2. Microsoft Surface 10.8 inch tablet computer mounted into the lid of Sonar Processor Box.
3. Software for boat track and area scanned data
4. Shipping Cost
5. Training with fire department personnel

One (1) original and one (1) copy of the sealed bid should be addressed to John Gatton, Chief Engineer and marked "Sealed Bid for Marine Equipment". The bids will be received at the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. at 13820 Point Lookout Road, P.O. Box 520, Ridge, MD 20680, until 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 1, 2021. At which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bids for comparable equipment will be accepted. The Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the proposals submitted when such waiver is in the best interest of the Department.

Inquiries concerning proposal information should be directed to John Gatton, Chief Engineer, 301-872-5571 or at peanutgatton@msn.com

## Commissioners of Leonardtown Notice of Public Hearing

The Leonardtown Mayor and Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:15 pm at the Town Hall, 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD to hear comments on Resolution No. 2-20 request for Annexation of four (4) parcels consisting of 37.6845 acres +/- . More particularly described as the ST MARY'S ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, LLC PROPERTY (1), Tax Map 41, Parcel 0002, containing +20.4825 acres and ST MARY'S ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, LLC (2), Tax Map 41, Parcel 221, containing 0.5490 acres and VALLI INVESTMENTS, LLC PROPERTY, 42120 St. Andrews Church Road, Tax Map 41, Parcel 0057, containing 2.147 acres and STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY, described as a variable width public-rights-of-way as shown on State Road Commission of Maryland Right-of-Way Plat No.'s 52610-52612 containing 14.5040 acres.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

By Authority: Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

## IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTIANNE PAIVA MILLER FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO CHRISTIANNE MILLER LYNCH

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

Case No.: C-18-FM-21-000044  
Notice (Adult)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name of a minor from CHRISTIANNE PAIVA MILLER to CHRISTIANNE MILLER LYNCH. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I got married in November, 2020, and I would like to change my name.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the February 20, 2021. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served on the petitioner (Maryland Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may issue a default judgement or grant the name change.

Debra J. Burch,  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000283

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 York Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

vs.

DOROTHY JANE DAWE

SERVE: 15388 POINT LOOKOUT RD,  
ST. INIGOES MD 20684

AND

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the propety situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

15388 POINT LOOKOUT RD,  
ST. INIGOES MD 20684

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 15388 POINT LOOKOUT RD described as follows: Property Tax ID 08-048878 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the propety.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET,  
LEONARDTOWN, MD

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

1.01 AC; N/E MD RT 5; ST INIGOES and assessed to DOROTHY JANE DAWE and, also known as 15388 POINT LOOKOUT RD, Tax Account No. 01-007130 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury.

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired. It is thereupon this 30th day of December, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 30th day of February 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of February 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

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# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000279

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 YORK ROAD, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030

vs.

DENNIS L LANDIS

SERVE: 21605 COLUMBIA ST  
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653

AND

THE ESTATE OF DENNIS L LANDIS

SERVE: PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
21605 COLUMBIA ST  
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653

AND

DEBORAH A LANDIS

SERVE: 21605 COLUMBIA ST  
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property situate and lying in Saint Mary's County and known as:)

21605 COLUMBIA ST  
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653

AND

Unknown Owner of the property 21605 COLUMBIA ST described as follows: Property Tax ID 08-048878 on the Tax Roll of Saint Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the propelyty.

AND

SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET  
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, cold by the Collector of taxes for St. Mary's County and the State of Maryland to the Plaintiff in these proceedings:

LOT 500-19; SECTION 1 PLAT 10/2; CEDAR COVE and assessed to DENNIS L LANDIS and DEBORAH A LANDIS, also known as 21605 COLUMBIA ST, Tax Account No. 08-001715 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury.

The Complaint Foreclose Right of Redemption states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid, although more than six (6) months from the date of sale has transpired. It is thereupon, this 30th day of December, 2020, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland.

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in Saint Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 30th day of February 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of February 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND  
CASE NO: C18CV20-000278

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
C/O KENNY LAW GROUP, LLC  
11426 YORK ROAD, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND  
21030

AND

(All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property situate and lying in St. Mary's County and known as:)

vs.

JOSEPH HUSICK, JR

20664 COLTON POINT RD  
LA PLATA MD 20646

SERVE: 11 NORTH MAPLE AVE  
SW, #100 LA PLATA MD 20646

AND

SERVE: 20664 COLTON POINT RD  
COLTONS POINT, MD 20626

Unknown Owner of the property 20664 COLTON POINT RD described as follows: Property Tax ID 07-000111 on the Tax Roll of St. Mary's County, the unknown owner's heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest in the property.

SERVE: PO BOX 1628  
LA PLATA, MD 20646

SERVE: 7050 HUSICK PLACE  
LA PLATA, MD 20646

SERVE: 20670 COLTONS POINT RD  
COLTONS POINT, MD 20626

AND

SERVE: 20680 COLTS POINT RD  
COLTONS POINT, MD 20626

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AND

SERVE ON: DAVID A. WEISKOPF,  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET  
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

ANDREA HUSICK

Defendants

SERVE: 7915 BETHANY LN  
LA PLATA, MD 20646

SERVE: 20664 COLTON POINT RD  
COLTONS POINT, MD 20626

\* \* \* \* \*

SERVE: PO BOX 1628  
LA PLATA, MD 20646

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

SERVE: 7050 HUSICK PLACE  
LA PLATA, MD 20646

SERVE: 20670 COLTONS POINT RD  
COLTONS POINT, MD 20626

LOTS 5 & 6; BLOCK C; GOLD-EN SUBD and assessed to JOSEPH HUSICK, JR and , also known as 20664 COLTON POINT RD, Tax Account No. 07-000111 on the Tax Roll of the Director of Treasury.

SERVE: 20680 COLTS POINT RD  
COLTONS POINT, MD 20626

AND

BIRCHWOOD CAPITAL, LLC

SERVE: 11240 REISTERSTOWN RD  
OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid although more than six (6) months and a day from the date of sale has expired. It is thereupon, this 30th day of December, 2021 by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County:

SERVE: 3200 COBB GALLERIA  
PKWY SUITE 250  
ATLANTA, GA

SERVE: NATIONAL REGISTERED  
AGENTS, INC., OF MARYLAND  
RESIDENT AGENT  
836 PARK AVE, SECOND FLOOR  
BALTIMORE, MD 21201

ORDERED, That notice be given by the insertion of a copy of this Order in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for three (3) successive weeks on or before the 30th day of February 30th 2021, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 30th day of February, 2021 and redeem the property described above and answer the Complaint or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

SERVE: 39 CLIFFWOOD RD  
BALTIMORE, MD 21206

SERVE: T. GUY COOK,  
REGISTERED AGENT  
39 CLIFFWOOD RD  
BALTIMORE, MD 21206

AND

JOE E. HILL, JR., TRUSTEE

SERVE: PO BOX 189  
WOODBINE, MD 21797

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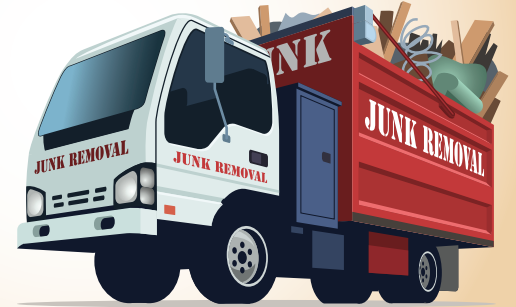
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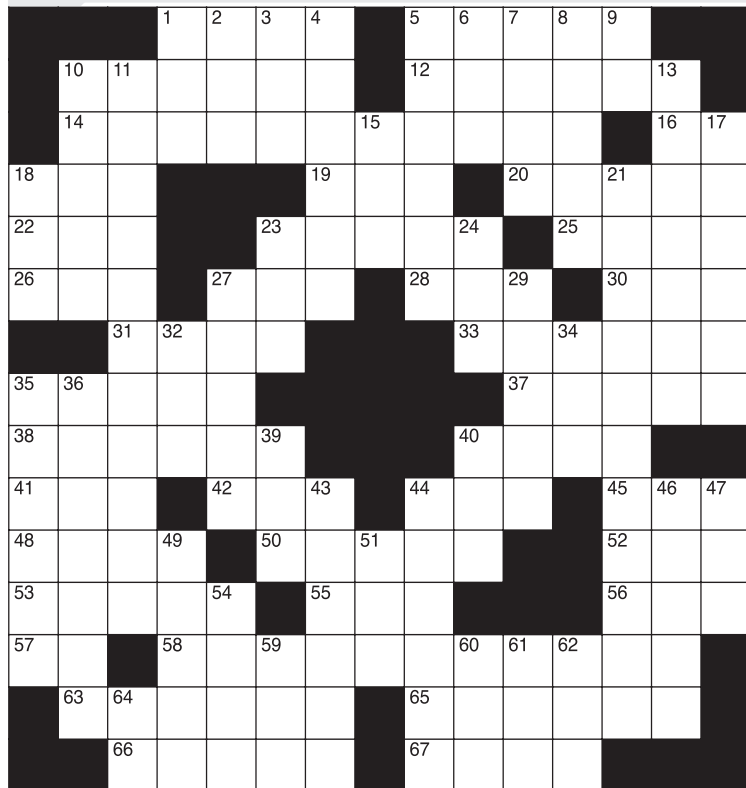
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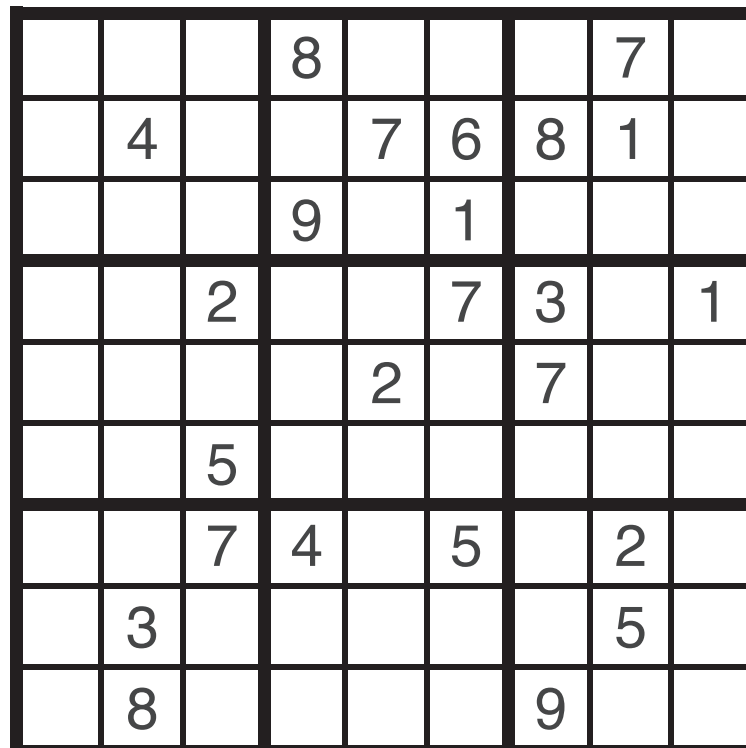
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- 5. 2014 Winter Olympics host
- 10. Soft fabric
- 12. Covered in flowers
- 14. Works at a college or university
- 16. Keeps us cool
- 18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 19. Similar
- 20. Birthplace of Muhammad
- 22. They \_\_\_
- 23. Preamble to a book
- 25. Southern China people
- 26. Hair product
- 27. The woman
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 30. One point north of due east
- 31. Round Dutch cheese
- 33. Be in awe of
- 35. Christmas song
- 37. Emits coherent radiation
- 38. Something that is comparable to another
- 40. Monetary unit
- 41. The cutting part of a drill
- 42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects

- 44. Touch lightly
- 45. Toyota SUV
- 48. \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
- 50. Made less dangerous
- 52. Assets under management (abbr.)
- 53. Nostrils
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Thai isthmus
- 57. TV personality Roker
- 58. Honors anew
- 63. Rags
- 65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
- 66. Marketplaces
- 67. Dark brown or black

- horrifying
- 15. Equal (prefix)
- 17. Hosts film festival
- 18. Tattered piece of clothing
- 21. Rich desserts
- 23. Unique motor (abbr.)
- 24. Disfigure
- 27. Chemical substance
- 29. Slang for famous person
- 32. Department of Labor
- 34. The A-team rode around in one
- 35. Beach cabin
- 36. Living things
- 39. Gun (slang)
- 40. Disconsolate
- 43. Stroke gently
- 44. Actress Richards
- 46. "Cletus Hogg" actor
- 47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 49. Brazilian mountain range
- 51. Upset
- 54. One with supernatural insight
- 59. Insecticide
- 60. Taxi
- 61. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"
- 62. Cannister
- 64. Popular clothing retailer

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
- 2. Not new
- 3. Brew
- 4. Stain with mud
- 5. Chief or leader
- 6. Luke Skywalker's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- 7. Type of sauce
- 8. Sharpens
- 9. Priestess loved by Zeus
- 10. Jean Henri \_\_\_, French entomologist
- 11. Regulates supply of fuel
- 13. Disturbing and



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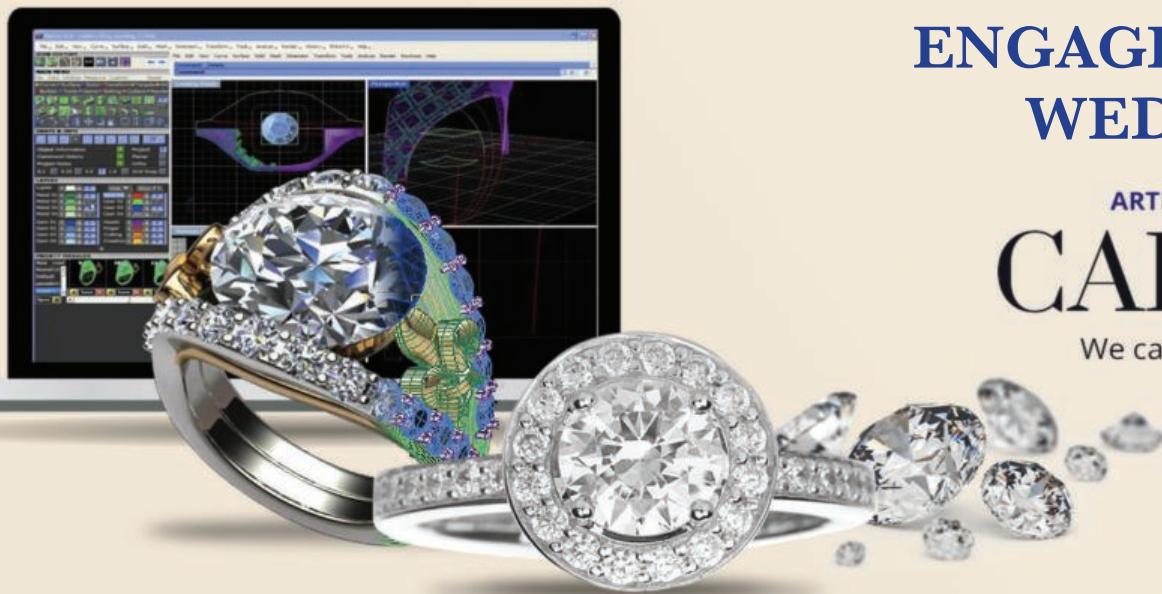
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